Addressing illegal trade and traffic of industrial chemicals, pesticides and waste for sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020

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The Dubai Declaration (2006) in paragraph 25 indicates that: “We will endeavor to prevent illegal traffic in toxic, hazardous, banned and severely restricted chemicals and chemicals products and wastes”.

The first IOMC webinar in support of the SAICM Beyond 2020 process took place on 29 March 2021. The webinar included two main sections: a) introduction to the topic and activities by the IOMC Participating Organizations and b) a panel discussion focusing on regional and global actions to prevent and combat illegal trade and traffic. In the first section the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Secretariat, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) shared their experiences and perspectives on the topic. Following the first section, representatives from governments, regional enforcement cooperation agency, NGOs, and an international trade association participated in a lively panel discussion with participants. The webinar was moderated by Mr. Mark Davis, independent consultant with a vast experience on chemicals, particularly on pesticides management.
Presenters and panel experts

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Attendance breakdown and representation

A total of 194 people participated in the first IOMC webinar.

**Gender Distribution**

- Male: 49%
- Female: 51%

**Sectors**

- Academia: 14
- Government: 92
- Other: 12
- Private Sector: 24
- International Organization (non-UN): 11
- NGO: 13
- Regional Organization: 2
- UN/UN System: 26

**Regions**

- African States: 33
- Asia-Pacific States: 28
- Eastern Europe States: 22
- Latin America and Caribbean States: 11
- Western Europe and Other States: 16

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Key Messages

- According to the SAICM independent evaluation (2006-2015) there is limited progress made across regions - illegal traffic remains a serious threat to developing countries.
- The current SAICM Beyond 2020 process has listed the prevention of illegal international trade and traffic of toxic, hazardous banned and severely restricted chemicals and of waste as a target under strategic objective A.
- The problem is enormous and as such, it requires creative thinking to reduce risks and address it.
- Illegal traffic is affecting all of us, particularly the most vulnerable people on earth, including farmers and ultimately consumers.
- For illegal traffic of pesticides a wholistic approach is needed, which includes: improving legislation, developing global or regional policy and technical guidelines, strengthening cooperation between all stakeholders (farmers, law enforcement and private sector), and increasing awareness regionally and globally.