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# UK Chemical Stakeholder Forum – new working groups

## Defra context setting

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# The UK chemicals framework

- UK REACH at the heart, alongside other statutory responsibilities and international obligations.
  - Will encompass developing thinking on specific issues e.g. EDCs, POPs, sustainable chemistry etc.
  - The Chemicals Strategy document will set out state of play and future direction of travel.
  - Call for Evidence – a first and key step in the process – will be asking for your **evidence**.
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# New CSF working groups

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# Vision of the Chemicals Stakeholder Forum

- **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:

- *‘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.
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# Strategic Goals

- Provide an open and trusting environment to support open dialogue and strong engagement between stakeholders.
  - 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.
  - Facilitate dialogue across the supply chain to enable moves towards a more circular economy, including more coherent and consistent legislation
  - Provide a space to share views on, and experiences of, EU and international developments.
  - [CSF website](#)
  - [CSF vision and goals](#)
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# Steering group

- Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM)
  - Royal Society of Chemistry
  - Society of Chemical Industry
  - CHEM Trust
  - Chemical Industries Association (CIA)
  - British Association for Chemical Specialities (BACS)
  
  - BEIS and HSE attend; Defra chairs
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# Recent feedback

Important to keep up momentum between meetings

Sub-group work in the form of delivering report and ideas into government would be useful in between meetings, with discussion at meetings

How can we do more sharing of intelligence – helps build up trust

More focused discussion to see whether the group can use their expertise to address some of the big problems

Build stronger relationships / build community

The UKCSF should reach out to other groups and coordinate e.g. with Chemicals Northwest, UK Chemical Self-Help Regulation Group etc.

# Considerations - Previous CSF sub-groups - examples

- A [guide to chemical services](#) April 2013

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It will be of value to all those who are concerned about sustainability. “

- A [guide to substitution](#) August 2010

“This note provides an easily accessible introduction to the process of substitution. It has been produced in order to influence stakeholder behaviour both at a national and international level in all parts of the supply chain.

It will be of value to all those who, like the Forum, wish to promote sustainable consumption and production “

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# Current active CSF sub-groups

- **Beyond 2020 framework sub-group (Strategic Approach to International Chemicals management) sub-group**
  - **Chemical-product-waste interface sub-group**
    - To ensure that products are managed in a way that recognises the dual needs to optimise both protection of human health and the environment and maximise resource efficiency. This involves dealing with the legacy of chemicals which contaminate waste streams and putting in place systems that prevent future problems.
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# New CSF working groups – draft aims

- **Build up engagement** of the Forum and bring in new stakeholders, as we develop a new chemicals framework
  - Better meet the vision and strategic goals of the Forum by establishing **dialogue on some of the key issues** of the moment
  - Build **collaborative relationships between organisations working** throughout the lifecycle of chemicals and create an environment in which new ideas can emerge.
  - Provide **learning opportunities for all**
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# Three proposed working groups

- Global Chemicals Strategies – Camilla Alexander-White (RSC)
  - Green Feedstocks – David Bott (SCI)
  - Essential Use – Anna Watson (CHEM Trust)
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