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Discussion 1:

- Topic: Gender and sound management of chemicals and waste: Gender and the SAICM Emerging Policy Issues
- Date: 26th August 2020
- Time: 14:00pm – 15:30pm (GMT + 2.00)
- Presenter: Sara Brosché, IPEN
- Facilitator: Andrea Rother, University of Cape Town
- Chair: Ms Maxine Brassell, MPH student, University of Cape Town

Chemicals and Sustainable Development Goals Community of Practice

Discussion 1:

Gender and sound management of chemicals and waste: Gender and the SAICM Emerging Policy Issues

PRESENTER



Sara Brosché
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Introduction: Why gender and chemicals?

- Without gender equality in the area of chemicals and waste, the 2030 SDGs will not be reached
- Women are often an especially impacted group both by gender inequalities overall as well as by exposure to chemicals and waste
- Women are also essential agents of change
- Focus of this Community of Practice session:
 - Gender inequalities in participation in decision-making
 - Gender inequalities in impact of exposure to chemicals and waste

Introduction (cont.):

Goal 5:

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

- Includes targets e.g. aiming to
 - end all forms of discrimination, violence, and other harmful practices against all women and girls everywhere.
 - Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life
 - Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels

Introduction (cont.)

Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

- Includes targets e.g. aiming to
 - the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle...and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment by 2020
 - achieve sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources,
 - reduce waste generation
 - encouraging companies to adopt sustainable practices.

Introduction (cont.)

Gender and chemicals are cross-cutting issues

- Addressing these issues are integral to many SDGs
- A couple of examples of goals that cannot be met without addressing these issue (there are more):
 - **Goal 2:** End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
 - **Goal 3** Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
 - **Goal 8** Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Introduction (cont.)

Important definitions

- **Gender:** socially constructed norms, roles and relations of and among women, men, boys and girls. Can vary across time and place since they are context/ time-specific and changeable.
- **Biological sex:** assigned based on biological/physiological factors and can be important to consider in relation to impacts of exposure to chemicals and waste.

NOTE: Gender and sex can be different in an individual and are not interchangeable

Introduction (cont.)

Important Definitions

- **Gender equality:** means that women and men have the same rights, responsibilities and opportunities in all areas of life.
- **Gender mainstreaming:** an approach by which gender equality can be promoted for example in research, legislation, policy development and in activities on the ground. It is also utilized to ensure that women as well as men can influence, participate in and benefit from development efforts

To identify

- and share experiences about gender inequalities related to chemicals and waste management
- linkages to the SDGs and the SAICM Emerging Policy Issues and Issues of Concern
- steps that can be taken to address these. A special focus will be on the, and actions needed to address gender inequalities in this context.

Aim of this
discussion

Question 1: Gender equality in decision-making

- In the context of chemicals and waste, what is your experience with gender equality when it comes to participation in decision-making on a local, national or global level?
- If possible, please state which SAICM Emerging Policy Issue or Issues of Concern and 2030 SDG goal this experience relates to.

This question will be discussed for 30 minutes.

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Question 2: Inequalities in impact of chemicals and waste

- Do you think there are gender inequalities when it comes to exposure to and impact of chemicals and waste management?
- If so, could you share examples of what you have experienced or learned about?
- If possible, please also state which SAICM Emerging Policy Issue or Issues of Concern and 2030 SDG goal this relates to.

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Question 3: Actions to reduce inequality

- What actions do you think would help address gender inequalities on a local and global level.
- Do you have ideas or examples of how to integrate this in the SAICM beyond 2020 process?

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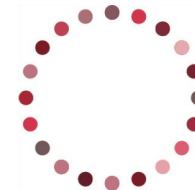
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DISCUSSION 2
30th September 2020
14:00pm - 15:30pm (GMT +2)



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