# Sound Chemicals Management and Cleaner Production:

# The role of NCPCs in Promoting Sound Chemicals Management

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#### Presentation outline

- Cleaner Production (CP) & Chemicals Management (CM)
- What is Chemicals Management
- International Initiatives
- How CP can strengthen CM
- Role of NCPCs
- Chemicals Leasing as a Key Strategy in Chemicals Management







#### Cleaner Production

 Cleaner Production is a Continuous Process of an Integrated Preventive Environmental Strategy applied to Processes, Products and Services to Increase Efficiency and Reduce Risks to Humans and the Environment

#### For Processes:

Conserving raw materials and energy

Eliminating toxic raw materials

Reducing the quantity and toxicity of all emissions and wastes before they leave a process.

#### For Products:

The strategy focuses on reducing impacts along the entire life cycle of the product from raw materials extraction to the ultimate disposal of the products.

#### For Services:

Cleaner Production reduces Environmental impact of the service provided over the entire life cycle from system design and use to the entire consumption of resources required to provide the services.



## Chemicals Management

- Why: Chemicals are considered to cause Health Problems to Humans and hazardous to environment.
- Persistency of Hazardous Substances.
- Therefore reduction of potential risk from the use of chemicals to be reduced.
- Chemicals can and should be used for achieving Sustainable Development







# What is Chemicals Management

- Proper safeguards in all phases of chemical usage to prevent the risk of causing hazards and health impacts.
  - Manufacturing of chemicals
  - □ Selection & procurement
  - ☐ Storage & Transport
  - Handling
  - □ Use
  - □ Treatment/Disposal







#### International Initiatives

- IRPTC (International Registry of Potentially Toxic Chemicals)-UNEP
- IPCS (International Program on Chemicals Safety)-WHO
- IFCS (Intergovernmental Forum on Chemicals Safety)
- IOMC (Inter-organizational Program for Sound Management of Chemicals)
- SAICM (Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management)
- National programs on Chemicals management & safety (UNITAR)







# Multilateral Environmental Agreements on Chemicals safety

- Montreal Protocol
- Basel Convention
- Stockholm Convention
- Aarhus Convention & protocols
- Rotterdam Convention







#### **Programs on Sound Chemicals Management**

- Expanding and accelerating international assessment of chemical risks
- Harmonization of classification and labeling of chemicals
- Information exchange on toxic chemicals and chemical risks
- Establishment of risk reduction programs
- Strengthening of national capabilities and capacities for management of chemicals
- Prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products







# Country Level Programs

- Preparation of Chemicals Profiles
  - Imports
  - □ Manufacturing/Blending
  - □ Consumers/Usage patterns
  - Regulations
  - □ Infrastructure
- Establishing necessary Infrastructure and Regulatory frameworks
  - □ R & D Institutes
  - Accredited Laboratories for Testing and Certification
  - □ Recycling and Recovery Plants
  - Treatment facilities and Final disposal sites
  - Development of new laws and regulations and enforcement of such







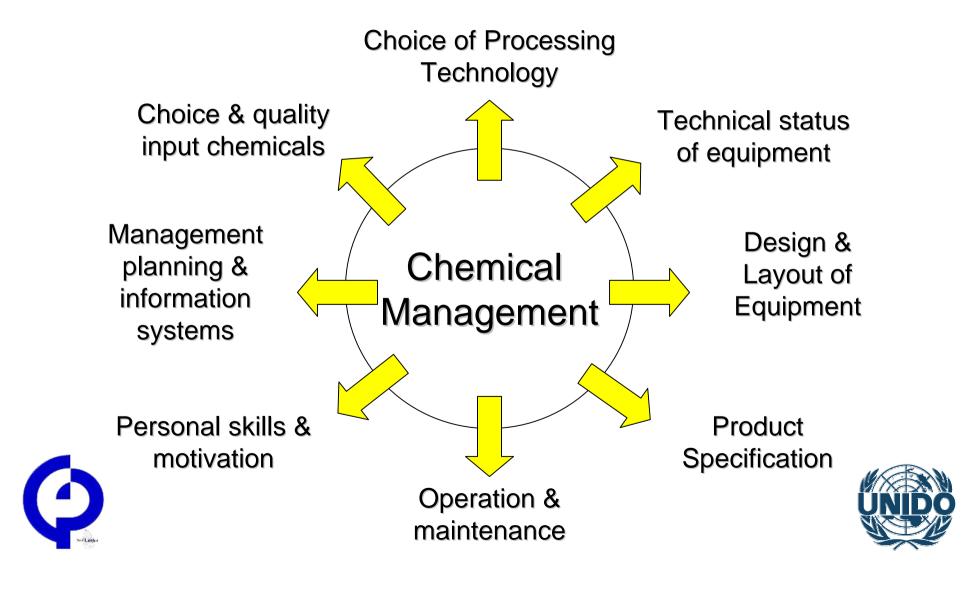
#### Prevention

- Taking steps to avoid or minimize the consumption, chemical pollution, contamination, accidents and poisoning
- Emergency preparedness & response
- Substitution by non-chemical technologies





### Needed Intervention for Sound Chemicals Management at Enterprise Level





# **CP Techniques for CM**

- Input substitution
- Process control
- Technology change
- Change Plant & machinery
- Management Information
- Skills Development & Competence building







### Input Substitution

- Avoidance/Substitution
- Bio-degradable/non persistent
- Less Toxic Chemicals
- Reducing Consumption (volume, weight, concentration)
- Improved Formula/Modifying recipes
- Change in physical form







#### **Process Control**

- Awareness
- Establish and Maintain Process Parameters
- Setting up instrumentation for monitoring parameters
- Optimizing the Process
- Changing the Process







# Technology Change

- Assisting in selecting Technology
- Incorporate reuse/recycling technology
- EST
- Managing Technology







# Change Plant & Machinery

- Handling, transporting and storage
- Processing
- Equipment for enhancing Safety
- Recovery/Recycling plants
- Effective treatment equipment







### Management Information

- MSDS
- Creating a record keeping culture
- Information at floor level
- Preparing Work Instructions
- Safety Information





# Skills Development & Competence Building

- Awareness
- Training & Retraining
- Demonstrations
- Study tours/Exchange
- Scenario development
- Role Play







#### Role of NCPCs

- Capacity Building in industries/end-users
- Liaising with Suppliers
- Mediating in Technology Transfer
- Information Provider
- Adviser/facilitator
- Facilitate management of Life cycle by closing the loop
- Initiatives for Innovative strategies
- Advice on Policy changes and regulatory framework



# **Chemical Leasing**

- A Strategic Approach to proactive chemicals management
  - Leading to
    - □ Involvement of Suppliers
    - Shared responsibility
    - Innovation







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