



Thank you Mr. President,

The SDGs include chemicals in only three goals; on health, water, and sustainable consumption and production. While hearing the discussion on mainstreaming safe management of chemicals throughout the life cycle into other areas, we would like to highlight the importance of developing indicators for SDGs that help **not only to achieve the 2020 goal but will stay in place after that**. SAICM should actively engage in the indicator discussion and make sure that this discussion takes place on an international level rather than being restricted to national level only. We need **global** targets and indicators, to be achieved **simultaneously** in order to lessen the gap of capacities between countries. We all know, chemical pollution is a trans-boundary global issue, which requires global actions, policy goals, and indicators to measure effectiveness of those remedial actions. SAICM, being an international multiple-stakeholder forum is very well equipped to contribute to the development of sound indicators, and should therefore play an important role in these discussions.