



a toxics-free future

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IPEN Intervention on Policy Principles

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Thank you Madame Co-Chair.

IPEN believes that after adoption of SAICM in 2006, it has come a long way in supporting the mainstreaming of chemical safety issue at the local, regional, national and global levels, based on strong principles. However, this journey must continue also beyond 2020 in a focused way. The problem of chemicals and waste is getting worse day by day with the changing socio economic dynamics of the world, and is largely impacting day to day life of all sections of the society.

SAICM already contains a comprehensive list of reference documents that contain key chemical safety principles. However, we believe that some principles may be highlighted to broaden and further support the sound management of chemicals and wastes Beyond 2020.

These principles include the following: intergenerational equity, substitution, promotion of agroecology, polluters pays including extended producer responsibility, right to know, liability and compensation, and full participation of women and Indigenous Peoples and also human rights.

Thank you.