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Promotion of Aarhus Principles in the SAICM Intersessional Process (IP)

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Preparatory Process for IP2 in March 2018

- NGOs addressees of regular information by National Focal Point
 - NFP in German Environment Agency (UBA)
 - information on developments
 - involvement if feedback by NFP is requested
- NGOs regular invitees to national & EU Stakeholder Workshops
 - issue-specific
(e.g. on chemicals in construction; pharmaceuticals in environment)
 - workshops addressing IP aim: new global framework beyond 2020
(e.g. on DEU position and for general discussion)
- Project funding for enhanced involvement of NGOs
- Funding of issue-specific NGO projects
(e.g. gender, pharmaceuticals in environment)
- Several individual appointments with NGOs



Status quo and Outlook

- Opportunities for public participation under SAICM well-established
- NGOs have a vote that is considered (see e.g. pesticides)
- Participation of four NGOs in SAICM Bureau meetings in general
 - two public NGOs, two representing industry
 - Bureau can limit participation to governments
- All position papers or draft decision published before IP discussion
- Participation in IP meetings funded
 - for two NGOs representing the public
 - + health sector (currently represented by an NGO)
- Cooperation of NGOs might be improvable (knowledge-sharing)
- Additional governmental funding hardly to generate
- SAICM chronically under-resourced at all levels