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### **IPEN Intervention on Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals**

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As a response to its ICCM commitment, UNEP commissioned a series of reports on EDCs in 2016. These 3 very important reports on EDCs were finally released last year. Unfortunately, these long-awaited reports are not included in the meeting documents. As identified in the reports, EDCs are everywhere, but there is a lack of regulatory frameworks that address them, particularly in developing countries. With more than 1000 chemicals identified as EDCs or potential EDCs and estimated annual health cost of exposure to EDCs in EU of €163 billion and in the US of \$340 billion (addressing only a few substances and only a few diseases), the reports should be not only widely distributed to inform about the impact of EDCs on health and environment, but also updated. Additionally, other activities, such as the country case studies and the awareness raising campaigns from the EDC work plan, have not been carried out, yet. This should be done urgently, as many people are affected by EDC-related diseases. SAICM is the only international forum to address this topic from a health and environment perspective.