

**ENRTP STRATEGIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS**  
**ANNEX 4 – PROGRESS PROJECT REPORT**

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| Reporting Period | 01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012 |
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**DESCRIPTION**

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| ENRTP Priority    |  | EC<br>Directorate General<br>Environment |  |
| Programme of Work | 52P1: Harmful substances and hazardous waste   |  |  |
| Project's Title   | Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management - Third session<br>the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM3) |  |  |
| Location          | Global   |  |  |
| Total duration    | 11 months  |  |  |

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| Date of EC Approval:         | 23 May 2012   |                         |                   |
| EC Allocation (EUR):         | 500,000 EUR of which:<br>- 427,290 EUR to be spent in 2012<br>- 29,910 EUR Programme Support Cost of 2012<br>- 40,000 EUR will be spent in 2013 for QSP Programme Officer Position<br>- 2,800 EUR Programme Support Cost for 2013 |                         |                   |
| Date of Allocation/Transfer: | Refer to date funds were allocated or transferred at project level  |                         |                   |
| Amount (USD)                 | \$609,600   | Exchange Rate:          | Euro 0.75 = USD 1 |
| Total Expenditures (USD)     | \$609,600   | Total Expenditures EUR) | 457,200 EUR       |

**SUMMARY PROJECT STATUS**

**Summarize: i) the status of implementation of the project at the time of reporting (global overview on the project implementation since its start); ii) progress towards achieving the project's objectives; iii) performance remarks and highlights.**

- The European Commission (EC) has strongly supported and contributed to the Strategic Approach to International Chemical Management (SAICM) from its development through to the current implementation phase by providing funds for SAICM Secretariat and its activities.
- The EC through the ENRTP project provided 500,000 Euros to the SAICM Secretariat in 2012 to cover conference services and travel cost of developing countries and transition economy countries participants to the third session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM3) held in Nairobi, Kenya from 17 to 21 September 2012. In addition, this contribution also covers a portion of the salary of a staff position at P3 level in the secretariat in 2013. The funds committed to these activities specifically are 457,290 EUR for ICCM3, which includes a Programme Support cost of 7% (29,910 EUR)

and 40,000 EUR (plus 2,800 EUR expected as PSC for 2013) to cover a portion of the salary for the Programme Officer - Quick Start Programme position in the SAICM secretariat.

- ICCM3, amongst other things, provided a forum for stakeholders to advance discussion on the 2020 goal of sound chemicals management, review progress in the implementation of the Strategic Approach, evaluate progress with implementation, address emerging policy issues and consider new activities for addition to the Global Plan of Action, consider options for future financing of the Strategic Approach including the Quick Start Programme, adoption of the health sector strategy, etc.
- ICCM3 conducted its business in accordance with its functions, including consideration of progress made in the implementation of SAICM since 2006, considered progress and agreeing on new collaborative action, adopted endocrine disrupting chemicals as a new emerging policy issue under SAICM, agreed to the inclusion of new activities on nanotechnology and manufactured nanomaterials and hazardous substances within the lifecycle of electrical and electronic products as new work areas and associated activities to the SAICM Global Plan of Action, adopted a strategy to strengthen the involvement of the health-sector in the implementation of SAICM, discussed recommendations from the Executive Board of the Quick Start Programme (QSP), evaluated the future financing of SAICM and sound chemicals management via a draft proposal from the Executive Director, UNEP, on the integrated approach to financing the sound management of chemicals and wastes. A High-Level Dialogue on strengthening SAICM for more effective implementation towards the 2020 goal was also convened. In addition, there were 11 side-events and a high-level event sponsored by industry.

#### **CHALLENGES, MANAGEMENT ACTIONS, RISK MITIGATION PLAN:**

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**Summarize main implementing challenges, if any, and strategy/actions which have been adopted to address them. List potential risks (internal and external) that may jeopardize the implementation of activities and/or the achievement of outputs and outcomes; please explain which actions have been planned to mitigate the identified risks.**

- There were no challenges as such with the implementation of the project as this was the third time the conference was being convened by the secretariat and lessons learned from previous session were applied.
- An area that may have posed some difficulties was IT services relating to paper smart system. Sometimes during the Conference, there were sudden cuts in electric power resulting in the loss of connection with the intranet network set up for accessing meeting documents. Fortunately, generators on standby were switched on and the secretariat implemented contingency plans, such as working offline, in the event of such power outage.

#### **OUTCOME SUMMARY**

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**Provide for each outcome listed in the project document the description, the indicator, progress made/result achieved (focus on the current reporting period only).**

***Coherent international policy and technical expertise is provided to States and other SAICM stakeholders for managing harmful chemicals and hazardous wastes in a more environmentally sound manner, including through better technology and best practices***

- ICCM3 agreed to include nanotechnologies and nanomaterials, as we SAICM Global Plan of Action. With respect to emerging policy issues, the Conference adopted an omnibus resolution supporting further collaborative actions on lead in paints, chemicals in products, hazardous substances within the lifecycle of electric and electronic products, and nanotechnologies and nanomaterials, and also adopted a resolution on managing perfluorinated chemicals and the transition to safer alternatives.
- ICCM3 decided to implement cooperative actions on endocrine-disrupting chemicals, with the overall objective of increasing awareness and understanding among policy makers and other stakeholders,

and invited the participating organizations of IOMC to lead and facilitate such cooperative actions within their respective mandates.

- By its resolution on financial and technical resources for the implementation of the Strategic Approach, ICCM3 decided, inter alia, to extend the term for contributions to the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund until the fourth session of Conference, and that the Quick Start Programme would continue to support activities to enable initial capacity-building and implementation consistent with its objectives and strategic priorities, unless the Executive Board provides additional operational guidance on strategic priorities.

- In addition, the Conference welcomed the proposal on the integrated approach to financing the sound management of chemicals and wastes developed by the UNEP Executive Director and requested that SAICM be part of any integrated approach to long-term financing of the chemicals and waste cluster, and invited the Executive Director and the UNEP Governing Council to take into account the need for strengthening the implementation of the financial considerations as laid out in Paragraph 19 of the OPS in the context of the existing chemicals and waste cluster, taking into account the rich debate reflected in the meeting report of the third session of the Conference. The Conference further invited the Global Environmental Facility in the process of the sixth replenishment to consider the priorities and activities identified in the Strategic Approach in support of the achievement of its objectives.

- Concerning the health sector, the ICCM3 agreed to adopt the strategy on strengthening the engagement of the health-care sector in the implementation of the Strategic Approach and requested the World Health Organization to report, in collaboration with the secretariat, on the implementation of the strategy at sessions of the Conference, commencing at its fourth session.

- The Conference also drew the attention of all governments to the financial needs contained in the indicative budget and invited the Executive Director of UNEP to make that information available to the Committee of Permanent Representatives, and invited the Coordinator of the Strategic Approach secretariat and the Joint Executive Secretary of the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions to further increase synergies in the implementation of their respective information clearinghouses, and confirmed the establishment of the Open-ended Working Group in accordance with resolution II/6, to prepare for the fourth session of the Conference.

***Adequate support services for the third session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management and its subsidiary bodies.***

- The ICCM3 conference was attended by over 560 participants representing 118 countries, 18 IGO's and 79 NGOs/Observer organizations including academia and industry groups. Travel and Daily subsistence allowance was provided to over 200 participants comprising representatives of Governments of developing and transition economy countries; representatives of non-governmental organizations and a number of resource persons.

- ICCM3 was also serviced by staff from the Division of Conference Services of the United Nations office in Nairobi, providing key services such as report writing, interpretation, document control, IT services, Conference management, etc.

## OUTPUT PERFORMANCE

Provide for each output listed in the project document the description, indicators and progress made/any result achieved (focus on the current reporting period only)

Provide brief information on main activities undertaken; reason for modifications of planned activities (if applicable) and list of activities which were planned but not implemented, explaining the reasons.

Kindly include as annexes, any supporting documents which can be provided to the donor as means of verification for each of the outputs achieved and other relevant activities' documentation (if files can be downloaded, please provide below the link).

- For the first time the Conference considered the report of progress based on the 20 indicators selected during its second session in May 2009, providing a robust insight into the implementation of the Strategic Approach. Since the adoption of SAICM in 2006, a large number of countries have made efforts to involve relevant sectors such as Environment, health, agriculture, labor and industry, along with a broad base of stakeholders in the implementation of the Strategic Approach at the national and regional levels. The data collected on the 20 indicators suggests that significant activities have been undertaken with regards to the OPS objectives on risk reduction, knowledge and information, governance and illegal international traffic, while fewer activities were undertaken with respect to capacity building and technical cooperation.
- Work on emerging policy issues and the Quick Start Programme have been of special relevance in achieving progress in implementation, as well as efforts made by private industry, the non-governmental community and the participating organizations of the Inter-Organizational Programme for Sound Chemicals Management (IOMC).
- Out of 128 developing countries SAICM national focal points, 98 focal points attended the Conference. This number exceeds the 75% percent target of SAICM developing countries participation at the Conference.
- Furthermore, the Conference was able to attract the participation of 7 other sectors other than Environment and Health. These sectors are namely Agriculture, Energy and Mines, Economy and Sustainable Development, Foreign Affairs, Industry, Labour and Natural Resources. This multi-sectoral representation also exceeds the target for the Conference.
- The official meeting report for ICCM3 is attached including the list of participants at the Conference. These documents are also available on the SAICM website at [www.saicm.org](http://www.saicm.org) or directly accessed via this link: [http://www.saicm.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=89&Itemid=527](http://www.saicm.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=89&Itemid=527).

## RESOURCES AND BUDGET

Provide: i) any remark on the overall budget based on the financial report for the current reporting period; ii) indicate if there is a delay in spending the funds, please clarify reasons; iii) mention resources to be mobilized yet, if any; ii) additional resources leveraged by UNEP and/or partners as a result of the project

• The budget of the conference fits with the overall expenditure for ICCM3. UNEP was able to raise supplementary funding through contributions from other donors such as Denmark, Finland, Germany, Kenya, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States. In addition, UNEP received in-kind support from the host government particularly with regards to visas, welcome cocktail and reception for participants.

• The amount received from other Donors to ICCM3 is shown in the table below:

| Country       | Contribution in SUSD |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Denmark       | 92,253               |
| Finland       | 39,588               |
| Germany       | 65,054               |
| Kenya         | 5,000                |
| Netherlands   | 62,113               |
| Norway        | 120,292              |
| Sweden        | 263,070              |
| Switzerland   | 21,790               |
| United States | 400,000              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>1,069,160</b>     |

## WORK PLAN FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD:

Summarize: i) activities scheduled – including any key milestones\*<sup>1</sup> and lead responsibilities; ii) main outputs to be achieved in the upcoming reporting period and iii) forecast of expected expenditures.

1. Arrange for the report of the meeting to be disseminated to stakeholder and outcomes to be discussed at regional meeting (completed Feb 2013).
2. The Conference requested the secretariat to develop under the guidance of the bureau, overall orientation and guidance to meet the 2020 goal of sound chemicals management to be further discussed at the regional meeting and the OEWG and for possible consideration at ICCM4.
3. The SAICM coordinator was asked to work in conjunction with the Joint Executive Secretary of the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions to increase synergies in the implementation of the SAICM information clearinghouse.
4. SAICM secretariat was requested to increase its efforts to raise funds for the secretariat and the QSP Trust Fund.
5. Increase coordination on the work carried out by various actors involved in the lifecycle management of electric and electronic products and chemicals in products.

<sup>1</sup> A milestone is not equal to a summation of tasks or activities. Rather it represents the achievement of a feasible project management stage and be strictly answerable as yes or no answer.

6. Disseminate information related to the SAICM emerging issues in the SAICM information clearinghouse.
7. Initiate hiring of the P3 staff member (expected date June 2013).

**VISIBILITY:**

Describe communication, visibility and outreach activities undertaken at project level, if any.

- Promotions of the outcomes of the Conference through the SAICM website at [www.saicm.org](http://www.saicm.org).
- Organization of exhibitions and side-events at relevant international meetings.
- Regular broadcast of information providing an update on progress on various issues and secretariat activities to over 400 SAICM focal points.

**FINAL REMARKS:**

Describe: i) lessons learned during project design and implementation; ii) stakeholder participation and level of engagement/satisfaction; iii) where applicable, outline any links and synergies developed with other projects; iv) main issues and recommendations for the attention of the donor; v) overall observations on project performance and whether the projects has had any unforeseen positive or negative results.

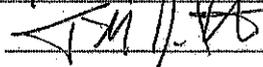
- Activities went according to the approved workplan. Participation from stakeholder was broad and high as expected. Greater attention in encouraging high level participation could have been applied; however, 2012 was a busy year of international meetings and conferences on environment that required the participation of Ministers and high level-government officials. Donors were invited to continue to support the work of the SAICM secretariat, its activities such as the regional meetings and sessions of the Conference as well as the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund. All the objectives were met.

**ANNEXES:**

Please list supporting documents included as annexes, if any.

- Meeting report from the third session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (report available in the 6 United Nations Official Languages on the SAICM website [www.saicm.org](http://www.saicm.org)).
- List of participants from the third session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management.

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Date of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_