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Chemicals in Products (CiP) Community of Practice
Discussion Forum

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| Title | Chemicals Regulation and Public Procurement. |
| Date | 10th November 2022 |
| Time | 14:00 – 15:30 |
| Facilitator | Andrea Rother, University of Cape Town |
| Presenters | Alpha T. Chikurira , Environmental public health practitioner, Environmental Management Agency (EMA) Anne Lagerqvist , Project manager and environmental investigator, Chemical Centre, Environment and Health Administration. |
| WebEx registration link | https://unep.webex.com/unep/j.php%3FRGID=r86473b65485ca2cf430ab3d98220fc7e |
| SAICM/UCT CiP CoP Sign-up link | Make sure you have signed up for the CiP CoP: www.saicmknowledge.org/community |
| What's App Group | Join the CiP CoP What's App Group to receive information: https://chat.whatsapp.com/DVwGix7x04d1Q9b5usaJcr |

Discussion Format:

- This is not a Webinar, but rather a discussion among different stakeholder groups.
- The discussion presenter/s will briefly present a verbal introduction and introduce the questions listed in this discussion guide.
- Three questions will be posted during the 1 ½ hour discussion. The presenter/s will address questions and comments posted by members in the chat room and participants are encouraged to respond to each other as well.
- All are encouraged to join the discussion which will be held in English. Feel free to write in another language and members will assist where possible with translation.

Two steps are required to join this discussion:

1. Sign up to the CoP, if you have not done so previously, at: <https://saicmknowledge.org/community>
2. Should you require assistance or have questions, contact: uctcops@outlook.com
3. Register for the 10th of November WebEx discussion at:
<https://unep.webex.com/unep/j.php%3FRGID=r86473b65485ca2cf430ab3d98220fc7e>
4. We encourage you also to join the CiP CoP WhatsApp group by clicking on this link:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DVwGix7x04d1Q9b5usaJcr>
5. 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/r/ZFEG22BGA0>

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Alpha Chikurira is an environmental public health practitioner with 14 years' experience in Safety, Health, Environment, Risk and Quality (SHERQ) management encompassing the development of standards, policies, and legal instruments. He is currently the Environmental Quality Manager with the Environmental Management Agency (EMA), a portfolio that oversees the management of solid waste, hazardous substances and waste, air quality and emissions as well as water quality and wastewater discharges. He holds a BSc in Environmental Science and Health (NUST), an MSc in Safety, Health & Environmental Management (MSU) and an MBA in Strategic Leadership (UZ).



Anne Lagerqvist has a background in toxicological research with a doctorate degree in genetic toxicology from Stockholm University. For the last ten years, she has worked on issues concerning chemicals in products and materials within national authorities and the public sector in Sweden. Employed at the City of Stockholm, she has done practical work on chemical criteria in the municipality's procurement processes. International EU-funded projects were included with a focus on follow up of criteria using chemical analyses. In one of the EU-projects, a guide for chemical smart procurement was developed. Currently she works as a project manager and environmental investigator at the Chemical center, Environment and Health Administration, City of Stockholm.

QUESTION 2 – (14 :05 GMT+2) – Alpha Chikurira

Question 1:

Which obstacles are countries likely to face in successfully integrating chemical safety in public procurement?

Resources/Information for the Discussion:

- Going Green: Best Practices for Sustainable Procurement
https://www.oecd.org/gov/ethics/Going_Green_Best_Practices_for_Sustainable_Procurement.pdf
- Developing a Capacity Assessment for the Sound Management of Chemicals and National SAICM Implementation - Guidance Document
<https://partnership.who.int/iomc/publications/m/item/developing-a-capacity-assessment-forthe-sound-management-of-chemicals-andnational-saicm-implementation---guidance-document>

We encourage you to think about the poll questions before the discussion so you can contribute with your responses:

Poll 1: How can the obstacles your country faces in integrating chemical safety into public procurement be overcome? (Open ended)

Poll 2: In order to promote the effective Green Public Procurement which of the following is most important?

- Comprehensive domestic legal & policy framework
- A strong and well-coordinated institutional framework
- Environmentally conscious citizens
- Business to Business GPP requirements

QUESTION 2 – (14 :45 GMT+2) – Anne Lagerqvist

Question 2: One challenge is to integrate the issue of hazardous chemical content into procurement processes at large and to relate to other sustainability goals: how can this be tackled and solved?

Resources/Information for the Discussion:

- Chemical smart procurement guide
<https://thinkbefore.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/TC-chemical-smart-procurement.pdf>
- REACH candidate list
<https://echa.europa.eu/candidate-list-table>
- Sustainability goals (UN).
<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

Poll questions

We encourage you to think about the poll questions before the discussion so you can contribute with your responses:

Poll 1: What is most important to work on (Please rank these options from most important to least important):

- Mapping how different legislations affect chemical aspects and other sustainability aspects in relation to procurement processes?
- Mapping different contract areas / article groups to see which criteria are most needed, or where all might be needed (chemicals, climate, circularity)?
- Policy integration into the public sector to enhance the work with “green public procurement” (GPP)?
- Coordination of the practical work with sustainability issues in the public sector?

Poll 2: What is needed in the dialogue with companies in order to purchase low-toxicity products, and materials? (Open ended).