How does UNEP support knowing chemicals in products and processes?

- Development of the current CiP programme proposal
  - facilitating and guiding the provision and availability of, and access to, relevant information on chemicals in products
  - provides an international approach with input from a broad range of stakeholders
  - builds on best practices
  - brings non-traditional partners together
Perspective on the CiP programme

By 2020 chemicals are produced and used in ways that minimize significant adverse impacts on the environment and human health.

Policy basis - SAICM 2020 goal

High level objectives - OPS Objective 15(b)

Principles of Chemicals in Products information exchange

CiP programme Guidance (general)

Sector specific Guidance (as needed)

Chemicals in products information is exchanged

Sound chemicals management actions

to ensure that “information on chemicals throughout their life cycle, including, where appropriate, chemicals in products, is available, accessible, user friendly and appropriate to the needs of all stakeholders”
What are the challenges to gaining this knowledge?

Financial

• costs to set up and operate chemicals in products / process information system
• assistance is possible – proposal process requires a significant lead time

Technical

• specialized knowledge required in areas frequently outside of core business functions
• Potential issues with: IT, language, presentation of CiP information
Drivers and Scaling up

What are the drivers?

• Well known: regulatory, consumer / market, and CSR
• CiP programme can offer efficiency and leverage

Scaling up

• build awareness among the groups driving the issue
• develop metrics
• incorporate into broader sustainability initiatives
• for CiP programme → interface w/ GreenScreen
THANK YOU

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