

SAICM and Gender beyond 2020

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How to include gender in the SAICM Beyond 2020 outcome?

1. Current SAICM discussions (VWG, HLD)
2. Existing language in other texts
3. "New" ideas

The Virtual Working Groups

Informal women & gender group [submission](#):

With this, we would like to encourage you all to include gender in the discussions of the Virtual Working Groups:

- Gender equality considerations need to be included in the **targets**, and sex-disaggregated and gender responsive data are needed for the **indicators**,
- the strategy of gender mainstreaming must be part of the **governance and mechanisms to support implementation** at the national level and become part of the work of the national SAICM focal points,
- gendered health risks need to be considered within the **issues of concern**, and
- gender mainstreaming activities need to be reflected in **financial considerations!**

The High-Level Declaration

Co-facilitator's summary, December 2020 (informal drafting group)

For the other elements, there was no text proposed, however the participants were asked to identify the relevant sections in the HLD structure that the element would best fit, and what they considered the essence of the element to be.

These elements included:

- Capacity building;
- Life-cycle and circular economy;
- Role of private sector/industry;
- Precautionary principle;
- Strategic objectives and targets;
- Gender; and
- Financing

The High-Level Declaration



African Group: equal participation

EU & MS: equal participation, commit to respect human rights and guiding principles (precaution, prevention, polluter-pays, and restoration)

Iraq: Promote women's participation

German NGOs: Leave no-one behind (women); Rights-based approaches, participation

IPEN: equal participation in decision-making, work to obtain gender disaggregated data, and promote policies that protect women from harmful chemicals and wastes. + examples of agreed language (FAO, UNEA)

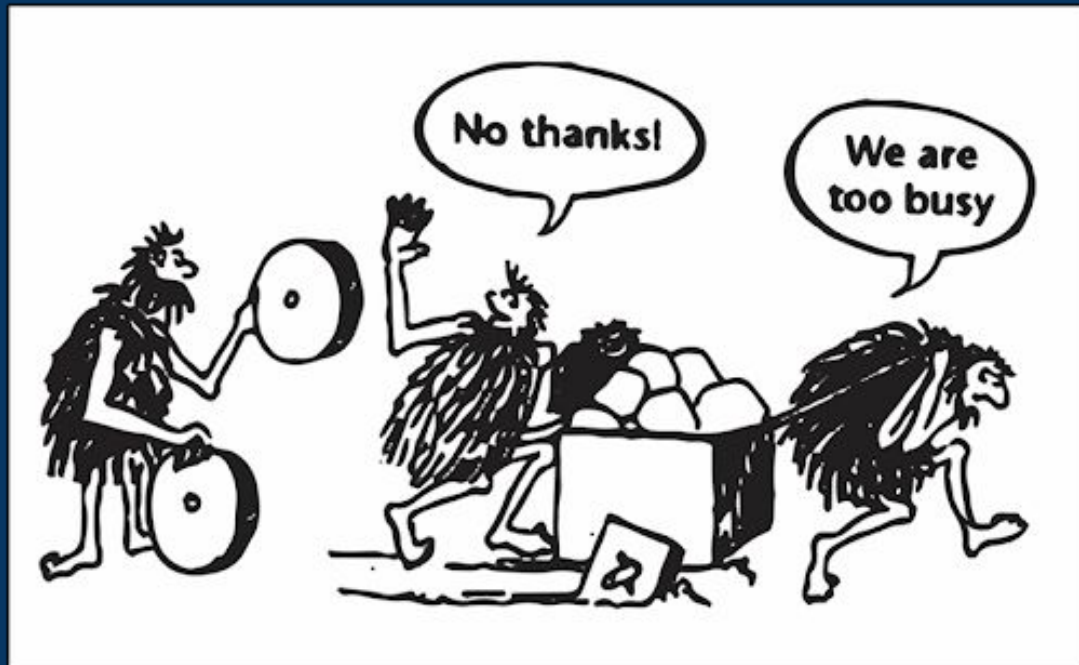
MSP Institute: Women's full, equal and effective participation; Women as agents of change towards gender just solutions.

WEFC: common principles under SAICM: incl. full participation of women. Gender considerations should be part of project planning, design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation... Women and Chemicals as an **issue of concern**. As recent studies of the UN have shown, women have been particularly impacted by the Covid-19 crisis... a gender-responsive analysis and approach is required. Gender equality: creating **Gender Focal Points**, providing capacity building, and developing **Gender Action Plans**; Developing alternative, gender-just solutions.

ITUC: Covid pandemic links: HLD should recognise that poverty, gender, race and other indicators of disadvantage affect the likelihood of exposure and adverse effects. Human rights must be a starting point in securing an effective new agreement.

UNDP: Experiences and views of women & men must be taken into account when designing, implementing and monitoring chem. programs. Goal of gender equality in SCM

Existing tools



- SDG 5
- SAICM Dubai declaration (equal participation)
- SAICM Overarching Policy Strategy (equal participation, prevention of adverse effects)
- Human Rights ([State's duty to prevent exposure](#))

Beyond 2020 (Women, Chemicals & the SDGs)



- Develop a **Gender Action Plan** under the new instrument
- Include **Women and Chemicals** as an "Issue of Concern" (IoC)
- Establish a **multi-stakeholder women and chemical safety WG** to develop recommendations for actions in EPI/IoC workplans

Beyond 2020 (Women, Chemicals & the SDGs)



- Develop a **Cost of Inaction** / Benefit of Action Report on Women & Chemicals
- Include Women & Chemicals as a **funding** priority issue in development of **assistance cooperation**
- Include specific requirements for gender assessments, sex-disaggregated data, and gender trainings **in project funding**



Thank you!

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