

Thank you Madame President,

I am Jayakumar from Thanal, India speaking on behalf of IPEN

Since ICCM2, public interest groups have been very committed to implementing SAICM, as illustrated by our "Citizens Report", which is meeting document INF8.

Over the past 3 years, we have conducted over 300 SAICM implementation activities in 50 countries. These activities are documented in our Citizens Report under the SAICM OPS objectives and GPA items. IPEN has worked on 146 of the 273 Global Plan of Action items.

Our report includes regional reporting on activities in developing countries and economies in transition in all UN regions.

IPEN would like to thank the SAICM Secretariat for its summary report on the Technical Briefing from yesterday. Consistent with SAICM being a multi-stakeholder process, several views about the progress of SAICM were expressed about the evaluation of SAICM. The IPEN view is that, the information presented at the technical briefing and the subsequent discussion indicates that we need to accelerate the pace of the SAICM implementation in order to achieve the 2020 goal.

As the GRULAC Focal Point noted yesterday, a road map for implementation between now and 2020 would be helpful. This could be one of the outcomes of ICCM3 .

Additional general key points from the technical briefing include:

- Placing higher political priority on SAICM at the national level could facilitate greater coordination, financial resources, and infrastructure needed to achieve the 2020 goal;
- Greater emphasis is needed on fully integrating SAICM into the sustainable development agenda;
- Adequate and sustainable financing is needed to implement SAICM;
- Increased private sector responsibility is required for safe chemical production and sound management all along the full life cycle including waste.;
- Producers should pay the true cost for the management of the chemicals they produce.

Finally, as suggested by the GRULAC Focal Point yesterday, SAICM implementation plans at the Regional, sub-regional and national levels could provide a structure for advancing SAICM.

We believe meaningful and active participation among all stakeholders in SAICM implementation plans would build capacity and assist countries to take action on their chemical safety priorities, as well as facilitate reporting and taking stock of progress.

THANK YOU Madame President