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Discussion 1:

- Topic: Mapping session of Chemicals in Products
- Date: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Time: 14:00pm – 15:30pm (GMT + 2.00)
- Presenter: Sandra Averous-Monnery, UNEP  
Wenjia Fan, UNEP  
Delfina Cuglievan, SAICM secretariat
- Facilitator: Andrea Rother, University of Cape Town
- Chair: Ms Maxine Brassell, MPH student, University of Cape Town

# Chemicals in Products Community of Practice

## Discussion 1:

### Mapping session of Chemicals in Products

#### PRESENTER



**Sandra Avérous Monnery** is Programme Officer at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). She joined the Chemicals and Health Branch in summer 2019, and leads work on chemicals in products, chemicals and plastics, sustainable and green chemistry and the Global Mercury Partnership. She has worked for the past 10 years on sustainable consumption and production at UNEP.

Recently, she oversaw the eco-innovation portfolio, engaging all actors, including the private sector and SMEs, towards sustainable value chains and circular economy, where she focused on circularity in the plastics, electronics and textiles sector. She also served as well as Special Assistant to the Division Director. Development economist, her area of expertise is Chemicals, Sustainable Consumption and Production and Disaster Preparedness.



**Wenjia Fan** joined UNEP as a Junior Professional Officer in June 2018. Before she joined UNEP, she worked for the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, for approximately 5 years. She focused on policy research on international environmental governance and facilitated green supply chain management in the Asia-Pacific region.

At UNEP, she works on the Chemicals in Products Programme and facilitates projects related to a series of capacity building activities, aiming to assist developing countries in fulfilling the Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

# Introduction:

- UNEP to share slides

- Exchange on the importance of chemicals in products information exchange, and shed light on existing legislations, regulations and policies, that have been undertaken in countries, region or sectors to enable the reliable exchange of chemical content information.
- Share resources and initiatives to support work on Chemicals in products and provide suggestions for further needs.
- Share accomplishments and challenges, and recommendations for improving chemicals in products.

Aim of this  
discussion



# Background to Question 1:

All stakeholders have a role in exchanging information relative to chemicals in products.

Every actor, in complex value chains, needs information that are accessible, available, understandable, trustable, to make an informed decision.

- Suppliers
  - Brands and retailers
  - Consumers
  - End of life stakeholders
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# Question 1:

**What actions are undertaken in your country, region or sectors to enable the reliable exchange of chemical content information that is needed to meet current and future regulatory and customer demands?**

**Are there gaps in existing legislations, regulations or policies to address information disclosure on chemicals in products in your country, region, sectors?**

This question will be discussed for 30 minutes.

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# Background to Question 2:

Knowledge and information about chemicals in products are fundamental to the sound management of chemicals.

Level of the information should facilitate.

- understanding of potential impact on human health and the environment throughout the life cycle of products
- informed decision-making.

Sources of information exist on chemicals of concern, from MEAs, to national regulations, and to other sources such as NGO lists or voluntary frameworks.

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## Question 2:

**What sources of information do you use to identify chemicals in products?  
What further resources do you think are needed to assess the presence and  
to support phasing out and limiting chemicals of concern in products?**

This question will be discussed for 30 minutes.

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# Background to Question 3:

- Information gaps impact the sound management of chemicals of concern throughout product lifecycle.
  - Knowing and exchanging information about chemicals of concern in products through product lifecycle is a necessary element to achieve a circular economy.
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## Question 3:

**Share accomplishments and challenges in your work on chemicals in products, what have been your accomplishments and challenges?**

**What recommendations could you provide to those countries and companies where CiP work is still at the initial stage of development, and more generally to further improve the flow of information on Chemicals in Products?**

This question will be discussed for 30 minutes.

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Thank you!

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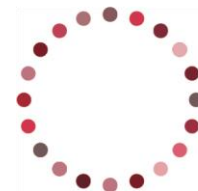
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**CoP**  
**Discussion**

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**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**DISCUSSION 2**  
**15<sup>th</sup> October 2020**  
**14:00pm - 15:30pm (GMT +2)**



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