

Dear CBD Secretariat,

Many thanks for providing this opportunity to submit input into the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

Please note that we have shared the proposed framework with the ICCM5 President, Co-chairs of the intersessional process for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 and the ICCM5 Bureau, as well as relevant colleagues within and outside the UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch.

We would like to share a number of our insights so far:

1. We are happy to see that an entire Target (Target 6) has been dedicated to pollution, including from chemicals and waste, as one of the five key drivers of biodiversity loss as highlighted by IPBES. This target is very important for both our agendas because it addresses the sound management of chemicals and waste while protecting biodiversity, ecosystem function and human health.
2. The SAICM secretariat provides secretariat services to the SAICM community in the intersessional process that is considering SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, and there is much we can learn and share from each other's processes.
3. We invite the biodiversity community to please refer to a recent document prepared by a Technical Working Group on targets, indicators and milestones for SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 ([SAICM/IP.4/3](#)) for the latest developments on this topic. It has relevance to a number of the targets and indicators proposed within the current draft global biodiversity framework.
4. Given that the timing of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 coincide, we have an exceptional opportunity for both agendas to work together to ensure that our future frameworks are aligned and consistent, to the extent possible in collaboration with the other relevant MEAs.

Please kindly note we are aware that more detailed and technical comments on the proposed framework are being submitted by UNEP.

And that we are happy to continue contributing to its development, so please do let us know if anything further is needed.

Best wishes,

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