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## ACRONYMS

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BASA	Baseline Analysis and Solutions Assessment
CBA	Cost Benefit Analysis
CEiTs	Countries with Economy in Transition
COI	Costs of Inaction Initiative
DCs	Developing Countries
CiP	Chemicals in Products
DTIE	Division of Technology, Industry and Economics
DNA	Designated National Authority
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GC	Governing Council
GHS	Globally Harmonized System for Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
GCO	Global Chemicals Outlook
GEF	Global Environmental Facility
HELI	Health and Environment Linkages Initiative
HESA	Health and Environment Strategic Alliance
ICCM	International Conference on Chemicals
	Management
ICM	Inter-Agency Coordination Mechanism
IISD	International Institute for Sustainable Development
IL0	International Labour Organization
IOMC	Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals
IPCS	International Programme on Chemical Safety
ISO	International Standardization Organization
Keml	Swedish Chemicals Agency
MEAs	Multilateral Environmental Agreements
MSW	Multi-Stakeholder Workshop
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NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
ODSs	Ozone Depleting Substances
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
PI	Partnership Initiative for the Integration of Sound Management of Chemicals into National Development Planning Processes
PIC	Prior Informed Consent
POPs	Persistent Organic Pollutants
SAICM	Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management
(M)SDS	(Material) Safety Data Sheet
Sida	Swedish International Development
	Cooperation Agency
SMC	Sound Management of Chemicals
SMEs	Small and Medium Enterprises
SPS	Sanitary and Phytosanitary Agreement
TBT	Technical Barriers to Trade
TEEB	The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity
TRIPs	Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
WCO	World Customs Organization
WHO	World Health Organization
WSSD	World Summit on Sustainable Development
WTO	World Trade Organization

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### PREFACE

The design and implementation of comprehensive and coherent legal frameworks and related institutional arrangements for management of chemicals, including sustainable financing options is a cornerstone in achieving the goals from the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002 and reaffirmed at the Rio+20 Summit in Brazil in 2012, that by 2020 the use and production of chemicals should be done in ways that do not lead to significant adverse effects on human health and the environment.

One of the cornerstones for achieving the above 2020 goal will be the establishment of comprehensive and coherent legal frameworks and related institutional infrastructure including sustainable financing options.

To assist countries in his process, UNEP, with financial support from the Swedish government, has developed a Guidance document for the development of Legal and Institutional Infrastructures for the Sound Management of Chemicals and Measures for Cost Recovery of National Administrations (LIRA-Guidance).

The Guidance aims at providing practical, step-by-step support to policy makers for strengthening national legislation and institutional set-ups for achieving sound management of chemicals, including proposals for measures for financing necessary related administration activities.





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