INVITATION – Don’t miss Side Event No 1!

Advancing Sustainable Chemistry in a Sustainable Development Context: Opportunities for Global, Regional and National Chemicals Management

Monday, May 23, 2016
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
Conference Rooms 9 & 10

Organised through Collaboration of the Government of Germany, the Government of Ghana, the UNEP Chemicals and Waste Branch of DTIE and the BRS Secretariat

Background

The concept of Sustainable Chemistry has recently gained international momentum, given its potential to contribute to future chemicals management and catalysing transformative change in the chemical industry. Sustainable Chemistry covers all three dimension of sustainable development, i.e. economic, social and environmental considerations. It is therefore compatible with and fully relevant to the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

Specific objectives of the event include the following:

• Discuss the Sustainable Chemistry concept and related opportunities from developing countries’ perspectives;
• Examine the potential of Sustainable Chemistry in a SAICM beyond-2020 and 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda context;
• Provide an update on recent international developments and discussions related to Sustainable Chemistry and the chemicals and waste dimensions of the SDGs;
• Showcase specific initiatives to advance sustainable chemistry, including related policy analysis and technical support;

The side event provides an opportunity to take stock of international discussions concerning Sustainable Chemistry, with a particular focus on the needs and perspectives of developing countries. The event also provides an opportunity to share information on important Sustainable Chemistry initiatives, such as the International Sustainable Chemistry Collaborating Centre (ISC3 – www.isc3.org) supported by the German Government, as well as other relevant initiatives.
Agenda:

Moderator: Mr Paul Hohnen, Sustainability Strategies, Amsterdam

Opening Remarks

- Maria Krautzberger, President of the German Environment Agency
- Daniel S. Amlalo, Executive Director, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana

Introductory Presentations

- Prof Klaus Kümmерer, Leuphana University, Germany
- Rolph Payet Ph.D., Executive Director of the BRS Secretariat.

Interactive Panel Discussions (Davos Style)

- Ricardo Barra Ph.D., Chile, University of Concepción, advisor to STAP/GEF
- Sam Adu-Kumi Ph.D., Ghana, Director of Chemicals Control and Management Centre, Ghana EPA
- Michael Chen Yifeng, China, Vice President of Wanhua Chemical Group Co., Ltd
- Ullhas Nimkar, India, CMD NimkarTek
- Dr. Jutta Emig, Germany, Ministry for Environment and Building
- Joseph DiGangi, PhD, Sr. Science and Technical Advisor, IPEN

Concluding remarks

- Dr. Achim Halpaap, Head of Chemicals and Waste Branch, UNEP

A light lunch will be served shortly before 1:00 p.m.