

CSD18 New York 3-14 May 2010

Invitation to Side Event



The Flow of Materials is also a Flow of Chemicals

**Lack of information on chemicals in products
is an obstacle in achieving a greener economy**

Date & Time: Thursday, 6 May 2010 at 1:15-2:45 pm

Location: Conference room No. 6

Drinks and snacks will be provided before the event, outside the conference room.

Organized by Sweden, IGES and UNEP.

Chemicals in products (e.g. electronic equipment, textiles, toys) are an important part of the flow of materials in the society. Better information is an opportunity for improved recycling, saving money and improving health. Please join us in discussing the role of information on chemicals in products and a greener economy.

Programme

1. Introduction of the concept of the role of information on chemicals in products in enhancing sustainable use of resources.
Swedish Ministry of the Environment, Swedish Chemicals Agency.
2. Obstacles in ensuring information on chemicals in products such as clothes, shoes and jewelry from a company perspective.
Mr. Mattias Bodin, Group Manager, Quality Departement, H&M (Hennes & Mauritz).
3. Enhanced information sharing on hazardous substances in electronics: Connecting the production and end-of-life stages.
Dr. Magnus Bengtsson, Group Director, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan.
4. Scope and status of the SAICM-initiated project, "Chemicals in Products, CiP".
Mr. Per Bakken, Head of Chemicals Branch, DTIE/UNEP.
5. Questions from CSD stakeholders and panel discussion about:
— What are the problems linked to sustainable developments if stakeholders don't get relevant information about chemicals in products?
— Is the link between information on chemicals and the other CSD themes (including waste management, sustainable consumption and production) sufficiently understood?

Find out more:

SAICM - Chemicals in Products, CiP:
<http://www.chem.unep.ch/unepsaicm/cip/default.htm>

Nordic Council of Ministers - Toxic substances in articles: The need for information.
Report: TemaNord 2008:596.
<http://www.norden.org/en/publications/publications/2008-596>