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