

## UK Chemicals Stakeholder Forum

# Strategic goals and approach

### Vision

Stakeholders, Government and regulators engage with each other in a dynamic, timely way to develop and implement effective chemicals and waste management

In support of the SAICM goal (and its post 2020 successor) of the:

*'achievement of the sound management of chemicals throughout their life cycle so that by the year 2020, chemicals are produced and used in ways that minimize significant adverse impacts on the environment and human health.'*

Recognising the challenges presented in doing this, within the context of EU-Exit.

### Strategic goals

1. Provide an open and trusting environment to support open dialogue and strong engagement between stakeholders.
2. Participate in the improvement of strategic capabilities and development of policies for the management of chemicals and waste, working towards maximising benefits and minimising adverse impacts.
3. Facilitate dialogue across the supply chain to enable moves towards a more circular economy, including more coherent and consistent legislation
4. Provide a space to share views on, and experiences of, EU and international developments.

The forum and its members will:

5. **Recognise the benefits of multi-stakeholder dialogue** and maintain the diversity of the CSF's membership. This provides a diversity of knowledge, views and approaches. By convening in ways that enable all to express themselves and engage in dialogue, the potential for identifying alternative approaches to reduce the risks from chemicals is increased.
6. **Provide input to Government** to inform the development, implementation and evaluation of national, regional and international chemicals' management policies.
7. **Communicate and encourage best practice and innovation across the supply chain**, actively promoting the use of sustainable chemistry, whole life cycle thinking and resource efficiency as part of moves to towards a circular economy and industrial decarbonisation. This could include the development and dissemination of guidance (particularly for SMEs).
8. **Championing voluntary action by industry / businesses (at all stages of the supply chain)** in advance of formal regulation where this can contribute to

improved regulatory compliance or further reduction of the risks to the environment and human health.

9. Actively, **seek to identify new issues** needing the attention of the chemicals sector in its broadest sense<sup>1</sup>.

Where possible, its members will

10. **Act as conduits to their own membership** – seeking views on issues of relevance and communicating CSF outputs, where appropriate and encouraging best practice and innovation.

It will not be a decision-making body but the views of its diverse membership can inform Government decision-making and potentially that of its members. It should play a key role in engaging stakeholders in the development of any future chemicals strategy.

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<sup>1</sup> Supporting the 25 YEP action on horizon scanning.