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INTRODUCTION

Background and context

The engagement of all relevant sectors and stakeholders in government, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) is vital to achieve the sound management of chemicals. The health sector is central to this given its key roles and responsibilities.

As demonstrated in the 2016 WHO publication *The public health impact of chemicals: knowns and unknowns* (<http://www.who.int/ipcs/publications/chemicals-public-health-impact/en/>), chemicals management is a health issue and sound management practices can bring substantial health benefits.

The important role of the health sector in the sound management of chemicals is further recognized by the inclusion of the sound management of chemicals in health-related goals and targets under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development agreed to in 2015.

The Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) is a voluntary international policy framework established to foster the sound management of chemicals worldwide. It is designed to support multisectoral, multistakeholder efforts towards the goal agreed to at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development that, by the year 2020, chemicals are produced and used in ways that minimize significant adverse impacts on the environment and human health.

Implementation of SAICM is overseen and monitored by the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM) – a multisectoral, multistakeholder forum.

In 2016, the World Health Assembly (WHA) adopted resolution WHA69.4 entitled: *The role of the health sector in the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management towards the 2020 goals and beyond*. The resolution calls directly on ministries of health to further engage in SAICM at the national, regional and global levels.

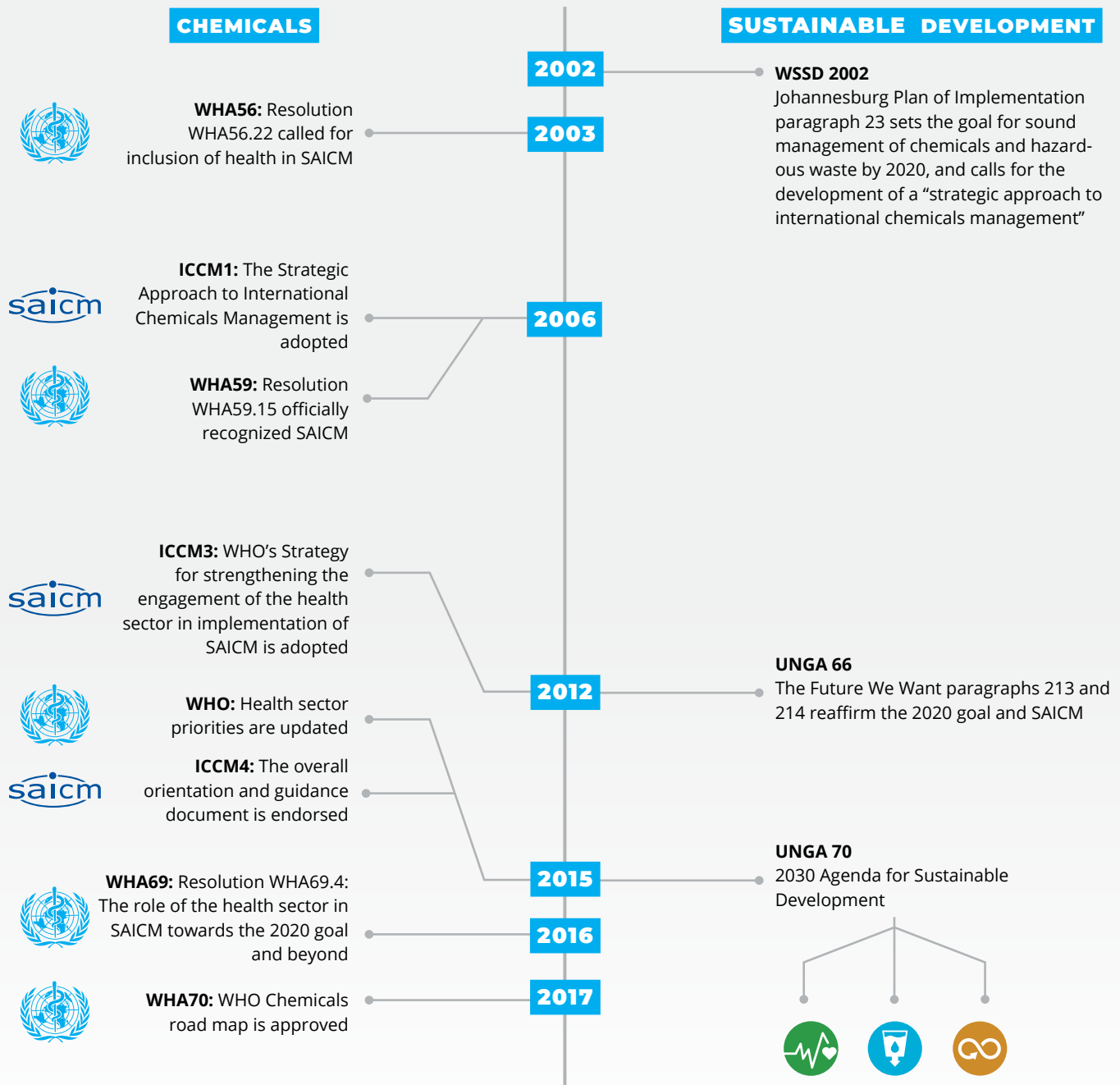
Resolution WHA69.4 also requested WHO to develop a road map outlining concrete actions to enhance health sector engagement towards meeting the 2020 goal and contributing to relevant targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In May 2017, the Seventieth World Health Assembly approved the *Road map to enhance health sector engagement in the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management towards the 2020 goal and beyond (the road map)*.

During discussion of the road map at the WHO Executive Board and the World Health Assembly, a number of countries requested assistance in implementing the road map. This workbook is intended, in part, to respond to these requests by offering a structured way to work through the road map, choose priorities and plan activities.

It is hoped that use of the workbook will facilitate the sharing of information and contribute to the identification of shared priorities and collaboration both within the health sector and with external partners.

Global policy context for the road map



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