

**SAICM/UCT
Chemicals in Products (CiP) Community of Practice
Discussion Forum**

Title	Industry initiatives and information sharing on chemicals in products in the supply chain
Date	18th February 2021
Time	10:00 – 11:30 (GMT+2)
Facilitator	Andrea Rother, University of Cape Town
Presenter	Timo Unger, Kia Hyundai
Chair	Maxine Brassell, MPH Student, Univ. of Cape Town

NOTE:

- ✓ Since this is a discussion, we encourage you to **prepare** or at least think about the questions prior to joining.
- ✓ **This guide** lays out the background to the questions, presents the questions and provides resources if you should wish to read further on the issue.



- **Details for joining this discussion are below.** To participate in this discussion you will need to have signed up in advance at: www.saicmknowledge.org/community
- For **technical assistance** on the day of the discussion go to the CiP CoP WhatsApp group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DVwGix7x04d1Q9b5usaJcr>
- **Connect** with laptops/PCs rather than phones since the discussion is about typing.
- **Should you NOT be able to join the discussion but still wish to contribute please click the link below and fill out the Form with your contributions:**
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=NUNFkk5Wz0ywsCREW4wD994BtnDKhuxCk5AYimAs5NhUOUhYRk8ySzAzUjA0MVRWSk1MR043UTBWOSQIQCN0PWcu>

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Timo Unger

As engineer for Recycling Technology by training, Timo has worked over 20 years in the automotive industry and today for the European R&D Center of Hyundai & Kia Motor Company as Manager, Environmental Affairs. He is representing Hyundai in numerous industry working groups concerned with environmental issues, including the Steering Committee of IMDS, the International Material Data System. He also Chairs the Automotive Industry Task Force on REACH and the Working Group on Materials & Substances of ACEA, the EU vehicle manufacturers'

association. Timo also is a member of the UN Environment Programme Steering Group on CiP (Chemicals in Products), is representing the EU Auto Industry in the POP-Research Committee (POPRC) and several other events.

DISCUSSION INTRODUCTION

Knowing the chemical composition of products is a major challenge for the manufacturing industry, as well as their downstream supply chain. Case studies can assist various stakeholders in engaging with issues of information, transparency and risk management.

The Automotive Industry has faced this challenge for more than 20 years and still implementing unique systems and processes at a global level.

The intention of this discussion is to elaborate on the lessons learned over many years. The discussion will look at the automotive sector, its success at information sharing on chemicals in products in the supply chain and why it is difficult for other industries to follow this example.

The discussion will provide an outlook into a potential future information scheme on substances in products including a perspective into a Full Material Declaration. Finally, we plan to discuss a proposal from the automotive industry which may be of interest to the SAICM community and their work to achieve the sound management of chemicals across supply chains.

Resources:

- Understanding Chemicals in Products – UNEP Policy Brief:
http://www.saicm.org/Portals/12/Documents/EPI/CiP_policy_brief_Nov2019.pdf
- The Chemicals in Products Programme: Guidance for stakeholders on exchanging chemicals in products information:
http://saicm.org/Portals/12/Documents/EPI/Guidance%20for%20Stakeholder%20in%20Exchanging%20CiP%20Information_October2015.pdf
- PowerPoint presentation

QUESTION 1 – 10:15 (GMT+2)

Question 1:

In your sector or organization, what do you think are the key issues to ensure the reliability of the information being provided for decision-making?

Resources/Information for the Discussion:

- Review power point presentation

QUESTION 2 10:35 (GMT+2)

Question 2:

What are the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities of industry cross-sector data exchange for sustainable chemicals and waste management? Your comments could include what information is needed by waste operations (including recycling).

Resources/Information for the Discussion:

- Review power point presentation

Instructions for joining this discussion on the set date:

This discussion will be held in **Microsoft (MS) Teams**.

- After joining the CoP, a link to this discussion will be circulated to you via email and sent out as an Outlook calendar invite.
- If your organisation already has MS Teams, you will need to switch from your organisations MS Teams to your University of Cape Town Guest Teams account in the following manner:
 - a. You can do this by going into your MS Teams and navigating to the top right corner of the page to where your profile picture is
 - b. Here you should see the name of your organisation and small arrow indicating a drop-down menu
 - c. Click on this arrow and choose "University of Cape Town"
- Find the email sent to you with the MS Teams link to this discussion.
- Click the link that says, "Join Microsoft Teams Meeting" and you should be taken into the discussion.

If you have not received an email with the link, make sure you are signed up for the Chemicals in Products Community of Practice or send an email to: uctcops@outlook.com

Format of how the discussion will operate:

- To participate in this discussion, sign up at: www.saicmknowledge.org/community
- Should you require assistance or have questions, contact: uctcops@outlook.com
- ✓ This live discussion will be run in Microsoft Teams in the chat section on the set day. .
Members will introduce themselves upon arrival into the chat room.
- ✓ The discussion presenter will briefly present a verbal introduction.
- ✓ Two questions will be posted during the 1 ½ hour discussion for 40 minutes discussion. The presenter/s will address comments in the chat section of Teams and all are encouraged to engage.
- ✓ All are welcome to join the discussion which will be held in English. Feel free to write in another language if you are struggling with English and members will assist where possible.

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