I would like to remind delegates about a technical resource developed by the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) called the IOMC Toolbox for Decision Making in Chemicals Management and which contains a specific module on setting up PRTRs.

UNITAR and the OECD presented this module at a side event yesterday. <a few words on how the side event went>

The IOMC Toolbox is an internet application that enables countries to identify the most appropriate and efficient national actions to address specific national problems related to chemicals management. It identifies the available tools that will help a country address the identified problems.

The PRTR module specifically provides guidance on:

- PRTR initiation: designing a PRTR system, gaining support from decision-makers, and establishing the PRTR
- PRTR operation: running a PRTR, including staffing and collecting, reviewing, and disseminating data
- Long-term success: expanding the benefits and activities of a PRTR and making future enhancements

We invite all countries who wish to set up or improve their PRTR to use this Toolbox.