One year on...

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP) and
THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHEMICAL ASSOCIATIONS (ICCA)

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Sylvie Lemmet
Director of UNEP’s Division of Technology, Industry and Economics, United Nations Environment Programme

“UNEP has had a long-standing relationship with the International Council of Chemical Associations which has had valuable results for both government agencies and the chemicals industry. By exchanging experiences and lessons learned, we have been able to work together to improve the safe management of chemicals and reduce industrial risk in communities around the globe. UNEP supports the chemicals industry in its commitment to the environment by promoting stewardship of hazardous materials throughout their life cycle and in its efforts to further improve corporate responsibility.”

Martin Kayser
Sr. VP, Product Safety Regulations Toxicology and Ecology, BASF SE The Chemical Company

“The Memorandum of Understanding has brought the partnership of UNEP and ICCA to a new level of cooperation – which is most visible through our capacity building efforts for sound chemical management. Leveraging the efforts has made our outreach much more effective and at the same time opened up new opportunities. Our Memorandum of Understanding with UNEP has proven to be a great success, advancing sound chemicals management on a global scale.”

Leonor Alvarado
Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management Coordinator, United Nations Environment Programme

“ICCA has been a key stakeholder to the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) since its establishment. Thanks to their leadership and commitment to sound chemicals management and the SAICM process, the chemical industry has undergone significant improvements in the way chemicals are managed worldwide. This has been an important step towards achieving the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation goal that by 2020, chemicals will be produced and used in ways that minimize significant adverse impacts to the environment and human health. An important aspect of this partnership has been the ability to share their expertise with developing nations, thereby contributing to increased capacity for sound chemicals management worldwide in a meaningful way.”

Gregory G. Bond
Corporate Director of Product Responsibility, The Dow Chemical Company

“Chemistry is an enabling science that is essential to human progress, but it must be practiced responsibly every day, everywhere in the globe. This is a complex task and no single stakeholder can make it happen on their own and that is why we have intensified our collaboration with UNEP under the MoU. By combining our efforts, we have made considerable progress in our first year and have built momentum to accelerate into the future.”

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Business and industry, as the driving force for economic growth, play a leading role in the global transition to a resource efficient and green economy. Through innovation, research and partnerships, by adopting a sustainable business model in their supply chains and by including environmental, social and governance criteria in their investment decisions, this transition will be successful. UNEP works with business to strategically support the development of life-cycle based methodologies, such as resource footprinting, science-based information on critical resource flows and capacity enhancement in developing and emerging economies.

The UN Conference on Environment and Development placed partnerships between governments, the private sector and civil society as central to achieving global sustainable development. Successive United Nations conferences and summits have echoed this commitment and have called upon the United Nations to develop partnerships with the private sector, non-governmental organizations and civil society to enable them to contribute to the realization of internationally agreed development goals as well as the organization’s goals and programmes.

It is increasingly apparent that environmental issues are too large to be addressed by any single entity. Instead they require the concerted efforts of all sectors of our increasingly interconnected global society. Partnerships offer a mechanism to foster such joint action as well as an opportunity for non-traditional actors to become involved in the work of the United Nations and to contribute towards the international environmental agenda. UNEP has a longstanding commitment to addressing environmental issues through partnerships. They cover a range of sectors and themes, such as SAICM, the Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles, and the Life Cycle Initiative.

The global chemical industry has a critical contribution to make in enhancing sustainability and sustainable development worldwide through reducing emissions, conserving energy, and developing sustainable materials, technologies and business practice. Chemistry can promote better quality of life and help protect the environment by developing sustainable materials which provide solutions to reducing emissions, conserving energy, providing food, mobility and housing, and many other issues. But on a global economy, globalized product flows mean that potential issues related to product safety are no longer restricted to their country of origin. In addition, global supply chains call for worldwide mainstreaming of safer production practices wherever chemicals are manufactured, transported, repackaged and used. As a response, the chemical industry has expanded and intensified its programmes for demonstrating responsible handling and use of chemical substances.

This informational brochure, prepared by UNEP and ICCA highlights the activities of the first year of the UNEP-ICCA Memorandum of Understanding. This framework agreement has been signed to facilitate collaboration to further shared goals and objectives in regard to the development and implementation of effective chemical management regimes by businesses and public institutions. The brochure outlines the basis for engagement, success and activities undertaken in 2011, and identifies where we will continue working together.
In September 2010, UNEP and ICCA signed a Memorandum of Understanding for improved cooperation. The first year of implementation of the MoU work plan has led to substantive results which we now wish to introduce to the public. In the past, our organisations have closely worked together on common objectives in promoting safer and responsible production. In particular we collaborated on the implementation of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) to ensure that significant adverse effects of chemicals on human health and the environment are minimized. The purpose of the new partnership agreement was to consolidate UNEP and ICCA cooperation towards the development and intensification of the effectiveness of chemical management regimes by businesses and public institutions to achieve work towards common goals. Our commitments include:

- Capacity building for sound management of chemicals with a focus on small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and developing countries. These activities imply organization of common workshops, sharing of training materials, leveraging of networks and outreach along value chains.
- Harmonization of legal systems in relation to chemicals management regarding GHS and ICCA’s Global Product Strategy (GPS) and cooperation on UNEP’s Flexible Framework Initiative for Addressing Chemical Accident Prevention and Preparedness.
- Stakeholder dialogue to address emerging issues such as lead in paint, health, science and safety.
- Undertaking joint pilot projects demonstrating the synergy between UNEP’s and ICCA’s approaches for the sound management of chemicals.

One year after signing our partnership agreement, we are publishing this update to summarise our work so far, share its positive impact and shed light on new projects for the future. The Memorandum of Understanding embodies our wish to elevate our long-lasting partnership to a new level in order to set the framework for a successful future collaboration. We are looking forward to similar declarations that include additional partners in the years to come.
## Overview

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                                         |                                           | • UNEP "Responsible Production and APELL" training workshop (Manila, May 2011): ICCA delivered a training session on Responsible Care and GPS |
|                                       | GPS workshops               | • GPS Workshop (Shanghai, June 2011): UNEP attended and actively participated in the ICCA Workshop  
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|                                       | Responsible Care-APELL pilot| • Initial discussions held to develop a proposal for a joint APELL-Responsible Care pilot project at a Chinese Industrial Park |
|                                       | Capacity Building Coordination (Responsible Care) | • Mutual ICCA and UNEP participation at annual organizing events (Washington, April 2011 and Brussels, April 2011) to discuss geographies of mutual interest (e.g. China, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia) and the possibility of aligning activities |
| **Legal issues**                       | Regulatory toolbox to complement LIRA-guidance | • UNEP’s LIRA-guidance has been developed to provide practical support to governments aiming to achieve sound chemical management  
<pre><code>                                     |                                           | • ICCA’s regulatory toolbox has been developed to provide guidance to governments wishing to implement GPS on a national level. It contributes to the objectives of UNEP’s LIRA-guidance, which provides practical support to governments aiming to achieve sound chemical management |
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• SAICM regional meeting (Nairobi, April 2011): UNEP-ICCA consultation session with SAICM national focal points  
• 1st SAICM Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) meeting (Belgrade, November 2011): Advanced collaboration between ICCA and UNEP – Joint activities to accelerate progress of SAICM Implementation |
| Chemicals in Products |                                                                               | • Workshop of the Chemicals in Products Project (Geneva, March 2011): ICCA actively participated in the UNEP event aiming to bring forward sound chemical management throughout the value chain and to find out how an information system could serve this purpose. |
| Financing            |                                                                               | • ICCA has actively participated in UNEP's Consultative Process on Financing Options for Chemicals and Wastes                                                                                     |
Stakeholder dialogue

**Objectives**

As a means of furthering shared goals and objectives regarding the development and implementation of effective chemical management regimes by businesses and public institutions, UNEP and ICCA have organised three side-events at international events related to safe chemicals management. These sessions were identified as opportunities for effective communication on chemical safety management issues through leveraging international events and participating networks. Moreover, they served as platforms for stakeholder dialogue and proved to be a valuable opportunity to get feedback on the developments and progress under the MoU.

On 7th April 2011, at the Fourth African Regional Meeting on SAICM in Nairobi, Kenya, a consultation session was organised with the aim of informing the participating countries of the UNEP-ICCA African Regional Workshop on Chemical Safety Management that had been planned to be held in October 2011 and to discuss the current needs and concerns in the African region related to chemical safety management.

On 5th May 2011 at the 19th UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-19) meeting, UNEP and ICCA held a special session on “Industry as a Key Partner in the Sound Management of Chemicals” with an objective to present the activities of ICCA and UNEP to facilitate sound chemicals management.

On 17th November 2011 at the First SAICM Open-ended Working Group meeting UNEP and ICCA organised a side-event called “Advanced collaboration between ICCA and UNEP – Joint activities to accelerate progress of SAICM Implementation” which had as its main objective to promote the importance of the collaboration under the MoU as a means to achieve the goals set by SAICM.

**Progress**

A consultation session to discuss the current concerns related to chemical safety management in the African Region was held back-to-back with the Fourth African Regional Meeting on SAICM, on 7th April 2011 in Nairobi, Kenya. The consultation session served to inform SAICM national focal points about the core UNEP and ICCA programmes on chemical safety management, to announce a joint UNEP-ICCA African Regional Workshop on Chemical Safety Management planned to be held in Nairobi later on in the year and to discuss the current needs and concerns in the region. The consultation meeting indicated that the region’s chemical safety related priorities include legislation enforcement and compliance management, accident prevention systems, as well as end-of-life aspects and disposal of hazardous wastes, among other topical matters. The consultation also highlighted the importance of sharing case studies in successful chemical safety management practices and an interest to expand the NCPC network in Africa.

During CSD-19, on 5th May 2011, UNEP and ICCA held a side-event entitled “Industry as a Key Partner in the Sound Management of Chemicals” which aimed to highlight the value added of public-private partnerships to supplement inter-governmental activities for improved implementation of chemical safety management. During the session ICCA
discussed the chemical industry's efforts to strengthen its chemicals management activities, and the related challenges in developing countries. UNEP described its experience in partnering with the chemical industry and highlighted efforts to mainstream sound management of chemicals in development policies and to promote approaches for safer production and the reduction of chemical accident risks. The presentations by UNEP and ICCA were complemented by the Director of the Brazilian Chemical Industry Association (ABIQUIM), who elaborated on the challenges and needs concerning sound chemicals management from an emerging economy perspective.

During the first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) in Belgrade, Serbia, the side event “Advanced collaboration between ICCA and UNEP – Joint activities to accelerate progress of SAICM Implementation” was organised by UNEP and ICCA. In total 30 people participated in the side-event, including SAICM Focal Points, GEF Focal Points, and other participants of the SAICM OEWG. The side-event showcased the importance of working in a multi-stakeholder partnership and involving the private sector to achieve the goals set by SAICM. During the side-event panellists from UNEP and ICCA presented the MoU and activities undertaken as part of the partnership and reported back on the African Regional Workshop on Chemical Safety Management. The session culminated in a presentation on the key topics for collaboration in 2012.

Next steps

During the first year of the MoU, the side-events have proved to be a successful channel for communicating the developments and progress of joint activities to a wider audience at international forums that call together participants from relevant networks. Short side-events organized at relevant events contribute to the effective outreach and provide a way to obtain feedback for the long term development of the collaboration between UNEP and ICCA. As such, UNEP and ICCA will continue to leverage big events as part of their partnership work plan for 2012. During the second year of the MoU additional side events will be held at relevant events. Possible options include UNEP’s Governing Council (February 2012), the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development Rio +20 (June 2012) and the Third Session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management – ICCM3 (September 2012).
Global APELL Anniversary Forum

**Objectives**

To mark 25 years of UNEP's Programme on Awareness and Preparedness for Emergencies at Local Level (APELL), the Global APELL 25th Anniversary Forum was organised by UNEP in partnership with China's Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) and Renmin University of China. The Anniversary Forum was supported by ICCA, The Dow Chemical Company, the Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit and Petrobras. The international chemical industry and ICCA have been strong supporters of UNEP's APELL programme since its inception, having inclusively seconded a senior industry expert to UNEP for many years, to promote APELL and initiate pilot demonstration projects in industrial communities worldwide.

The Forum aimed to raise the awareness among international and national partners, private sector and government representatives about the importance of local level emergency preparedness and the effectiveness of the APELL approach for improving preparedness through multi-stakeholder participation. Other objectives of the Forum included: sharing international and national experiences as well as lessons learned from APELL implementation worldwide; providing a platform for establishing partnerships among public and private sector organisations for wider replication and application of APELL-related approaches worldwide; considering new materials and tools that can support the APELL programme and community activities; and collecting recommendations for defining the future development of the APELL Programme.

**Progress**

The “Global APELL Anniversary Forum: 25 years of Local Level Preparedness and Environmental Emergency Management” was held on 16-18 November 2011, in Beijing, China. The event was inaugurated by an opening ceremony and a reception on the evening of 15 November, attracting over 170 participants in total, including representatives from 17 countries’ government agencies, international companies, international and regional organisations, academia, and civil society, as well as Chinese participants from 28 environmental emergency management bureaus of provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities, 13 large-scale chemical companies and mining groups and related research institutes/universities.

The opening ceremony was attended by MEP Vice-Minister Mr. Zhang Lijun and by UNEP’s Executive Director Mr. Achim Steiner who stated his appreciation for the positive role of the Chinese Government in promoting sustainable development and global cooperation for a green economy. He pointed that UNEP and MEP have long maintained an history of good relationship and cooperation, with the APELL programme being one of its outstanding examples. Mr. Achim Steiner also stated that UNEP will continue to support China in the development of environmental emergency management, strengthen the international academic exchange and cooperation as well as improve capabilities on emergency prevention and preparedness.

The first day of the Forum focused on introducing UNEP’s APELL Programme, its importance, key activities and achievements to date in improving emergency preparedness. APELL practitioners from around the world shared their experience in implementing the Programme and showcased implemented projects, such as the experience of the Yangtze River Chemical Industrial Park of Zhangjiagang Free Trade Zone that had been implemented by UNEP with the support of The Dow Chemical Company in 2009-2010. The first day also provided a platform
for a dialogue between stakeholders on the role of municipalities, private sector and the public in promoting safer communities and emergency preparedness, during which the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA), Renmin University of China, Petrobras, Colorado Emergency Planning Commission (USA) and Greenpeace, among other organizations presented their views.

The second day of the Forum focused on international and national policies and regulations related to chemical accident prevention and preparedness, as well as supply-chain approaches for improving safety and reducing risks. Best practices and lessons learned from implementing APELL in the chemical and mining sectors were showcased through two respective panel discussions which also aimed to identify the emerging issues, opportunities and obstacles to APELL dissemination and replication in these two sectors.

While the first two days of the Forum focused on sharing the experience that has been gained throughout the history of APELL within the global network of APELL practitioners, a working session on defining the future development of the APELL programme was organised on the third day of the event. This provided an opportunity to discuss APELL-related needs and opportunities for further collaboration between APELL and related programmes, promoted other international organizations, government agencies and private sector associations.

The chemicals sector had a visible role throughout the Global APELL 25th Anniversary Forum. Besides the sponsorship in relation to organising the event, the Forum saw presentations and interventions by representatives of Responsible Care New Zealand, the Chinese Association of International Chemical Manufacturers (AICM), the China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Federation (CPCIF) and members of ICCA and Responsible Care companies including the Brazilian Chemical Industry Association (ABIQUIM), The Dow Chemical Company and Petrobras.

Next steps

The Global 25 Anniversary Forum brought together a wealth of practical experience in implementing the APELL 10-step process around the world. The strong support for APELL gave rise to successful outcomes. These included the establishment of an APELL Research Centre at the Chemical Process Accident Prevention and Emergency Response Research Centre of Tsinghua University in China, the signing of a partnership MoU between UNEP and Renmin University of China for the promotion of research on policies and regulations related to chemical accident prevention and preparedness, a new partnership agreement between UNEP and AICM, strengthened cooperation with CPCIF and renewed and improved cooperation with a wide array of partners including China’s Ministry of Environmental Protection, the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency, and the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA).
Objectives

The African Regional Workshop on Chemical Safety Management was organised by UNEP and ICCA at the UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, on the 20th and 21st October 2011, bringing together SAICM Focal Points and National Cleaner Production Centres (NCPCs) from the African Region. The objective of this workshop was to contribute to improved management of hazardous chemicals as a way of supporting mainstreaming activities in relation to the implementation of the SAICM Overarching Policy for the achievement of sound management of chemicals throughout their entire life cycle.

The workshop aimed to raise awareness of the approaches, methodologies and tools that have been made available to improve the safe management of chemicals on site and throughout value and supply chains. The two approaches discussed during this workshop were UNEP’s Responsible Production Approach for Chemical Hazard Management for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises and ICCA’s Global Product Strategy and its related tools.

Moreover, by bringing together the SAICM National Focal Points and the representatives of National Cleaner Production Centres (NCPCs) from the African region the workshop sought to strengthen the network of chemical safety practitioners in the region and to provide a platform for intensifying cooperation at national level between the SAICM Focal Points and the NCPCs, leveraging tools and information on chemical hazards.

Progress

The preparations for the African Regional Workshop on Chemical Safety Management began in early 2011. As a first concrete step, a consultation session was organised to discuss the current concerns related to chemical safety management in the African Region. This session was held as a side-event to the Fourth African Regional meeting on SAICM (7th April 2011 in Nairobi, Kenya). The consultation served as a starting point for identifying priorities and for defining the focus of the Regional Workshop to be held later on in the year. Following the session, a two-day workshop on Chemical Safety Management was designed by UNEP and ICCA to include relevant training sessions and possibilities for discussions focusing on the approaches that have been developed by UNEP and ICCA to effectively manage the risks posed by the use and handling of hazardous chemicals by industries along the supply chain and throughout the life cycle.

The two-day workshop was attended by approximately 50 participants from 25 countries of the African Region. The programme of the two days was carried out by a team of expert trainers and speakers invited by UNEP and ICCA. The first day comprised training on the value added of UNEP’s Responsible Production Approach and the risk identification methodology and tools offered by the Responsible Production Toolkit. How Responsible Production works in practice was described by the Egyptian Cleaner Production Centre and the following expert discussions provided an opportunity to open the floor to the experience of implementing Responsible production in China, Sri Lanka and India as well. The day also showed the linkage between the Responsible Production Approach and other similar chemical safety management and environmental management approaches, including the Flexible Framework for Addressing Chemical Accident Prevention and Preparedness, Chemical Leasing and Cleaner Production.
The second day of the workshop focused on Chemical Safety Management from the perspective of initiatives developed for the chemicals industry by the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) to improve chemical safety management among national chemical industry associations. This comprised an introduction to the Responsible Care Global Charter and Global Product Strategy and their role in the progress towards SAICM goals, a presentation on the commonly used approach to Risk Assessment, best practice case studies by chemical industry representatives from Evonik and The Dow Chemical Company and a presentation by the South African Chemical Industry Association (CAIA) on implementing the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals in South Africa.

Each of the two days was closed with a discussion chaired by UNEP and ICCA. The discussions focused on identifying the best avenues for promoting chemical management programmes within the African industry, and aimed to reflect on the role of government agencies (including SAICM Focal points), technical service providers and industrial associations in promoting chemical safety management and on the best ways of promoting knowledge and experience sharing in the region.

The workshop showed that the different stakeholders, including the ICCA, government authorities (SAICM Focal Points), technical support service providers (NCPCs) and UNEP have an interest to work together to address issues related to improving chemical safety management. The participants particularly agreed on the importance of continuing collaboration, and on sharing knowledge and experience within the region and among and within sub-regions. Approaching chemical safety management from a value chain perspective, including producers, importers, transporters, distributors and downstream and final users of chemicals was considered of great relevance and importance.

Next steps

On the basis of the most prominent concerns relating to transport, warehousing and downstream use a proposal for an approach for next steps was elaborated. The proposed approach focuses on undertaking a small pilot project relating to the key concern areas at a national level in 1-2 countries so as to prepare the ground for further regional awareness raising activities and for testing the feasibility of elaborating a proposal for a sub-regional or regional chemical safety management programme.

Following the conclusions of the workshop a recommendation was made to continue collaboration among the different stakeholders that have an interest in SAICM, including (but not being limited to) the chemical industry, UNEP, SAICM Focal Points and National Cleaner Production Centres, at the national, sub-regional, regional and international level, to improve awareness and capacity for chemical safety management.
One year after embarking to the Memorandum of Understanding, we are proud to see a multitude of promising joint activities ongoing which we will continue to push forward in 2012. Moreover, new ambitious projects will be brought on their way next year. To set the course for a successful long-term cooperation, a strategic plan is being developed to outline a common vision of UNEP and ICCA for undertaking joint activities in the years to come:

• Memorandum of Understanding – Joint Workplan for 2012:
  – We will further expand our joint contributions to capacity building workshops on GPS, Responsible Care, Responsible Production and APELL. As a new element of the 2012 work plan, joint capacity building workshops are envisaged in Africa and China.
  – We will continue to exchange and jointly promote training materials and Regulatory Guidance such as the ICCA regulatory toolbox and UNEP’s LIRA-Guidance.
  – We will further build on each others’ networks for a more significant impact towards the protection of the environment.

• Memorandum of Understanding – Strategic Plan:
  – The MoU Strategy Plan aims to build a framework defining the core areas of our cooperation and highlighting possibilities to optimize efficient use of our resources. One important element is the vision on how to better integrate our flagship programs so that our efforts for the promotion of APELL and of Responsible Care are clearly aligned and lead to positive synergies.

It is intended that the results of the first year of this partnership between UNEP and ICCA will contribute to the relevant processes of the Rio +20 Agenda.
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| APELL   | Awareness and Preparedness for Emergencies at Local Level  
UNEP cooperated with governmental and industrial stakeholders to develop the APELL approach for improved community awareness to industrial risks, so as to minimize the consequences of technological accidents and natural disasters. Through a 10-step multi-stakeholder engagement process, APELL facilitates the preparation of co-ordinated response plans involving industry, government, and the local community. |
| CSD     | Commission on Sustainable Development  
The CSD was established as a functional commission of the UN Economic and Social Council to enable the effective follow-up of the UN Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro 1992. |
| GHS     | Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals |
| GPS     | Global Product Strategy  
GPS is the ICCA flagship initiative to enhance product stewardship best practices within the industry and throughout the product chain as its global contribution to the SAICM framework. Under GPS, ICCA conducts capacity building workshops in developing countries and economies in transition. In addition, a comprehensive set of GPS guidance materials was developed. GPS Safety Summaries containing easy-to-understand information on marketed substances are made publicly available. |
| ICCA    | International Council of Chemical Associations |
UNEP has developed the LIRA guidance to assist governments aiming to strengthen sound chemical management on a national basis. |
| OEWG    | Open Ended Working Group  
The OEWG was established by the 2. International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) to monitor the implementation, the development and the propagation of SAICM. |
| SAICM   | Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management  
Launched at the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) in 2006, SAICM is a multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder approach to build an international policy framework promoting sound management of chemicals. |
| UNEP    | United Nations Environment Programme |
The International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) is the world-wide voice of the chemical industry and represents chemical manufacturers and producers all over the world. Responsible Care® and the Global Product Strategy are the flagship programmes of ICCA fostering safe and environmentally sound management of chemicals. ICCA acts as the main channel of communication between the industry and key international organizations for health, environment and trade-related issues.

The United Nations Environment Programme is the voice for the environment in the United Nations system. It is an advocate, educator, catalyst and facilitator, promoting the wise use of the planet's natural assets for sustainable development. The mission of UNEP is to provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.