Session 7: Linking sustainable chemistry tot he 2020-goal - POLICY

Outcome of the Discussion

What should be done to mainstream sustainable chemistry into SAICM implementation?

SAICM is an ideal framework to integrate sust chemistry, e.g. CiP-Project

Need for Education in the academic sense (at University, but also before University) Need for Education of consumers

possible ways forward: development of a 5-year roadmap, including:

Creating awareness
Capacity building
pilot projects important process

The independent assessment of SAICM should include Green Chemistry

Suggestion to integrate the idea of sustainable chemistry to element 11 of the OOG (Development of environmentally sound and safer alternatives)

Basics vs. sustainable chemistry in developing countries: need for a more time to think about it.

How can sustainable chemistry contribute to the SDGs?

There is no stand alone chemicals goal, but mentioned in several targets.

There is a need to discuss the related issues to sustainable chemistry, such as social impacts or resource availabilty. This should be done under the SDGs

UNEP 10 year programme on sustainable production & consumption and SAICM can be used as a platform

Education is needed to introduce Sustainable Chemistry also in developing countries. The targets and indicators of the SDGs can support here, this can be part of national development plans.

Summary:

The discussion was a very fruitful starting point. Nevertheless it became clearthat more time and possibility to further develop on these questions in the future.