

Tracking the Implementation of SAICM

CropLife International is committed to the UN's Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM). Here are some examples of how we are contributing to SAICM's Overall Orientation and Guidance (OOG) for Achieving the 2020 Goal:

Core activity A: Enhance the responsibility of stakeholders: promoting and reinforcing commitment and multisectoral engagement (e.g., in relation to the FAO/WHO International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management)

CropLife International actions:

Training: The global CropLife network has developed over 300 partnerships with organizations such as [USAID in Honduras](#), [World Cocoa Foundation in West Africa](#), [GlZ in Vietnam](#) as well as [local NGOs](#). In total the network has trained almost 4 million individuals in Integrated Pest Management and the responsible use of pesticides since 2005.

Plastic container management: The global CropLife network has helped establish pesticide container management programs in 58 countries across the world and has collected and [safely disposed 781,000 tons of plastic pesticide containers](#) since 2005.

Obsolete pesticide stocks: The Africa Stockpiles Programme, established in 2005, will have removed [9,000 tons of obsolete pesticides](#) from the African continent by 2020. Partners include national governments, FAO, World Bank, NGOs and CropLife International.

Anticounterfeit support: The global CropLife network works with local and global law enforcement organisations (e.g. Interpol Intellectual Property Crimes Action Group) to [tackle illegal pesticides](#).

Work with global stakeholders: The industry works with major global stakeholders including the FAO (e.g. to promote the International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management), OECD (e.g. around toxicological and environmental safety assessment), and WHO (e.g. around the WHO/FAO Joint Meeting on Pesticides Residues).

Utilizing the global CropLife network: CropLife International represents six of the world's leading companies in the development of crop protection solutions. The global CropLife network of six regional and 91 national associations actively promote the SAICM goals and adherence to the Code alongside.

Core activity B: Establish and strengthen national legislative regulatory frameworks for chemicals and waste: improving capacity to address the basic elements of sound management of chemicals

CropLife International actions:

Capacity building: CropLife International is engaged in building capacity for risk assessment, mitigation and management for regulators and users in low income countries focused in West and East Africa, ASEAN countries and Latin America's Andean countries. Workshops include the promotion of GHS implementation, including dedicated programs (e.g., in Kenia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Maghreb).

Training materials: CropLife International has developed a series of [guidelines, training manuals, posters and leaflets](#) for use in stewardship programs, in addition to guidelines around the [Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals](#) (GHS).

Regulatory frameworks: CropLife International members are committed to and actively participate in workstreams around the Rotterdam Convention and the Stockholm Convention. The industry is also fully committed to implement the WHO/FAO International Code on Pesticide Management and has developed an [e-learning tool](#) for all interested stakeholders.

Core activity C: Mainstream the sound management of chemicals in the sustainable development agenda: advancing risk reduction and enhancing the link between sound management of chemicals and health, labour and social and economic development**CropLife International actions:**

Without crop protection, pests would significantly reduce the quantity and quality of food production. In fact, global crop losses could [double to 80 percent](#) without effective integrated pest management strategies, including the responsible use of pesticides. In low income countries, the impact of losses on food security and farmer livelihoods can be severe.

Core activity D: Increase risk reduction and [information sharing efforts on emergency policy issues](#): continuing to [promote actions on issues not currently addressed in existing agreements](#) and work areas, complementing initiatives taken by other bodies**CropLife International actions:**

CropLife International is particularly engaged with two policy issues of highest priority to our industry and the global community:

Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs): CropLife International actively supports the FAO/WHO Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management which calls for capacity-building (see Core activity B). CropLife International's member companies also recently completed a [voluntary portfolio review](#), evaluating more than 6,400 crop protection products. Any products meeting the Code's HHP hazard criteria have undergone risk assessment, risk mitigation and, where the risk remains too high, the product has been withdrawn from the market.

Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals (EDCs): CropLife International set up an online platform – www.endocrinesciencematters.org – to help improve knowledge and understanding around EDCs, and to help stakeholders to understand the industry's perspective. The industry has also sponsored research on EDCs.

Core activity E: Promote information access: increasing the accessibility of relevant information and making it understandable for all levels of society

CropLife International actions:

In 2018 CropLife International and its member companies published an [online transparency portal](#) around its commitment to enable more public access to safety data related to their pesticides. The initiative stems from the industry's commitment to transparency, responsibility and sustainability.

CropLife International has submitted all industry activities around the sound management of chemicals to the SAICM clearing house. In addition, all CropLife International actions mentioned in this document are publicly available on the [CropLife International website](#).

CropLife International also recently launched a public website – www.pesticidefacts.org – to provide information around pesticides and human health.

Core activity F: Assess progress towards the 2020 goal to minimize the adverse effects of chemicals on human health and the environment: identifying achievements, understanding gaps in implementation

CropLife International actions:

CropLife International provides regular updates to summarise industry work and achievements around all activities mentioned in this document at www.croplife.org.

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