

Chapter 7: Inter-Ministerial Commissions and Coordinating Mechanisms

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The aim of this chapter is to describe and provide the existing mechanisms, which facilitate coordination and cooperation amongst ministries, agencies and other relevant governmental and non-governmental bodies in particular, areas responsible of chemicals management. Thus, it is very important to identify such commissions and mechanisms that are related to chemicals management (or other fields) that are relevant to, or have potential to be built upon for, POPs management. Furthermore, relevant entities that can serve as, long-term commissions, coordinating mechanisms or points of contact on POPs management issues including multistakeholder chemicals-related committee are also mentioned.

Table 7.A provides an overview of any relevant mechanisms for coordinating activities among relevant institutions, chemicals-related focal points and / or other national-level inter-agency supervisory or coordination bodies. Table 7-A: Overview of Inter-Ministerial Commissions and Coordinating Mechanism

<i>Name of Mechanism</i>	<i>Responsi-bilities</i>	<i>Secrétariat</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Legislative Mandate/ Objective</i>
1-Country Protective Committee against leakage of hazardous substances and wastes causing environmental pollution	Protection of the country against leakage of hazardous substances and wastes	Hazardous Substances Department Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA)-(MSEA)	Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA), Ministry of Health, Ministry of Industry, National Security Agency, Ministry of Interior, Civil Defense, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Petroleum, Ministry of Electricity and Customs Authority	Laying down a plan to secure the country against any leakage of hazardous substances and wastes causing environmental pollution
2-Hazardous Substances and Wastes Committee	Handling of hazardous substances and wastes in MOH	Ministry of Health	Ministry of Health, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA), Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Industry	Agreeing on exporting, producing or handling hazardous substances and wastes in the Ministry of Health

<p>3- Hazardous Substances and Wastes committee responsible for international conventions (Basel, PIC , POPs) management</p>	<p>Management of hazardous substances and waste, and following –up the obligations and requirements of international conventions Secretariats</p>	<p>Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA)- (MSEA)</p>	<p>Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA), Ministry of Health, Ministry of Industry, National Security Agency, Ministry of Interior, Civil Defense, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Petroleum, Ministry of Electricity and Customs Authority</p>	<p>Main scope is to coordinate between governmental organizations and ministries in field of chemicals management. Furthermore, following –up obligations required by international conventions secretariat.</p>
<p>4- Hazardous substances and wastes supreme committee</p>	<p>Setting up mandates and exchanging of experiences</p>	<p>Arab league</p>	<p>Representatives of Ministries of Environment in Arab Countries</p>	<p>The main scope of the committee is exchange information’s and experiences among Arab Countries. Also, it setup strategies and mandates related to environmental issues across regional level.</p>
<p>5-Committee for the safe disposal of Obsolete stock pesticides</p>	<p>Set-up procedures for safe disposal of obsolete pesticides and identifies alternative solutions rather than landfilling</p>	<p>Coordination between Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs and Ministry of Agriculture</p>	<p>Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA), Ministry of Health, Ministry of Industry, National Security Agency, Ministry of Interior, Civil Defense, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Petroleum, Ministry of Electricity and Customs Authority</p>	<p>The main scope is to identify methods required for safe disposal of obsolete stock pesticides in cement kilns (for non- organo- chlorine pesticides)</p>
<p>6-Committee for assessment, evaluation and integration of petrochemical sector in El Amria zone – Alexandria</p>	<p>Evaluation of environmental hazards associated with chemicals usage (risk assessment)</p>	<p>Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA)- (MSEA)</p>	<p>Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA), with cooperation with petrochemical facilities in El Amria industrial zone-Alexandria Governorate</p>	<p>Main scope is to conduct risk assessment for El Amria zone in relation to chemicals and production</p>

7-Committee for occupational health and safety (Inter-Ministerial committee on indoor Air Pollutants)	Setting –up requirements for occupational health and safety for workers	Ministry of Manpower (MOMI)	Egyptian Environmental Affair Agency (EEAA) In coordination with Ministry of Manpower and Ministry of Health and Population	Main scope is to setup guidelines and limits for chemicals management and indoor air pollution regarding industrial process, health and safety for workers and, exchanging information on effects on human health and activities by international organizations.
8-Committee for Standardization & Quality Control	Setting- up required standard for industrial facilities	The Egyptian Organization for standardization and Quality Control (EOS)-(MOI)	Egyptian Environmental Affair Agency (EEAA) In coordination with Egyptian Organization for Standardization & Quality control – Ministry of Industry	Main scope is to set-up limits and standards for industrial facilities for products specifications, industrial operation, raw material concentrations...etc
9-Committee for preparation of hazardous substances lists	Setting –up lists for hazardous substances used in industrial facilities in Investment and free zones	General Organization for Investment and Free Zones	Environmental Affair Agency (EEAA) In coordination with Egyptian General Organization for Investment and Free Zones	Main scope is to conduct hazardous substances lists for industrial facilities in investment and free zones in Egypt
10- Inter-Ministerial Committee on IFCS (Inter-Governmental Forum for Chemical Safety)	Exchanging Information Regarding Matters related To IFCS among Relevant Ministries and Agencies, as Well as Promoting Communication/ Coordination Among them if Necessary.	Ministry of State for Environmental affairs (MSEA)	Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA), Ministry of Health, Ministry of Industry, Civil Defense, Ministry of Agriculture,	Main objective is to bringup organizations and ministries in charge of matters related to chemical safety of chemical substances. Moreover, exchange information, communication/ coordination

11- Inter-Ministerial Committee for Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (NIP Project steering committee)	Developing Egyptian National Implementation Plan based on the POPs Convention and promoting communication/ coordination among relevant Ministries and Agencies to review the progress and to promote an effective implementation of the Convention.	Ministry of States for Environment	Egyptian Environmental Affair Agency (EEAA), Ministry of Health, Ministry of Industry, National Security Agency, Civil Defense, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Petroleum, Ministry of Electricity and Customs Authority	Main objective is to conduct the mandates and ensure fulfillment of the obligation of Stockholm Convention especially article (7) of the Convention especially for National Implementation Plan (NIP) .
12-Inter-Ministerial Committee on Strategic Approach for International Chemical Management (SAICM)	Set-up an international strategy by recognizing recent issues regarding chemical substances require in order to promote various measures regarding management of chemical substances effectively and efficiently.	Ministry of States for Environment	Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA), Ministry of Health, Ministry of Industry, National Security Agency, Civil Defense, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Petroleum, Ministry of Electricity and Customs Authority	Main objective is to coordinate and conducts information system among Ministries and related Authorities for setting-up international strategy for chemicals management

7.2 A list of Relevant Non- Governmental Organizations

Chapter (6) includes a full details *list of relevant NGO's working in the field of Environment.*