



Title	Sound management of chemicals and waste as Part of the future we want
Co-Organizers	Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat; UNEP Chemicals Branch, Interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, SAICM and GEF Secretariat
Time and Date	27 May 2014 from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Venue	Moon Palace, Cancun, Mexico

Background

Chemicals are omnipresent in the environment as they are an integral part of the majority of industrial processes and are essential in other industries, making the chemical industry a major contributor to national and global economies. At the same time, chemicals can have adverse effects to human health and the environment.

Some communities have higher hazardous chemical exposure from factory emissions or from pesticide use and other communities live in close proximity to hazardous waste landfills, incinerators or dumps. Sound management of chemicals and waste is therefore essential if we are to maximize the benefits that chemicals bring to our lives, while minimizing the adverse effects to human health and the environment.

While significant progress has been made in the pursuit of chemical safety, coordinated global efforts are still the key to environmental sustainability and social prosperity to ensure that chemicals are used and produced in ways that minimize adverse effects on human health and the environment.

INTRODUCTION		
Background and objective of the side-event	<p>The road towards global sound management of chemicals and waste as a contributor to sustainable development</p> <p>Achieving the 2020 goal on the sound management of chemicals and waste – contributions from GEF funded projects</p>	GEF Secretariat
SOLUTIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICALS AND WASTES AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA		
Co-facilitators and Panelists	Topics	Questions to be addressed
<p><u>Co-facilitators:</u></p> <p>Ms. Johanna Lissinger-Peitz, President of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (tbc)</p> <p>Mr. Fernando Lugris, Ambassador, Government of Uruguay and Chair of the INC for the Minamata Convention on Mercury</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BRS 2. UNEP/interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention 3. Government of Switzerland (tbc) 4. Government of Mexico (tbc) 5. Mr. Jack Weinberg, IPEN 6. Mr. Paul Anastas, Yale University 7. Ms. Lena Perenius, European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) 8. Richard Fuller (Global Alliance on Health and Pollution - GAHP) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress at the global, regional and national levels towards a coherence and coordinated approach addressing the challenges of chemicals and waste 2. Integrating sound management of chemicals and waste into the sustainable development goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Links to sustainable consumption and production; - Sound management of chemicals and waste in the green economy; - New, innovative and cost-effective approaches to sound management of chemicals and waste through multi-stakeholder engagement. 	<p>What has not been implemented so far?</p> <p>What are the main lessons learned?</p> <p>What is the way forward and which actors are capable to fill the gaps?</p> <p>What are the benefits of an integrated approach to sound management of chemicals and waste for addressing the sustainable development challenges at all levels?</p> <p>How can green chemistry be a contributor to the sound management of chemicals and waste?</p> <p>How do chemicals and wastes impact national, regional and global economies and contribute to achieving sustainable development?</p>
CONCLUSIONS		GEF Secretariat