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**First meeting of the intersessional process considering the Strategic Approach  
and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020**

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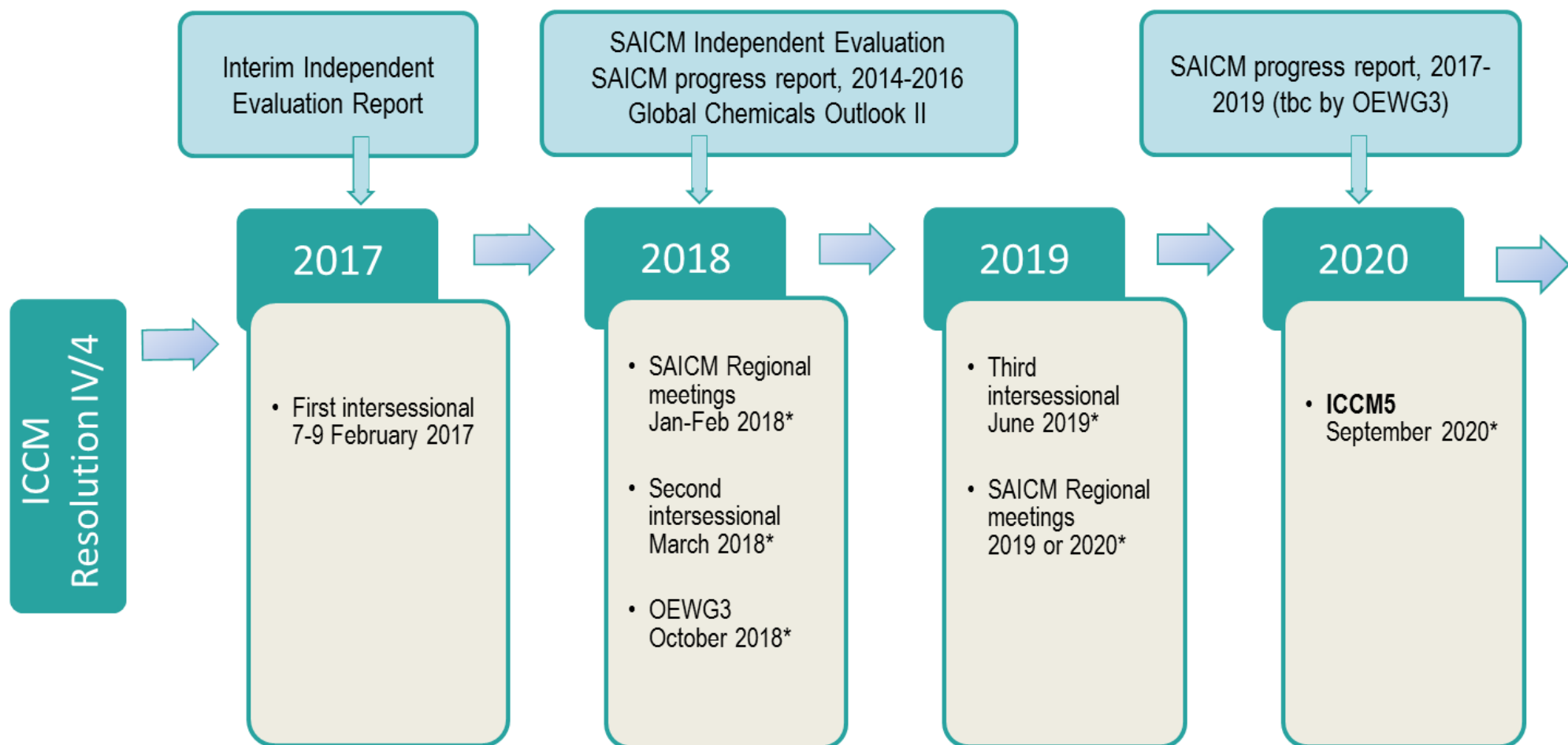
**Decision-making and timetable for subsequent meetings**

## **Timeline for the intersessional process**

### **Note by the secretariat**

1. The secretariat has the honour to provide, in the annex to the present note, a proposed overall timeline for the subsequent meetings of the intersessional process.
2. The fourth session of the Conference decided, in resolution IV/4, that the intersessional process should include, in principle, two meetings before the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and one meeting between the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5). The Conference also specified that meetings of the intersessional process should, as far as possible, be held back-to-back with other relevant meetings and processes.
3. The Conference also directed the Open-ended Working Group to consider the need to call for an additional meeting of the intersessional process before (ICCM5).
4. The ICCM5 Bureau has developed the timeline set out in the Annex to this document. The Bureau has been requested, through Conference resolution IV/4, to draw up the timetable for the subsequent meetings of the intersessional process, in consultation with the participants at this first meeting.
5. In developing the timeline, the ICCM5 Bureau has noted the importance of engaging governing bodies of the relevant organizations within the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) in the decision-making process for the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020. Participants may wish to consider this important element of engagement in finalizing the overall timeline for the intersessional process.
6. Participants may wish to provide guidance on the timing on these meetings to the Bureau. In addition, those wishing to host future meetings of the intersessional process may wish to indicate so at this first meeting.

## Timeline for the Intersessional Process SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020



\* Dates to be confirmed