BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

Summary of the results of the online survey on the draft joint clearing-house mechanism strategy for the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

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I.   The survey

1.   By decisions BC-12/21, RC-7/11 and SC-7/29 on the clearing-house mechanism for information exchange, the Conferences of the Parties invited Parties and others to provide comments on the draft joint clearing-house mechanism strategy[1], in particular on the scope, national and regional priorities and needs, and goals described in section IV of the strategy.

2.   In the same decisions, it was requested that the Secretariat should prepare, for consideration by the Conferences of the Parties at their meetings in 2017, a revised joint clearing-house mechanism strategy, taking into account, among other things, the comments provided by Parties and others.

3.   To this aim, the Secretariat conducted an online survey (http://www.brsmeas.org/?tabid=4648) to collect feedback from Parties and others on the draft joint clearing-house mechanism strategy from 5 October to 31 December 2015. A blank questionnaire is available in Annex III of this document. All individual responses are available on the website at this URL: http://www.brsmeas.org/?tabid=4648.

II.   Respondents

4.   A total of 49 respondents participated on the online survey. They are listed in Annex II. The European Union and its member states submitted their feedback in a form of a document. Therefore their views are not reflected in the figures presented in this document. However, their comments were taken into account and incorporated in the revised strategy. All responses have been uploaded on the Secretariat website for reference[2]. Figures 1 and 2 illustrate the composition of the 49 respondents.
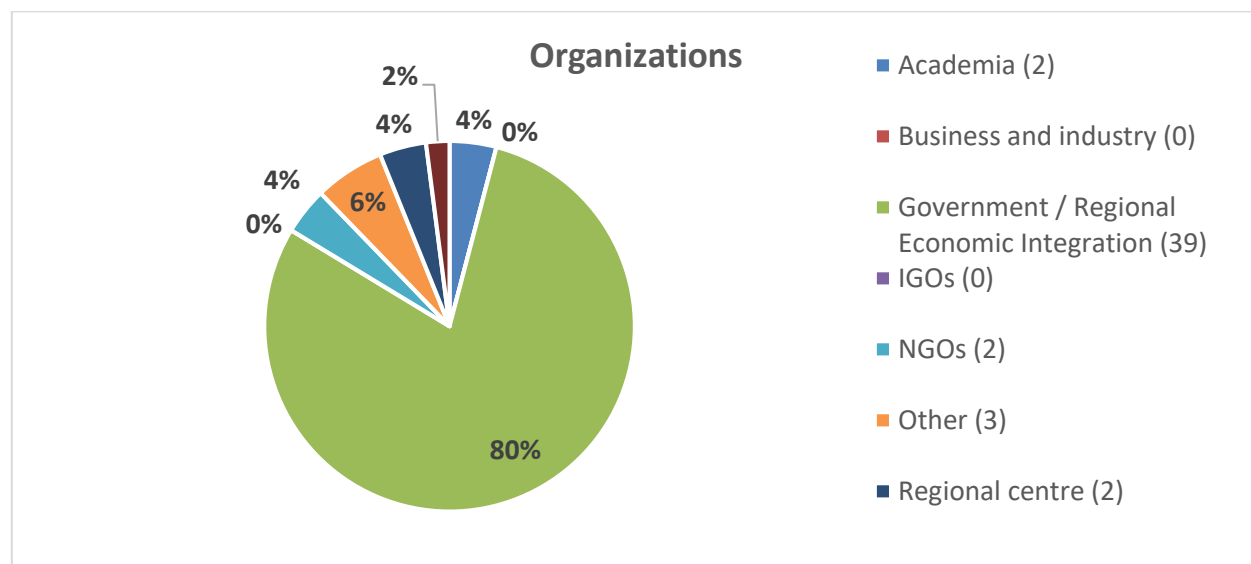

Figure 1: Stakeholders' composition of the 49 respondents to the online survey

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[1] See UNEP/CHW.12/INF/50-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/36-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/56

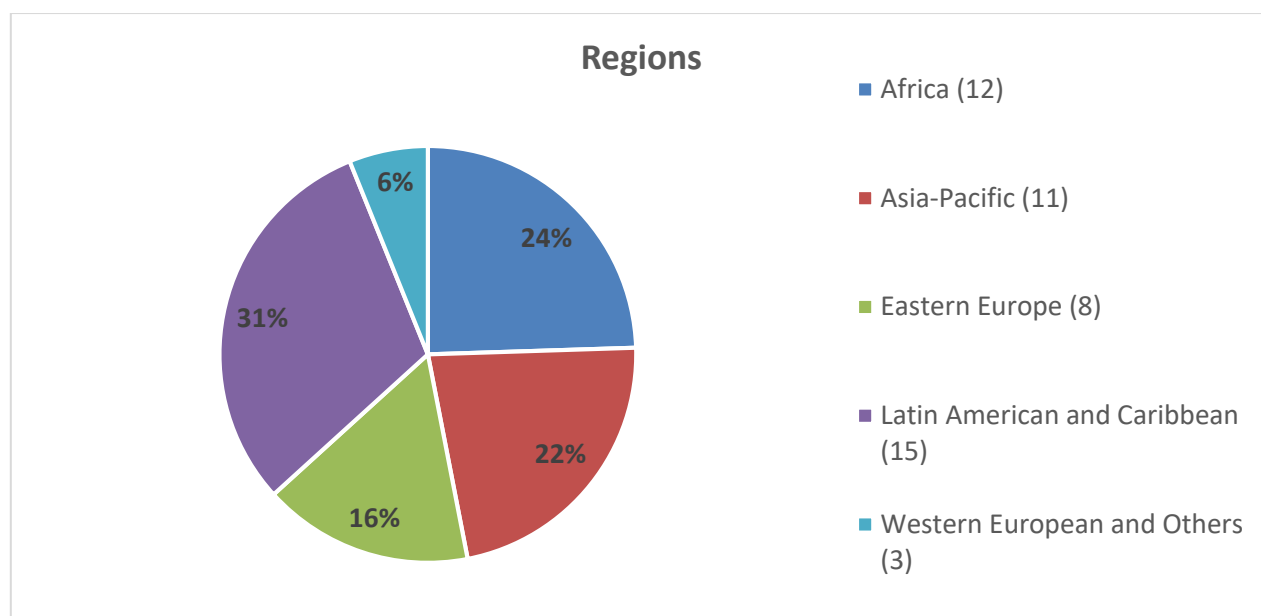[2] http://www.brsmeas.org/?tabid=4648

Figure 2: Regional composition of the 49 respondents to the online survey

5.   39 responses were received from 36 Parties. 3 submissions were received from the same Party, from either different ministries or contact points (Madagascar, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Peru). It is also noted that 26 (67%) responses from governments were submitted by official country contacts to the conventions.

6.   Out of the 36 Parties who provided their comments through the online survey, 31 (86%) are from developing countries and countries with economies in transition and 5 (14%) from developed countries.

7.   With regard to the other stakeholders who responded to the survey, 5 (50%) are accredited, or linked in case of regional centre, to at least one of the conventions.

III.   Representativeness of respondents views

8.   With regard to representativeness of the feedback received from Parties, 20% of Parties to the conventions provided feedback on the draft strategy through the online survey. According to statistical rules[3], with such a response rate, with a confidence level of 99%, there is an error margin of 7.6% on the figures expressed by Parties in this survey[4]. The ratio of respondents from developing countries and countries with economies in transition is higher than the one of developed countries. Table 1 illustrate the overall and regional ratio and error margins on the figures used in this document.

Regions	Number of Parties	Number of responses	Ratio
Africa	53	10	19%
Asia-Pacific	55	8	15%
Eastern Europe	22	8	36%
Latin American and Caribbean	31	11	35%
Western European and Others	30	2	7%
Total	**191**	**39**	**20%**

Table 1: Representativeness of Parties' views

9.   The qualitative comments received are listed in Annex I of this document.

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[3] http://www.nss.gov.au/nss/home.nsf/pages/Sample+size+calculator

[4] In simple terms, it means that there is 99% chances that, if the same questions were asked to all Parties, we will get the same responses with an error margin of + or – 7.6%.

IV.   Views on mission, vision and definition of the joint clearing-house mechanism

10.   With regard to the joint clearing-house mechanism mission statement expressed in paragraph 14 of the draft strategy, 37 (76%) respondents found it acceptable and 7 (14%) found that it could be improved. More Parties found it acceptable (82%) than other stakeholders (50%). None said that it was not acceptable. Figure 3 outlines views from respondents (overall, Parties and others) on the mission statement.

Figure 3: views from respondents on the mission statement

11.   With regard to the joint clearing-house mechanism vision statement expressed in paragraphs 15 to 17 of the draft strategy, 36 (73%) respondents found it acceptable, 7 (14%) found that it could be improved and 1 found it not acceptable. More Parties found it acceptable (79%) than other stakeholders (50%). Figure 4 outlines views from respondents (overall, Parties and others) on the vision statement.
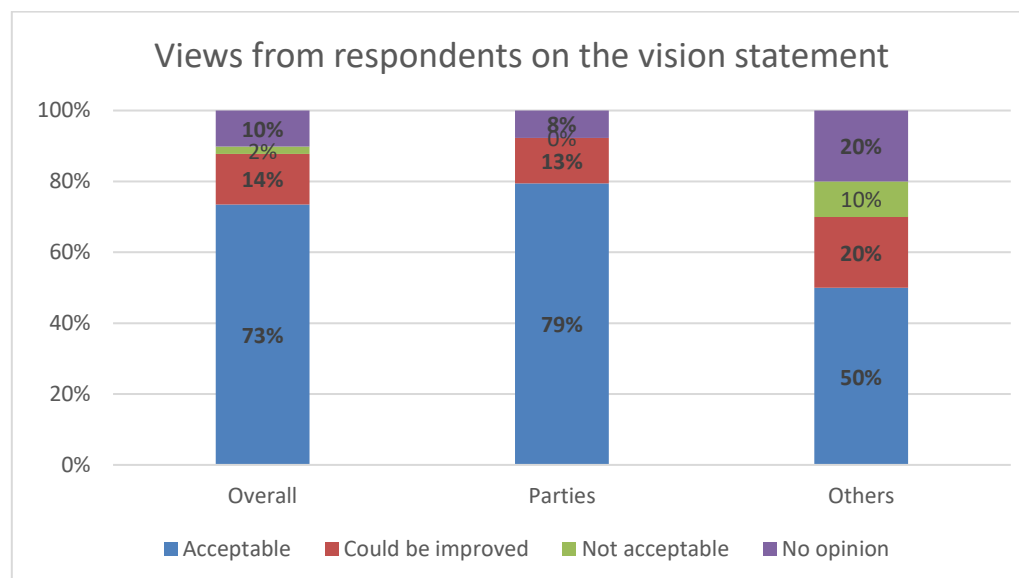
Figure 4: views from respondents on the vision statement

12.   With regard to the joint clearing-house mechanism definition expressed in paragraph 69 of the draft strategy, 36 (73%) respondents found it acceptable and 6 (12%) found that it could be improved. More Parties found it acceptable (77%) than other stakeholders (60%). None said that it was not acceptable. Figure 5 outlines views from respondents (overall, Parties and others) on the definition statement.
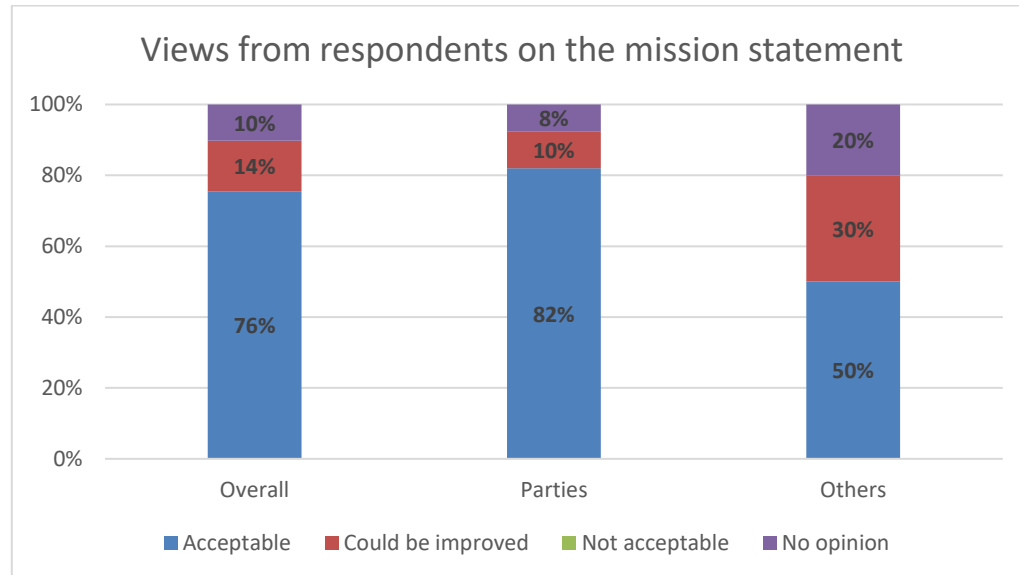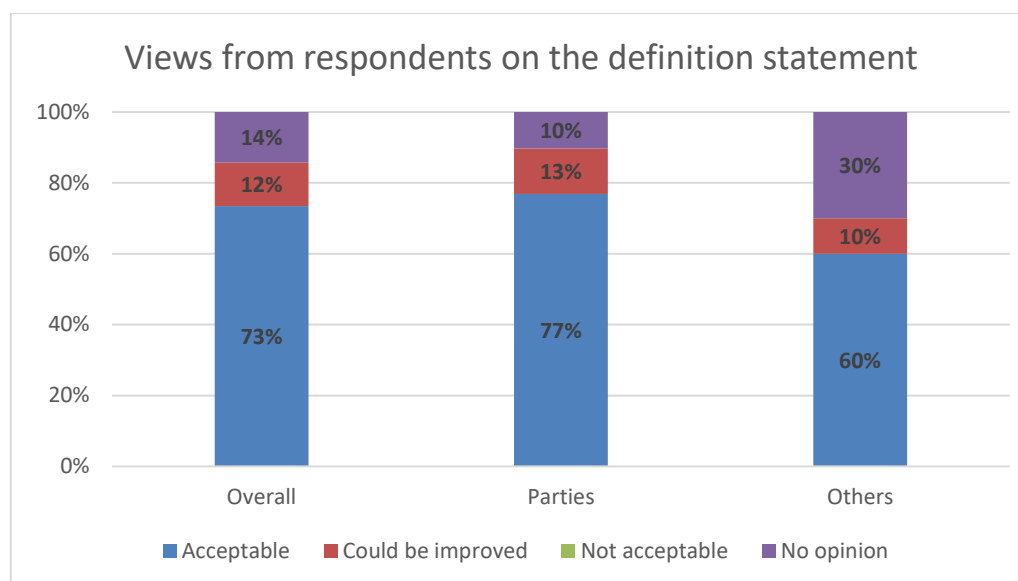
Figure 5: views from respondents on the definition statement

V.   Scope of information, tools and communities and their roles

13.   With regards to the scope of information to be covered by the joint clearing-house mechanism, respondents have indicated that all broad categories of information should be included. However there are some differences in the figures that could indicate a level of priority for inclusion in the mechanism. Figure 6 outlines views from respondents on the scope of information to be covered.
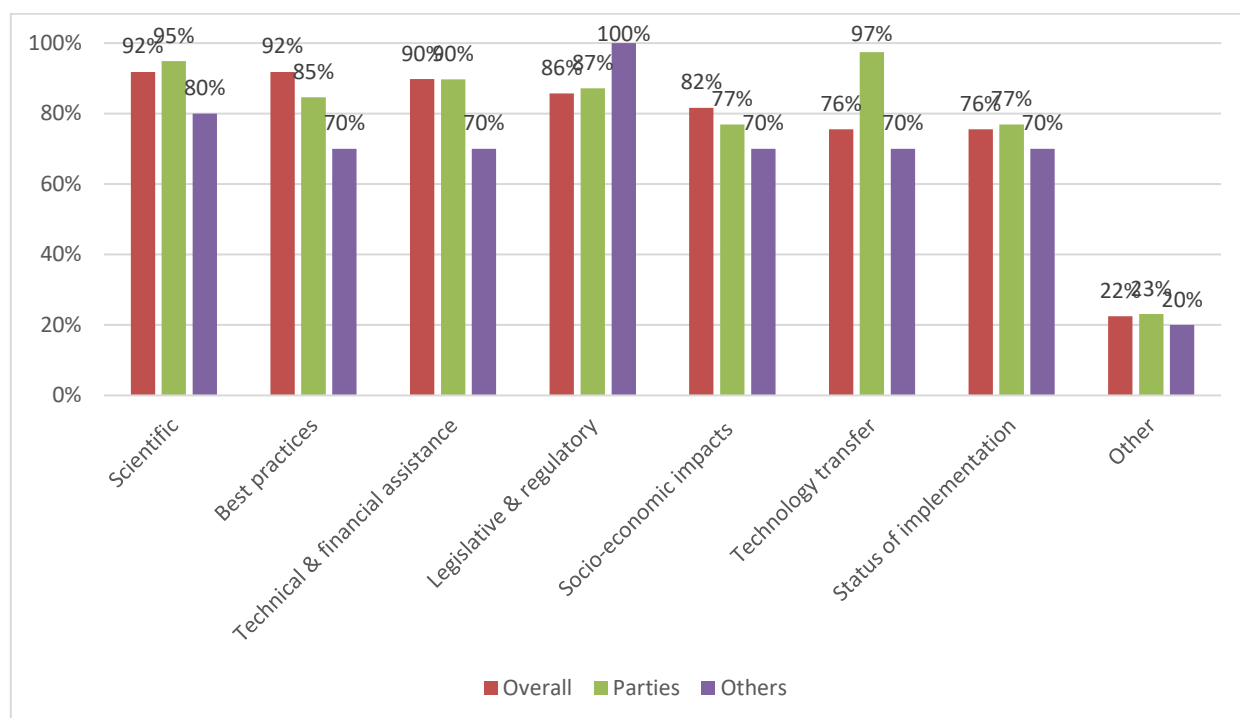
Figure 6: views from respondents on the scope of information

14.   With regard to the scope of tools and services to be covered by the joint clearing-house mechanism, views of Parties and others are very similar. A majority of respondents indicated that, except social media tools which may be seen more as communication tools than an information exchange tool, all online tools should be covered by the joint clearing-house mechanism. Only 18 (37%) respondents indicated that paper should be used as a media for information exchange activities. It can be noted that more than two thirds of the respondents indicated their preferences for conventions' websites, databases, information exchange systems, online reporting, online

questionnaires, common websites at regional levels and online collaboration tools should be used by the joint clearing-house mechanism. Newsletters and listservers were mentioned as other possible tools. Figure 7 outlines the views of respondents on the tools and services that should be used or provided by the joint clearing-house mechanism.
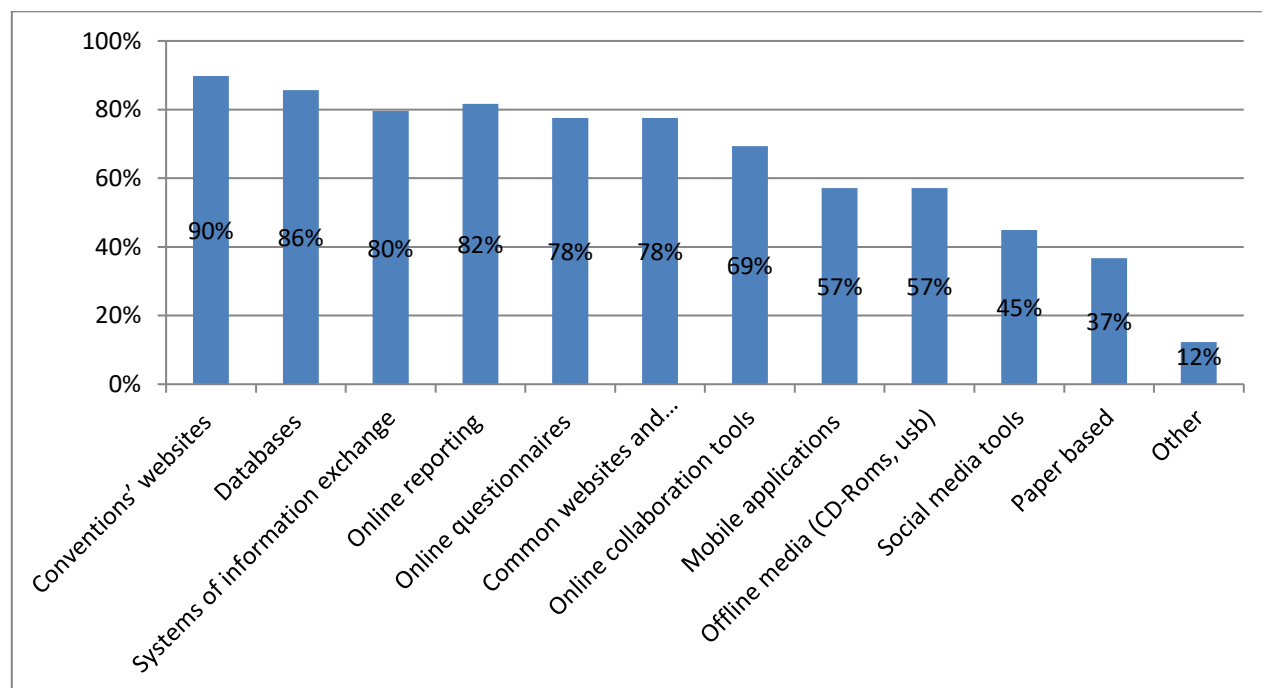
Figure 7: views of respondents on the tools and services that should be used or provided

15.   With regard to the network, or community, of people and organizations using and contributing to the joint clearing-house mechanism, a majority of respondents identified all stakeholders group as potential information users and providers.

16.   Above two thirds of the respondents indicated that Parties; United Nations bodies and specialized agencies; researchers, universities and related initiatives; regional centres; and funding agencies and mechanisms and other donors should be seen as information providers actively contributing to the joint clearing-house mechanism. More than half of the respondents, but less than two thirds of them, indicated that environmental non-governmental organizations, industry and private sector, local authorities and states non-Parties should also be part of the information providers. Such categories could be used for prioritization of such groups.

17.   Figure 8 outlines views of respondents on which stakeholders group should be part of the joint clearing-house mechanism and which role they should play. Figure 9 outlines the different views between Parties and others in relation to which stakeholders groups should directly contribute to the mechanism as information providers.

Respondents' views on stakeholders groups and their roles within the joint clearing-house mechanism
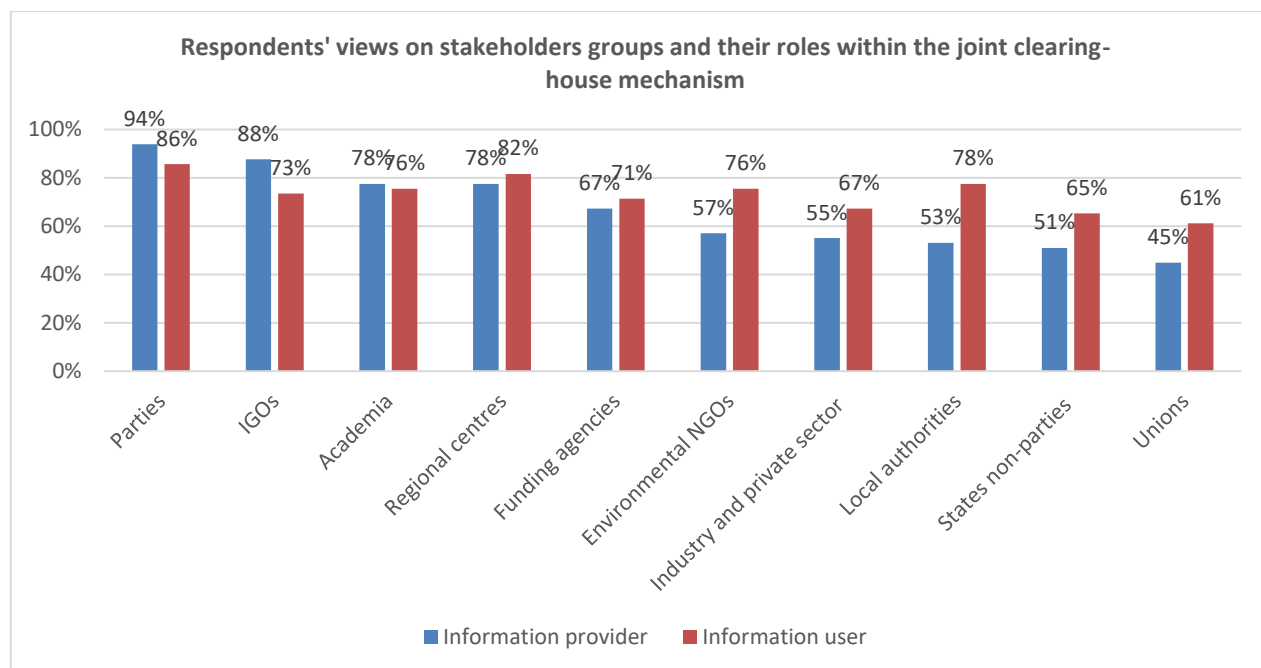
Figure 8. Respondents' views on stakeholders groups and their roles

Parties and others views on which stakeholders groups should serve as information providers
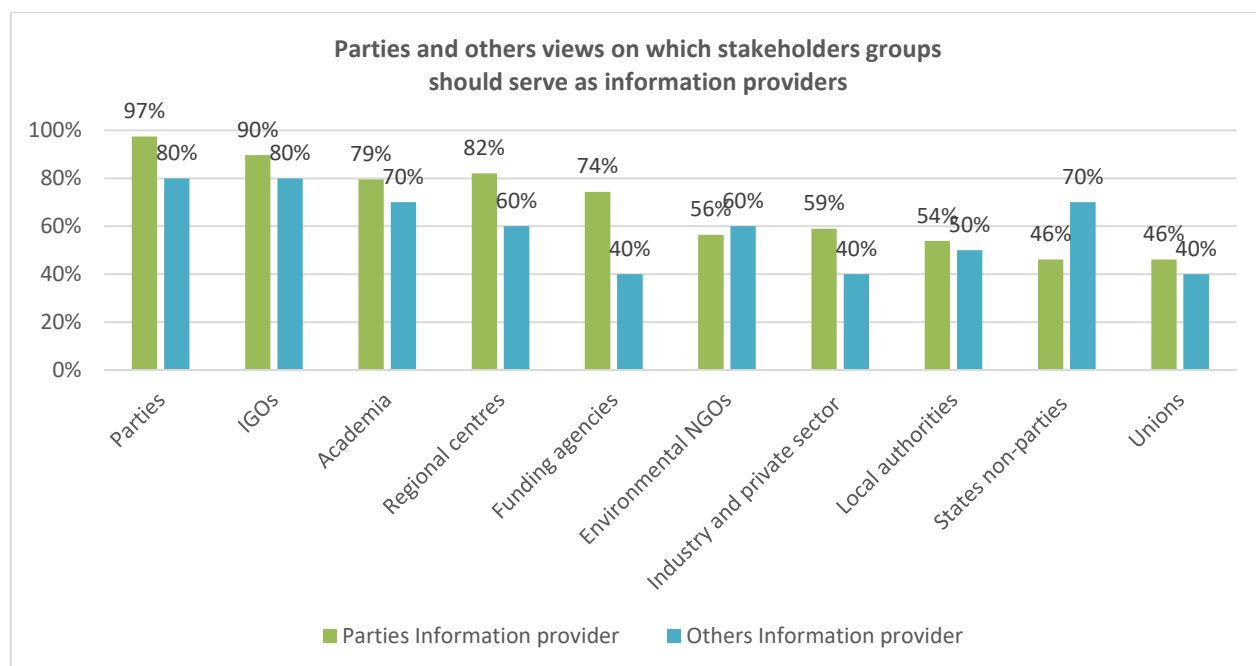
Figure 9: views of Parties and others on which groups should provide information

18.   With regard to the process for becoming a member of the joint clearing-house mechanism, views from Parties and others are close. Figure 10 outlines the views form Parties and others in relation to the membership process.
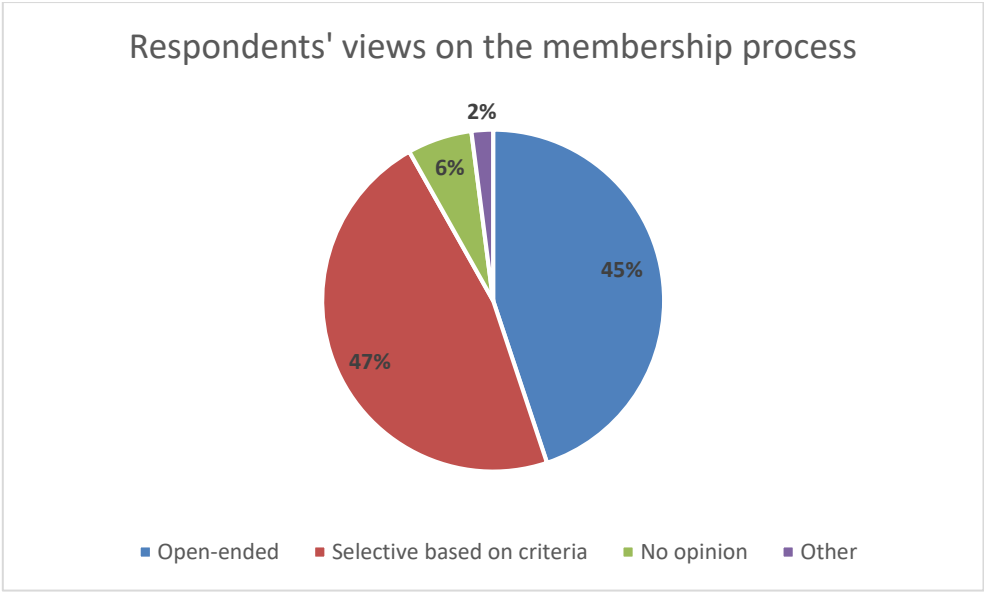
Figure 10: respondents' views on the membership process

VI.   Goals

19.   With regards to the first goal on the "enhancement of infrastructure and services to facilitate identification, collection, integration and exchange of information and the creation of a global knowledge base", most of the respondents expressed that this goal was sound. Figure 11 outlines respondents' views in relation to the first goal.
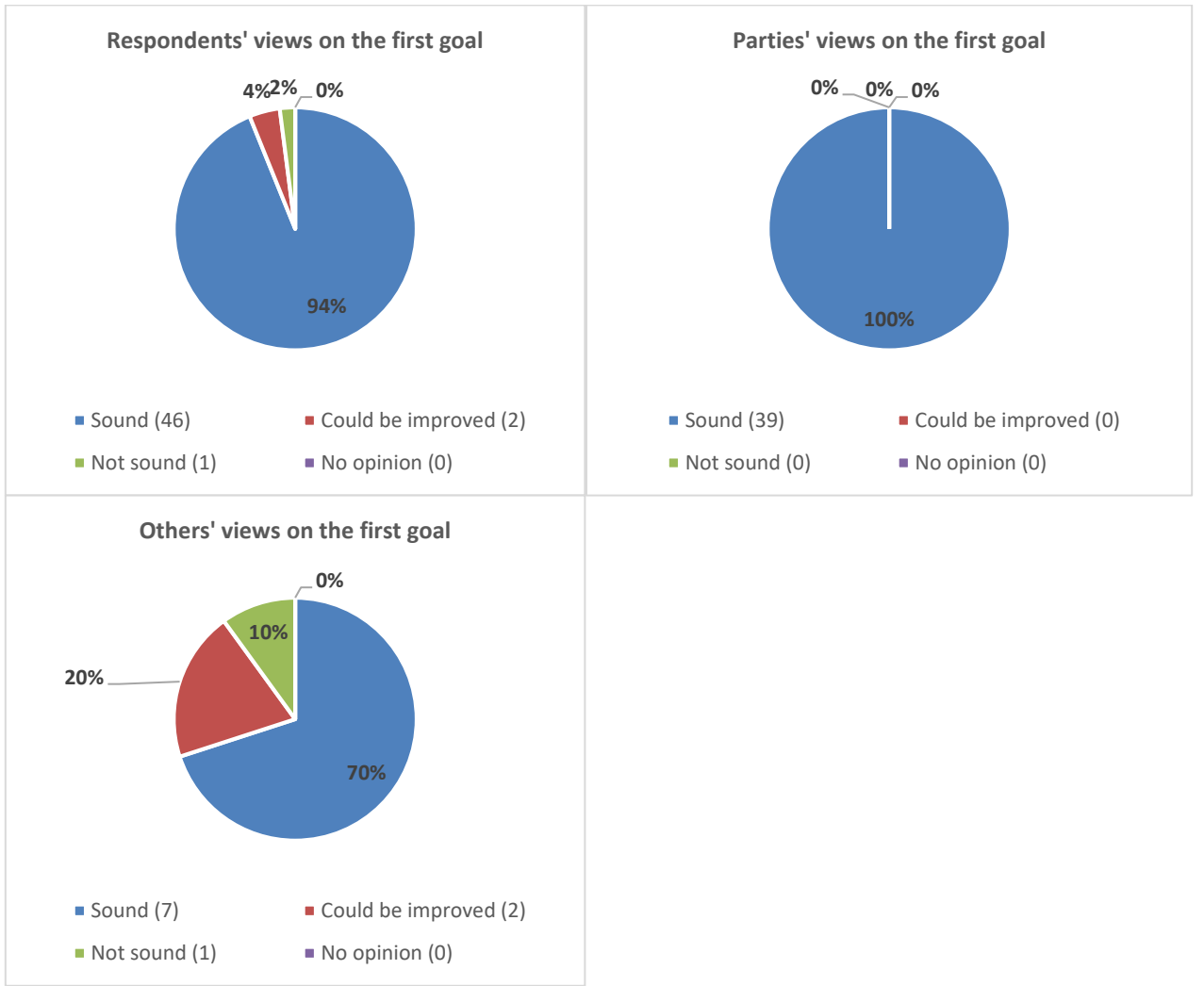
Figure 11: views from respondents on the first goal

20.   With regards to the second goal on "establishment of the joint clearing-house mechanism global network of information providers, users and institutions", most of the respondents expressed that this goal was sound. Figure 12 outlines respondents' views in relation to the second goal.
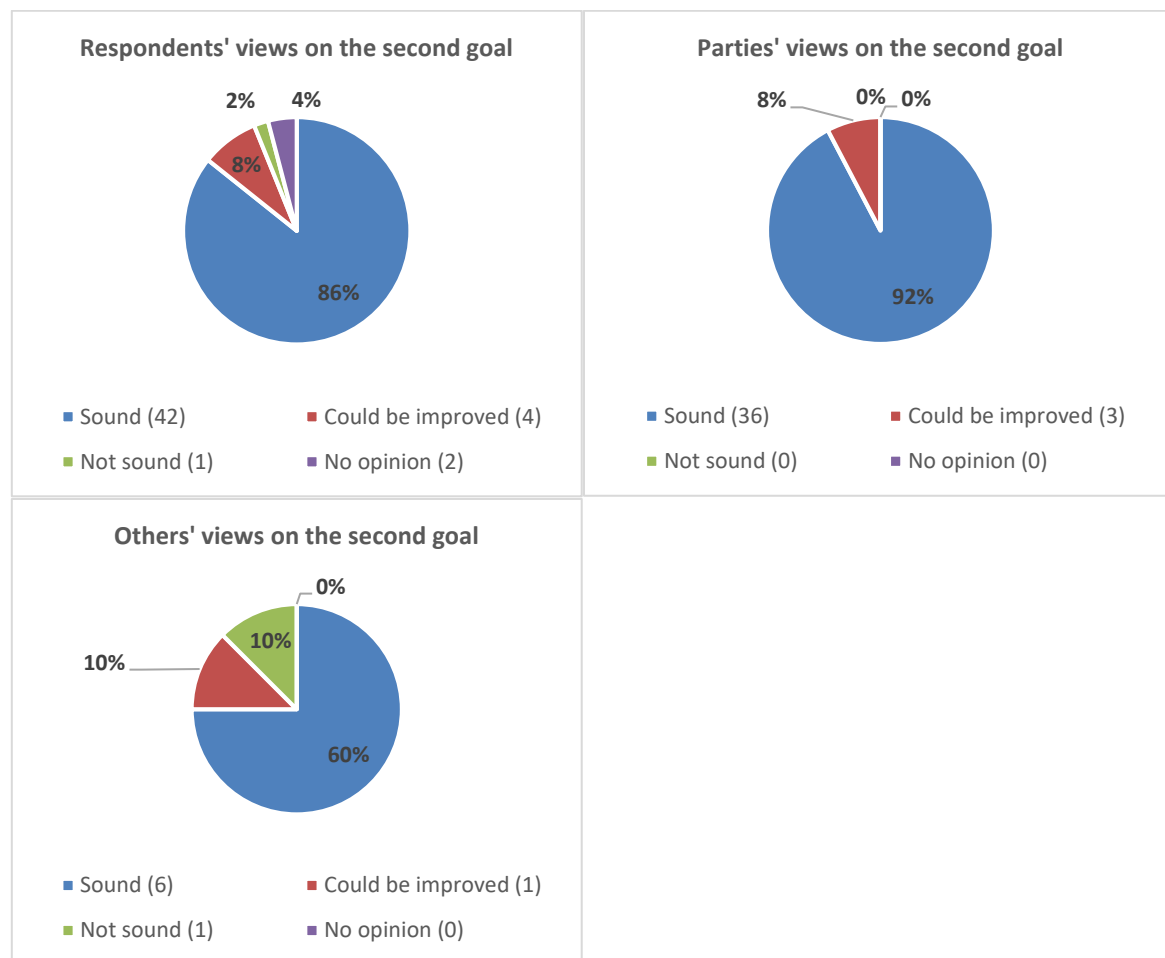
Figure 12: views from respondents on the second goal

21.   With regard to the proposed approaches to implement the first and second goals, more than two thirds of the respondents found them sound. Figure 13 outlines respondents' views on the proposed approaches to implement the proposed goals.
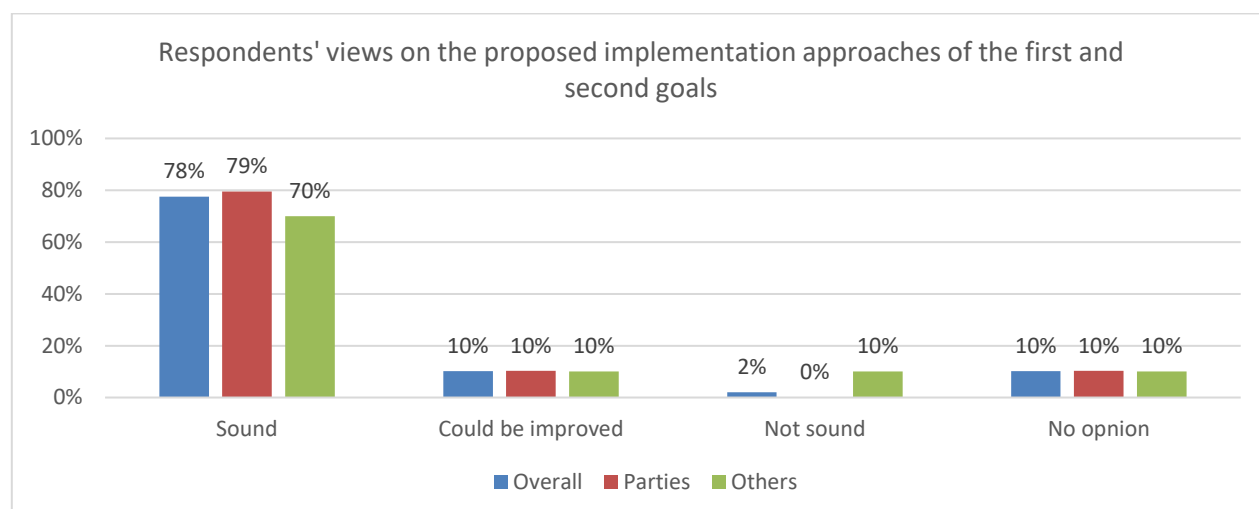
Figure 13: respondents' views on the proposed implementation approaches for the goals

VII. Monitoring and evaluation

22.   With regard to the means for the Secretariat to collect information exchange needs and priorities, more than two thirds of the respondents indicated all proposed means. Figure 13 outlines respondents' views, overall and for each group, on how the Secretariat should collect information exchange needs and priorities.
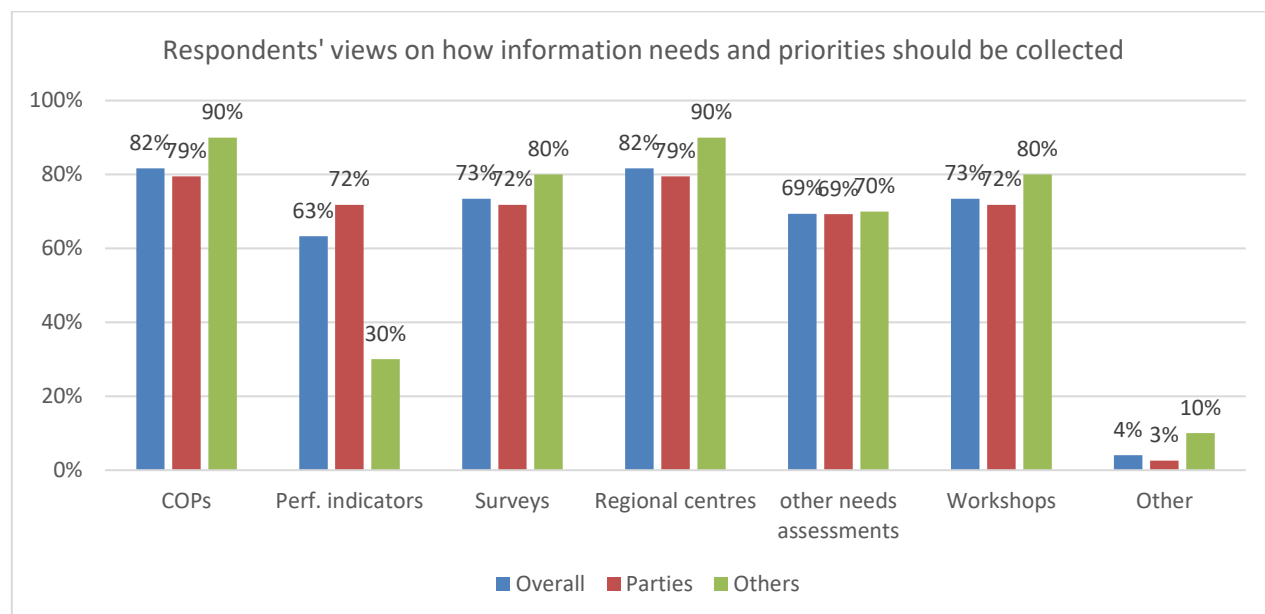
Figure 14: Respondents' views on how information needs and priorities should be collected

23.   With regard to the frequency for revision of such information exchange needs and priorities, a majority of respondents indicated that it should be every two years, likely to coincide with the meetings of the Conferences of the Parties. Figure 14 outlines respondents' views on the frequency of revision of needs information exchange needs and priorities.
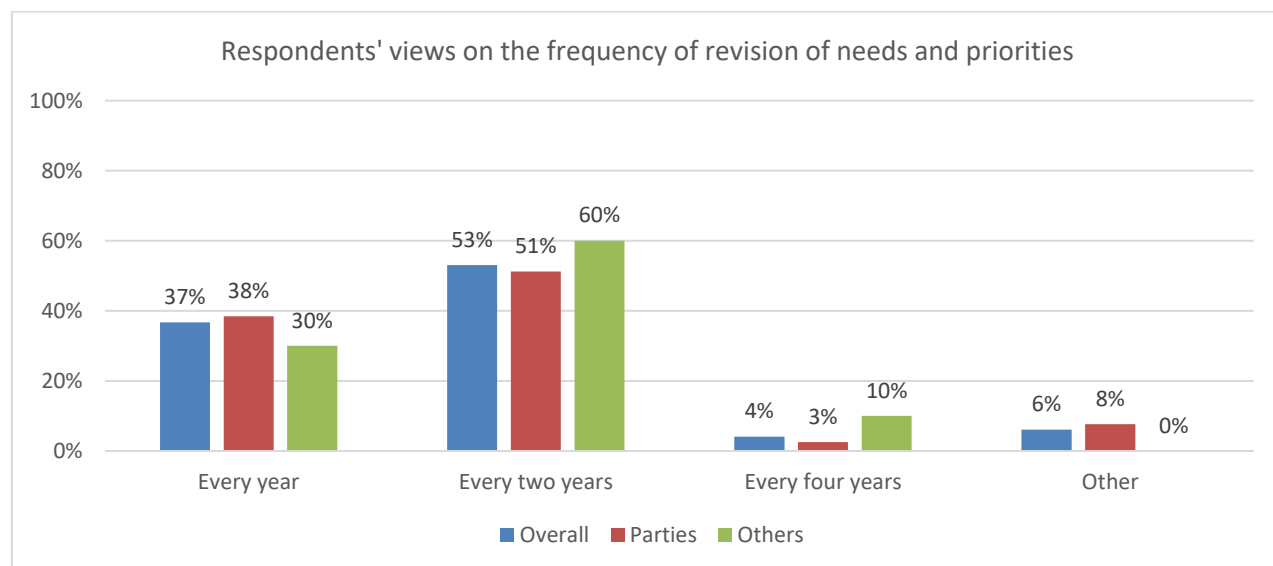
Figure 15: Respondents' views on the frequency of revision of needs and priorities

24.   With regard to the ways to evaluate the joint clearing-house mechanism performance, a majority of respondents indicated that all proposed means should be used, combining analysis of performance indicators, feedback gathered through surveys and also during workshops. Figure 15 outlines respondents' views on which tools should be used to evaluate the performance of the mechanism.
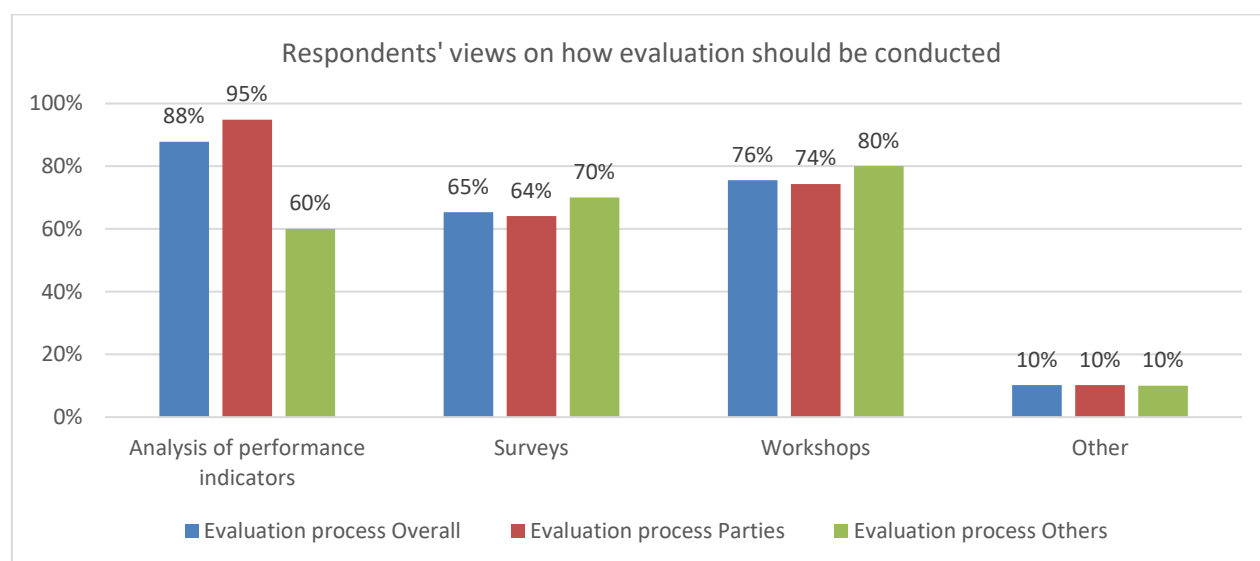
Figure 16: Respondents' views on how evaluation should be conducted

25.   With regard to possible indicators that could be used to evaluate the joint clearing-house mechanism performance, respondents indicated that all proposed indicators would be effective. Table 2 outlines respondents' views in relation to the effectiveness of possible indicators.

| Indicators	Very effective	Less effective	No opinion
Number of Information sources	77.08% (37)	14.58% (7)	8.33% (4)
Percentage of information gaps addressed	83.33% (40)	8.33% (4)	8.33% (4)
User perception of value of information to meet the goals of the conventions	56.52% (26)	32.61% (15)	10.87% (5)
Number of times tools have been accessed	63.83% (30)	27.66% (13)	8.51% (4)
Number of tools developed	65.96% (31)	19.15% (9)	14.89% (7)
Number of times tools have been accessed per user group	55.32% (26)	25.53% (12)	19.15% (9)
Number of times tools have been accessed per region	60.87% (28)	26.09% (12)	13.04% (6)
Number of retrieved or distributed documents per media	57.45% (27)	25.53% (12)	17.02% (8)
Number of documents	61.7% (29)	27.66% (13)	10.64% (5)
Average number of retrieved documents per user	48.94% (23)	36.17% (17)	14.89% (7)
Number of retrieved documents per user group	58.7% (27)	23.91% (11)	17.39% (8)
Number of retrieved documents per region	63.83% (30)	21.28% (10)	14.89% (7)
Number of documents contributed	65.22% (30)	26.09% (12)	8.7% (4)
Number of documents contributed per user group	63.64% (28)	22.73% (10)	13.64% (6)
Number of documents contributed per region	73.33% (33)	13.33% (6)	13.33% (6)
Number of times services have been used	71.11% (32)	24.44% (11)	4.44% (2)
Number of times services have been used per user group	61.36% (27)	22.73% (10)	15.91% (7)
Number of times services have been used per region	61.36% (27)	20.45% (9)	18.18% (8)
User perception of quality of documents	71.11% (32)	20% (9)	8.89% (4)
User perception of Quality of Services	75.56% (34)	17.78% (8)	6.67% (3)
Services performing according to predefined targets	63.64% (28)	15.91% (7)	20.45% (9)
User perception of user friendliness of the Tools	59.09% (26)	29.55% (13)	11.36% (5)

User perception of quality of information	84.44% (38)	11.11% (5)	4.44% (2)
User perception of speed in locating information	77.78% (35)	17.78% (8)	4.44% (2)
User perception of speed in information delivery (Excluding websites)	71.11% (32)	22.22% (10)	6.67% (3)
User perception of speed and facility for contributing and sharing information	72.73% (32)	22.73% (10)	4.55% (2)
Number of Services	56.82% (25)	40.91% (18)	2.27% (1)
Percentage of uptime of servers	57.78% (26)	31.11% (14)	11.11% (5)
Number of system failures	64.44% (29)	26.67% (12)	8.89% (4)
Average number of reported bugs per tool	48.89% (22)	28.89% (13)	22.22% (10)
Number of requests and searches for information	84.44% (38)	11.11% (5)	4.44% (2)
Percentage of successful searches	86.67% (39)	11.11% (5)	2.22% (1)
Number of requests for information integration	66.67% (30)	17.78% (8)	15.56% (7)
Number of requests for information integration addressed	63.64% (28)	18.18% (8)	18.18% (8)
User perception of helpfulness of CHM for integrating information	68.18% (30)	18.18% (8)	13.64% (6)
Number of information packages	45.45% (20)	34.09% (15)	20.45% (9)
Number of website pages	42.22% (19)	33.33% (15)	24.44% (11)
Number of institutions per user group	42.22% (19)	31.11% (14)	26.67% (12)
Number of user groups	55.56% (25)	28.89% (13)	15.56% (7)
Number of network members	55.56% (25)	31.11% (14)	13.33% (6)
Number of network members by user group	50% (22)	36.36% (16)	13.64% (6)
Number of network members by region	52.27% (23)	31.82% (14)	15.91% (7)
Number of information needs and priorities submitted	77.78% (35)	13.33% (6)	8.89% (4)
Percentage of network members contributing	68.89% (31)	17.78% (8)	13.33% (6)
Percentage of network members contributing by user group	60% (27)	22.22% (10)	17.78% (8)
Percentage of network members contributing by region	64.44% (29)	20% (9)	15.56% (7)
Number of available experts per region	75.56% (34)	17.78% (8)	6.67% (3)
Number of sound measures, experiences and case studies contributed	71.11% (32)	17.78% (8)	11.11% (5)
Number of joint contributions	64.44% (29)	28.89% (13)	6.67% (3)
Number of promotional events	55.56% (25)	28.89% (13)	15.56% (7)
Number of different users using the system	66.67% (30)	26.67% (12)	6.67% (3)
Number of people receiving promotional materials	40% (18)	40% (18)	20% (9)
Number of promotional materials	44.44% (20)	33.33% (15)	22.22% (10)
Number of unique visits to website	56.82% (25)	29.55% (13)	13.64% (6)
Number of partners	65.96% (31)	23.4% (11)	10.64% (5)
Number of funding institutions	70.21% (33)	14.89% (7)	14.89% (7)
Number of potential collaboration agreements	57.45% (27)	29.79% (14)	12.77% (6)
Number of confirmed collaboration agreements	69.57% (32)	17.39% (8)	13.04% (6)

Table 2: respondents' views in relation to the effectiveness of possible indicators

Annex I: qualitative comments

1. Comments received in relation to the mission statement

Organization name	الـ بـيـئة وزارة
Country	Egypt
	صـح يـح عـلمـى ا سـاس عـلى محدثـ ةومجمعةتـ كون وان الـمـعـلومة جودة من الـ تاكد {Google translate: Make sure the quality of information and be updated grouped on the basis of scientifically valid}
Organization name	DGEco
Country	Madagascar
	Le centre d'échange d'information est important pour la diffusion et l'échange des informations aux parties et aux intéressés pour la mise en œuvre des 3 conventions
Organization name	MINISTRY OF WATER LAND ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
Country	Jamaica
	The use of the term "or" makes the mission seem unclear. recommend using the phrase "and/or" or "and as appropriate"
Organization name	AGENCIA ECUATORIANA DE ASEGURAMIENTO DE LA CALIDAD DEL AGRO-AGROCALIDAD
Country	Ecuador
	Cambiar las palabras "con vistas a" por las plabras "con el propósito de". {Google translate: Change the words "overlooking" the words "for the purpose of".}
Organization name	Ministère de l'Environnement, de l'Ecologie et du Développement Durable
Country	Central African Republic
	La République Centrafricaine s'adhère à la mission définie par le texte qu'elle considère adéquate. {Google translate: The Central African Republic adheres to the mission defined by the text it considers adequate.}
Organization name	Государственное агентство охраны окружащей среды и лесного хозяйства при Праивтельстве КР
Country	Kyrgyzstan
	Я думаю, что будет открытый доступ к информациям {Google translate: I think that will open access to information}
Organization name	DGGIMAR/ SEMARNAT
Country	Mexico
	Consideramos que el texto es satisfactorio. {Google translate: We believe that the text is satisfactory.}
Organization name	Environmental Protection Agency (Guyana)
Country	Guyana
	The mission statement is concise, direct and clearly defines the intent of the joint clearing-house mechanism. However for this strategy, the vision statements seem more like a mission statement.a vision statement should be concise and clear.
Organization name	SENASA – MINAGRI
Country	Peru
	Me parece que la Misión es clara y está bien orientada. {Google translate: I think the mission is clear and well oriented.}
Organization name	Ministerio del Ambiente

Country	Peru
	Propuesta: Promover la cooperación entre las Partes y otros interesados directos en la aplicación de los convenios de Basilea, Rotterdam y Estocolmo, mediante la gestión de la información, las mejores prácticas disponibles en el uso de las TICs, la difusión del conocimiento y el intercambio de experiencias. {Google translate: Proposal: Promote cooperation between Parties and other stakeholders in the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm, by managing the information, best practices available in the use of ICT, knowledge dissemination and exchange of experiences .}
Organization name	Ministere chargé de l'Environnement
Country	Madagascar
	Effectivité de la mise en œuvre de cette stratégie au niveau nationale car cela nous manque beaucoup DEPUIS LONGTEMPS {Google translate: Effectiveness of the implementation of this strategy at national level because it is missed for so LONG}
Organization name	Zambia Environmental Management Agency
Country	Zambia
	Kindly consider the possibility of including facilitation or undertaking the "generation" of information in addition to identification, collection, management, distribution and exchange?
Organization name	SFE-MAG
Country	Costa Rica
	Me parece que esta bien. {Google translate: I think it's fine.}
Organization name	Département de la Protection des Végétaux, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Elevage
Country	Burundi
	14. Le centre d'échange d'informations encouragera, facilitera et entreprendra l'identification, la collecte, la gestion, la diffusion et l'échange d'informations et de compétences pour aider les Parties et autres intéressés à mettre en œuvre les Conventions de Bâle, de Rotterdam et de Stockholm. {Google translate: 14. The clearing-house will promote, facilitate and undertake the identification, collection, management, dissemination and exchange of information and expertise to assist Parties and others to implement the Conventions Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm.}
Organization name	وزارة البيئة ال
Country	Qatar
	ملاحظات اي ت وجد ولا واضحة {Google translate: Clear and there is no any comments}

2.   Comments received in relation to the vision statement

Organization name	وزارة البيئة ال
Country	Egypt
	قد عادها بعد يقب تط نط ال ما برم تم ثماي حدي ت {Google translate: I think that after the application may be updated}
Organization name	DGEco
Country	Madagascar

	Le centre d'échange d'information vise donc à l'actualisation et à la diffusion à grande échelle des informations
Organization name	Ministère du Tourisme et de l'Environnement (Direction Générale de l'Environnement)
Country	Congo
	15. Il s'agit de mettre en place un centre d'échange d'informations....et de qualité, nécessaires pour faciliter la mise en œuvre des (permettre d'appliquer les) Conventions de Bâle, de Rotterdam et de Stockholm ... 16. Le centre d'échange d'informations ... Les informations...intégrées, traduites (si nécessaire), traitées ... {Google translate: 15. This is to set up a clearing house .... and quality necessary to facilitate the implementation of the (allow to apply) the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm ... 16. The clearing information ... information ... integrated, translated (if necessary), treated ...}
Organization name	Environment and Climate Change Canada
Country	Canada
	The vision statement is acceptable but could be improved by adding reference to the needs/priorities identified by the Parties at COPs (i.e. most recently through decision BC 12/21, RC-7/11, SC-7/29 paragraph 5(a)). This could be introduced to the vision statement at the end of paragraph 15: The aim is to develop a global clearing-house mechanism that empowers stakeholders and users with the means to contribute and access up-to-date, quality information necessary to support the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, in a transparent, neutral, efficient and user friendly manner and with strong emphasis on regional delivery [ADD: and the priorities identified by the Conference of the Parties.]
Organization name	AGENCIA ECUATORIANA DE ASEGURAMIENTO DE LA CALIDAD DEL AGRO-AGROCALIDAD
Country	Ecuador
	Ninguna observación {Google translate: no remark}
Organization name	Ministry of health&environment
Country	Iraq
	no comment
Organization name	Ministère de l'Environnement, de l'Ecologie et du Développement Durable
Country	Central African Republic
	La vision 17 est acceptable par la République Centrafricaine du fait qu'elle réuni les conditions de communication rapide et transparente. Néanmoins, l'appui aux pays Parties aux trois Conventions principalement les pays pauvres ou ceux en voie de développement s'avère indispensable pour une réelle mise en œuvre desdites Conventions (Bale, Rotterdam et Stockholm). {Google translate: Vision 17 is acceptable to the Central African Republic because it met the conditions for fast and transparent communication. Nevertheless, support for country Parties to the three Conventions mainly poor countries or those in developing is essential for a real implementation of those conventions (Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm).}
Organization name	Ministry of Land, Environment and Rural Development
Country	Mozambique

	The paragraph 17 placed will being complement quite well the vision.
Organization name	Ministry of Environment
Country	Albania
	As regards the paragraphs 15,16,17 I would like to add, that to share a quality information needs capable employees(which are trained for their work, needs collaboration between central institutions and institutions under them.
Organization name	Direction de l'Environnement
Country	Monaco
	néant {Google translate: none}
Organization name	BCRC China
Country	China
	对区域成果描述模糊 {Google translate: Regional outcome fuzzy description}
Organization name	Государствнное агентство охраны окружащей среды и лесного хозяйства при Праивтельстве КР
Country	Kyrgyzstan
	Думаю, что концепция увеличит эффективность осуществления конвенции на местах. {Google translate: I think that the concept of increasing the efficiency of the local convention.}
Organization name	DGGIMAR/ SEMARNAT
Country	Mexico
	Consideramos que el texto es satisfactorio. {Google translate: We believe that the text is satisfactory.}
Organization name	Environmental Protection Agency (Guyana)
Country	Guyana
	The vision statements are clear, however these seem more alligned to the mission of the clearing-house mechanism. A vision statement should be concise, while the mission statement should be more detailed.
Organization name	Ministerio del Ambiente
Country	Peru
	Observación: Los párrafos 15 al 17 establecen objetivos y lineamientos que pueden considerarse en otro parte de la Estrategia. La visión debe enfocarse hacia donde aspira el mecanismo, que cambio desea generar, presentando el norte que inspira y motiva las acciones que se diseñen e implementen. En tal sentido, se propone como visión: Información actual y de calidad para la efectiva aplicación de los convenios de Basilea, Rotterdam y Estocolmo, proporcionada de manera dinámica y de acceso transparente, neutral, eficaz y simple, que se constituya sobre la base de datos, conocimientos y experiencias a nivel mundial, regional y nacional. {Google translate: Note: Paragraphs 15 to 17 set objectives and guidelines that may be considered in another part of the Strategy. The vision should focus on where sucking mechanism, to generate change, presenting the north that inspires and motivates the actions that are designed and implemented. In this regard, it is proposed as a vision: current and quality for the effective implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm provided dynamically and transparent, neutral, efficient and simple access, which is formed on the basis of data, knowledge and experience

	worldwide information, regional and national levels.}
Organization name	Ministere chargé de l'Environnement
Country	Madagascar
	Ceci très utile pour que les informations ne soient justes au niveau du ministère etc un support matériel, financier, expertise nationale, régionale et internationale ainsi que la volonté de tout un chacun à la mise en œuvre sont nécessaires {Google translate: This very useful information that will be fair in the Ministry etc a material, financial support, expertise national, regional and international and the willingness of everyone to implement necessary}
Organization name	National Environment Agency
Country	Gambia
	Vision statement is too long. Need to be summarized
Organization name	Zambia Environmental Management Agency
Country	Zambia
	Kindly consider the following: 15: Fourth line: Consider including the word "effective" just before efficient; 16: Fourth line: Was there a reason the word "packaging" was left out from actions that will be taken e-waste 17: No comment
Organization name	SFE-MAG
Country	Costa Rica
	Parrafo 16: La información siempre debe traducirse. {Google translate: Paragraph 16: The information must always be translated.}
Organization name	Département de la Protection des Végétaux, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Elevage
Country	Burundi
	Rien à signaler (RAS) {Google translate: Nothing to report}
Organization name	الـ بـ يـ ئة وزارة
Country	Qatar
	وا ضحه {Google translate: It was obvious}

3.   Comments received in relation to the definition statement

Organization name	الـ بـ يـ ئةوزارة
Country	Egypt
	جـ يدا تـ دريـ با الـمدرب الـ بـ شرى الـمال راس عـ لى الـ تركـ يز الـ كوادر عـ لى الـ تركـ يز TOT الـمدرب ينـ تـ دريـ ب عـ لى الـ تركـ يز {Google translate: Focus on human capital well-trained Focus on cadres Focus on Training of Trainers TOT}
Organization name	DGEco
Country	Madagascar
	Le centre d'échange d'information procure des informations techniques, scientifiques, financière. Il sert également un réseau mondial de fournisseurs d'informations. C'est l'ensemble des outils technologiques et informatiques utiles à

	la conception, mise en place et amélioration des informations.
Organization name	Ministère du Tourisme et de l'Environnement (Direction Générale de l'Environnement)
Country	Congo
	69. Le centre d'échange d'informations est un... pertinentes relatives à (pour) la mise ... : {Google translate: 69. The clearinghouse is relevant for ... (to) the ...:}
Organization name	Environment and Climate Change Canada
Country	Canada
	Paragraph 69 could benefit from a reference to priorities identified by the Parties, and would complement the reference to priorities set by the Parties in paragraph 72 on implementation). A suggestion: 69. The joint clearing-house mechanism is a multi-stakeholder global mechanism set up and operated by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions Secretariat under the guidance and oversight of parties, to facilitate the exchange of information and expertise relevant for the implementation of the three conventions [ADD ,and provide access to information on priority areas identified by the Conference of the Parties]. Its three major components are:
Organization name	Ministère de l'Environnement, de l'Ecologie et du Développement Durable
Country	Central African Republic
	La République Centrafricaine s'adhère à la définition a)puisqu'elle est abondante et retrace les caractères crédibles pouvant contribuer à la mise en œuvre des trois Conventions au niveau mondial. {Google translate: The Central African Republic adheres to the definition) because it is abundant and traces the credible characters that can contribute to the implementation of the three conventions worldwide.}
Organization name	Environmental Protection Agency (Guyana)
Country	Guyana
	The definition speaks to the purpose for such a mechanism, therefore is acceptable.
Organization name	Ministere chargé de l'Environnement
Country	Madagascar
	pas de commentaires, je pense c'est ok {Google translate: no comments, I think it's ok}
Organization name	Zambia Environmental Management Agency
Country	Zambia
	69 (a): Besides providing information on the health and environmental impacts of conventions, kindly consider including the word "economic" just after environmental. This submission is being made with the view to make this paragraph more comprehensive in terms of pillars of sustainability and build a case that the BRS has a holistic approach in its operations-especially considering that chemicals and wastes have an economic dimension (e.g. use of e-waste as a source of some precious metals and many other examples). It also esnures that different sections in the strategy because the scope does carter for social economic impacts besides environmental and health impacts.
Organization name	SFE-MAG
Country	Costa Rica
	Esta bien {Google translate: It's okay}

Organization name	Département de la Protection des Végétaux, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Elevage
Country	Burundi
	69. Le centre d'échange d'informations est un mécanisme mondial pluripartite et pluridisciplinaires créé et .... {Google translate: 69. The clearinghouse is a multi-party and multi-disciplinary global mechanism established and ....}
Organization name	ال ب ي ئة وزارة
Country	Qatar
	وا ضحه {Google translate: It was obvious}

4.   Comments received in relation to the information scope

Organization name	Environment and Climate Change Canada
Country	Canada
Other, please specify:	All of the above with priority on thematic areas identified by COPs (i.e. BC 12/21, RC-7/11, SC-7-29 paragraph 5(a)).
Organization name	Environmental Management Bureau-Department of Environment and Natural Resources (EMB-DENR)
Country	Philippines
Other, please specify:	Emerging issues
Organization name	AGENCIA ECUATORIANA DE ASEGURAMIENTO DE LA CALIDAD DEL AGRO-AGROCALIDAD
Country	Ecuador
Other, please specify:	Información técnica sobre alternativas de moléculas de plaguicidas {Google translate: Technical information on alternative pesticide molecules}
Organization name	中华人民共和国环境保护部污染防治司固体处
Country	China
Other, please specify:	1、废物非法运输和退运的相关信息； 2、关于优先控制废物的先进处置技术、处理程度、及污染物控制水平的相关信息； 3、危险废物污染事故的处理方法与经验； {Google translate: 1, illegal transportation of waste returned and related information; 2, on the priority control of waste disposal technology advanced, the degree of processing, pollution control and the level of the relevant information; 3, methods and experience in handling hazardous waste pollution incidents;}
Organization name	National Environmental Protection Agency
Country	Afghanistan
Other, please specify:	Information on developing countries and identifying vulnerable regions towards chemicals information on other related conventions
Organization name	Ministry of health&environment
Country	Iraq
Other, please specify:	1-Exchange of lectures organized by the regional centers in the treatment and final

	disposal of hazardous waste and chemicals. 2-Exchange strategies prepared by the member countries in waste management.
Organization name	Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning
Country	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Other, please specify:	As mentioned in the paragraph 69 "Information on projects and implementation activities undertaken by different conventions' stakeholders", it would be useful to include information about the successfulness of the realized projects based on the project evaluation reports, especially with the obstacles (legal, institutional, technical) that parties faced, and moreover to point the partners in the project (subcontractors engaged for different activities, then the local communities, government, etc.) that failed to deliver the requested tasks.
Organization name	Ministerio del Ambiente
Country	Peru
Other, please specify:	Información relativa a estudios, investigaciones, y casos pilotos sobre alternativas e innovaciones. Acceso a guías, manuales, directrices y cajas de herramientas. Información técnica sobre los químicos sujetos al convenio de Rotterdam y Estocolmo y las corrientes de desechos del convenio de Basilea. {Google translate: Information regarding studies, research, and pilot cases on alternatives and innovations. Access guides, manuals, guidelines and toolboxes. Technical information on chemicals subject to the Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention and the waste streams of the Basel Convention.}
Organization name	Ministere chargé de l'Environnement
Country	Madagascar
Other, please specify:	consciences des décideurs et les autres entités suivant les procédures down-up et top-down émissions radiophoniques {Google translate: consciences of policymakers and other entities following the down-up procedures and top-down radio programs}
Organization name	Direction de l'Environnement et des Etablissements Classés
Country	Senegal
Other, please specify:	la formation en ligne {Google translate: Online training}
Organization name	Département de la Protection des Végétaux, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Elevage
Country	Burundi
Other, please specify:	1. Information sur les standards internationaux pour cet échange d'information (fournie bien sûr par le Secrétariat); 2. Information sur la qualité des informations/données fournies par les Parties (par le Secrétariat également) {Google translate: 1. Information on international standards for the exchange of information (provided of course by the Secretariat) ; 2. Quality information for information / data provided by the Parties (the Secretariat also)}

5.   Comments received in relation to the tools and services

Organization name	Agencia Ecuatoriana De Aseguramiento De La Calidad Del Agro-Agrocalidad
Country	Ecuador
Other, please specify:	Ninguna otra, apate de las descritas {Google translate: No other, than those described}

Organization name	Ministry of Environment
Country	Albania
Other, please specify:	Via email of focal points of any country and then the focal points share with the other stakeholders of his/her country.
Organization name	Ministere chargé de l'Environnement
Country	Madagascar
Other, please specify:	radiophoniques nationales (entènnes radio) {Google translate: National radio (radio antennas)}
Organization name	Zambia Environmental Management Agency
Country	Zambia
Other, please specify:	Comment: The offline media and paper based tools to be be minimal in order to minimise generation of e-waste and deforestation.
Organization name	Département de la Protection des Végétaux, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Elevage
Country	Burundi
Other, please specify:	- connexion internet - appareils informatiques et accessoires/connexes. {Google translate: - Internet connection - Computer Devices / related .}

6.   Comments received in relation to the community membership

Organization name	Ministerio del Ambiente
Country	Peru
Other, please specify:	Se recomienda determinar el alcance y rol de los usuarios. Es posible que visualizar y acceder a la información sea abierto pero la presentación de propuestas para publicación sea selectiva basada en criterios. {Google translate: It is recommended to determine the scope and role of users. You may view and access the information is open but the proposals for publication is based on selective criteria.}

7.   Comments received in relation to the community groups and their roles

Organization name	وزارة البيئة
Country	Egypt
	نقابات مثل النقابة معلمين يين - العلمي يين المهندس يا -الحال نحاول ان شئ نذ نذ نقابة clearing house mechanism معلومات نشر وتح تاج المتخصص يين -ال بيئ يين {Google translate: Unions such as the Association of Scientific - Alengaan- currently trying to establish a union ecologists - specialists and require publication of information clearing house mechanism}
Organization name	Ministère de l'Environnement, d'Ecologie, de la Mer et des Forêts
Country	Madagascar
	Population locale
Organization name	AGENCIA ECUATORIANA DE ASEGURAMIENTO DE LA CALIDAD DEL AGRO- AGROCALIDAD
Country	Ecuador
	Ningún otro grupo {Google translate: No other group}
Organization name	National Environmental Protection Agency

Country	Afghanistan
	Information about BRS conventions should be mainstreamed into education and literacy courses for farmer communities and other vulnerable groups.
Organization name	Ministère de l'Environnement, de l'Ecologie et du Développement Durable
Country	Central African Republic
	Elèves: x Etudiants: x x Professeurs: x x Particuliers: x {Google translate: Pupils: x Students x x Teachers: x x Individuals: x}
Organization name	DGGIMAR/ SEMARNAT
Country	Mexico
	Organizaciones de la sociedad civil en general {Google translate: Civil society in general}
Organization name	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Country	Brazil
	Health sector NGOs.
Organization name	Unidad de Sustancias y Prod.Quimicos-SAyDS
Country	Argentina
	Asociaciones y/o distintas formas de organizacion civil de los Pueblos originarios. {Google translate: Associations and / or different forms of civil organization of indigenous peoples.}
Organization name	Ministere chargé de l'Environnement
Country	Madagascar
	associations des consommateurs {Google translate: Consumer associations}
Organization name	Zambia Environmental Management Agency
Country	Zambia
	It is important to let States non-parties to the conventions to avail them the information because impacts rising from their operations if not managed well may impact other parties to the convention especially where there are shared water bodies and other natural media which may be contaminated due to poor management chemicals and hazardous waste.
Organization name	SFE-MAG
Country	Costa Rica
	Ya están todas las necesarias. {Google translate: And they are all necessary.}

8.   Comments received in relation to the first goal on the "enhancement of infrastructure and services to facilitate identification, collection, integration and exchange of information and the creation of a global knowledge base".

Organization name	وزارة البيئة
Country	Egypt
	وتحديثها صحتها من وال تاكدوت قديمها

	{Google translate: And assessing, validating and updating}
Organization name	中华人民共和国环境保护部污染防治司固体处
Country	China
	原则上同意该目标。 {Google translate: It agreed in principle to that goal.}
Organization name	Ministerio del Poder Popular para Ecosocialismo y Aguas
Country	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
	no
Organization name	Ministère de l'Environnement, de l'Ecologie et du Développement Durable
Country	Central African Republic
	La définition d'un cadre règlementé pouvant accueillir le Centre d'échange d'Informations BRS au niveau mondial est indispensable. {Google translate: The definition of a regulated framework that can accommodate the BRS Information Clearinghouse globally is essential.}
Organization name	Ministry of Land, Environment and Rural Development
Country	Mozambique
	No.
Organization name	BCRC China
Country	China
	在36项中增加： 如：国家报告；法规和政策；技术转移能力建设活动；科学、技术和专题问题等。 在39项中增加：针对信息交换管理人员和技术人员进行定期培训，提高信息交换管理人员对信息的管理能力和操作能力。 {Google translate: The increase in 36: Such as: national reports; legislation and policy; technology transfer capacity-building activities; scientific, technical and thematic issues. In 39 added: regular training for the exchange of information management and technical staff, improve the exchange of information management to information management capacity and operational capability.}
Organization name	Государственное агентство охраны окружащей среды и лесного хозяйства при Праивтельстве КР
Country	Kyrgyzstan
	Данная задача будет достигнута, если информация будет доступна на приемлемом языке пользователя {Google translate: This objective will be achieved, if the information will be available on acceptable language user}
Organization name	CNTA - Comissão Nacional dos Trabalhadores do Amianto
Country	Brazil
	The Secretariat must have a body to review all the documentation received and see if they are reliable and on scientific basis...
Organization name	Ministere chargé de l'Environnement
Country	Madagascar
	ok
Organization name	Zambia Environmental Management Agency
Country	Zambia

	Kindly consider including "generation" besides identification, collection, integration and exchange of information.
Organization name	SFE-MAG
Country	Costa Rica
	Me parece que esta bien. {Google translate: I think it's fine.}

9.   Comments received in relation to the second goal on the "establishment of the joint clearing-house mechanism global network of information providers, users and institutions".

Organization name	الـ بـيـئةوزارة
Country	Egypt
	فى حالة ثـ بوت ان اى مـسـ تخدم او مؤ سـسة او جـهة تـ قدم بـ يـانات ومـعـ لومات غـ يـر صحـ يحة او غـ يـر محدثـة او بـ شـ فاف ـية تـ لـ غى عـ ضويـ تها بـ عداعـلام ها {Google translate: In the case of proven that any user or institution or provider of data and information is incorrect or out of date or transparently canceled its membership after pinpointed}
Organization name	Ministry Of Water Land Environment And Climate Change
Country	Jamaica
	Consider adding the term "effective" or "efficient" before the phrase "implementation of the BRS conventions".
Organization name	Ministerio del Poder Popular para Ecosocialismo y Aguas
Country	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
	no
Organization name	中华人民共和国环境保护部污染防治司固体处
Country	China
	原则上同意该目标。 {Google translate: It agreed in principle to that goal.}
Organization name	National Environmental Protection Agency
Country	Afghanistan
	First goal emphasizes the infrastructure and services of the CHM, but linkages with second goal could be clarified to emphasize the role of users and their ways and means of accessing information based on the CHM infrastructure and services.
Organization name	Государствнное агентство охраны окружащей среды и лесного хозяйства при Праивтельстве КР
Country	Kyrgyzstan
	Думаю, для достижения целей задач необходимы обучающие мероприятия, также другие материалы по правильному использованию данной системой по языковым группам пользователей; {Google translate: I think, for the purposes of tasks required training sessions, and other materials on the proper use of this system for the language groups of users;}
Organization name	CNTA - Comissão Nacional dos Trabalhadores do Amianto
Country	Brazil
	It doesn´t have the power to provide alternatives and alternatives approaches. This must be decided by the Parties on the Conference of Parties. Otherwise, the Secretariat can make decisions on favour or one country, but this decision cannot be good for others countries. So this decision must be taken by Parties on consensus basis.
Organization name	Ministere chargé de l'Environnement

Country	Madagascar
	ok
Organization name	Centro
Country	Argentina
	No sólo a aplicar los convenios en sentido estricto sino encontrar sistemas de gestión ambiental asequibles para cada región y que puedan ser utilizados en otras agendas ambientales {Google translate: Not only to apply the agreements in the strict sense but to find affordable environmental management systems for each region and that can be used in other environmental agendas}
Organization name	SFE-MAG
Country	Costa Rica
	Esta bien. {Google translate: It's okay.}

10. Comments received in relation to possible other goals.

Organization name	وزارة ال ﺑ ﻳ ﺋﺔ
Country	Egypt
	لا ﻳ وجد م ﻗ ﺗرحات اخرى {Google translate: No other proposals}
Organization name	Agencia Ecuatoriana De Aseguramiento De La Calidad Del Agro-Agrocalidad
Country	Ecuador
	Ninguna observación adicional {Google translate: No additional remark}
Organization name	中华人民共和国环境保护部污染防治司固体处
Country	China
	无意见。 {Google translate: No comments.}
Organization name	National Environmental Protection Agency
Country	Afghanistan
	Goals should also focus on enhancing developing countries' capacity and providing them with modern equipment for monitoring and evaluation purpose.
Organization name	Ministry of Environment
Country	Albania
	I think that the strategy is ok and don't focus on the other goal.
Organization name	Direction de l'Environnement
Country	Monaco
	les buts évoqués sont satisfaisants {Google translate: the mentioned goals are satisfactory}
Organization name	Государствнное агентство охраны окружащей среды и лесного хозяйства при Праивтельстве КР
Country	Kyrgyzstan
	Хорошо было бы, если пользователям системы автоматически поступала рассылка о поступившей информации в систему. Сторонам интересно будет получать информацию о результатах данной стратегии {Google translate: It would be good if the users of the system will automatically dispatch acted on information received in the system.

	Parties will be interested to receive information on the results of this strategy}
Organization name	DGGIMAR/ SEMARNAT
Country	Mexico
	Considerar los lenguajes de las naciones unidas para facilitar el acceso a información. {Google translate: Consider the languages of the nations together to facilitate access to information.}
Organization name	Environmental Protection Agency (Guyana)
Country	Guyana
	none
Organization name	SENASA - MINAGRI
Country	Peru
	ninguna {Google translate: none}
Organization name	CNTA - Comissão Nacional dos Trabalhadores do Amianto
Country	Brazil
	Yes, think on the goals to mutual actions, but always with the focus to maintain the equality of the countries in order to not beneficiary one conutry when you take a decision.
Organization name	Ministere chargé de l'Environnement
Country	Madagascar
	ok
Organization name	Centro
Country	Argentina
	Fortalecer el acceso a la información pública y participación en la agenda química internacional {Google translate: Strengthen access to public information and participation in the international chemicals agenda}
Organization name	Zambia Environmental Management Agency
Country	Zambia
	None
Organization name	SFE-MAG
Country	Costa Rica
	Esta bien. {Google translate: It's okay.}
Organization name	Département de la Protection des Végétaux, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Elevage
Country	Burundi
	Mise en œuvre du centre conjoint d'échange d'informations qui regroupera tous les intervenants aux fins de la mise en œuvre des Conventions de Bâle, de Rotterdam et de Stockholm. {Google translate: Implementation of the exchange joint information center that will bring together all stakeholders for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm.}

11. Comments received in relation to the proposed implementation approaches of the first and second goals

Organization name	中华人民共和国环境保护部污染防治司固体处

Country	China
	IV.A.2 中的 3（d）提供现有信息的开放性、全球性获取权限 42.这一战略，涉及让国家联络中心、区域中心和其他行动主体参与在其地区和国家境内通过信息交换机制提供现有信息的获取权限，以及推动开放数据政策。 上述内容需要进一步明确具体实施内容和方法。 {Google translate: IV.A.2 of 3 (d) provide information on existing open, global Get Permissions 42. This strategy involves allow national focal points, regional centers and other actors to participate in its territory to provide regional and national information available through the clearing mechanism acquire rights, and promote open data policy. Above need to further clarify the content and specific implementation methods.}
Organization name	Ministere chargé de l'Environnement
Country	Madagascar
	ok
Organization name	SFE-MAG
Country	Costa Rica
	Esta bien así. {Google translate: This fine.}

12. Comments received in relation to performance indicators

Country	Egypt
Organization name	الـبـيـئة وزارة
	الـفاعـلـين ولـكن الـخـبراء او الـمشاركـيـن. عدد قـيمة لـها الـتي الـفاعـلة الاسهامات والمـفـيدة الـدقة ذات والـبـيازات الـدراسات {Google translate: The number of participants or experts, but actors Posts actors that have value Studies and data accuracy and useful}
Country	Mexico
Organization name	DGGIMAR/ SEMARNAT
	Encuestas de satisfacción. Interacción con otros convenios. {Google translate: Satisfaction surveys. Interaction with other conventions.}
Country	Costa Rica
Organization name	SFE-MAG
	Ninguno mas {Google translate: Not one more}
Country	Ecuador
Organization name	AGENCIA ECUATORIANA DE ASEGURAMIENTO DE LA CALIDAD DEL AGRO-AGROCALIDAD
	Ningún otro indicador {Google translate: No other indicator}

13.   Comments received in relation to monitoring and evaluation

Organization name	DGEco
Country	Madagascar
	La collaboration, l'échange entre les membres, la sensibilisation, le marketing sont très importantes pour obtenir plus d'adhésion au réseau et au partenariat afin d'avoir l'efficacité des informations
Organization name	National Environmental Protection Agency
Country	Afghanistan
	Documentation of number of document shared is helpful but quality of documents needs to be considered as well. Likewise, number of users is helpful but who they are and how they use this information must also be considered.
Organization name	Ministry of health & environment
Country	Iraq
	Evaluation of the information processed and the possibility to take advantage of them
Organization name	Ministry of Land, Environment and Rural Development
Country	Mozambique
	I would like to say that to monitoring and evaluate we may establish different criteria among developing and developed countries.
Organization name	Ministerio del Ambiente
Country	Peru
	Se recomienda para consideración, priorizar el uso de indicadores que empleen porcentajes o tasas. Así mismo, de ser posible, se recomienda optimizar el número de indicadores que serán materia de los proceso de monitoreo y evaluación. {Google translate: It is recommended for consideration, prioritize the use of indicators that use percentages or rates. Also, if possible, it is recommended to optimize the number of indicators that will be subject to the monitoring and evaluation process.}

14.   Overall comments received on the draft strategy

Organization name	DGEco
Country	Madagascar
	Il sera nécessaire de renforcer la diffusion des informations et de trouver des méthodes efficaces pour la diffusion, la sensibilisation, le marketing et l'échange. Par exemple : Diffusion à grande échelle par internet, sommet ou réunion d'échange
Organization name	Ministère de l'Environnement, d'Ecologie, de la Mer et des Forêts
Country	Madagascar
	Il est préférable que tout le monde ait l'accès aux informations
Organization name	MINISTRY OF WATER LAND ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
Country	Jamaica
	The strategy document clearly defines the objectives and goals of the CHM in its current state. It may be necessary though, to highlight what will constitute the stakeholder group referred to as "experts". not much mention or focus was given with respect to this grouping and its role in the CHM.
Organization name	Ministère du Tourisme et de l'Environnement (Direction Générale de l'Environnement)

Country	Congo
	Notre souhait est que lorsque ce centre sera fonctionnel, les points focaux ou personnes répondant à ce questionnaire soient avisés directement, de manière à véhiculer l'information au cas où ils ne sont plus en poste. {Google translate: Our hope is that when this center is operational, the focal points or people answering the questionnaire are notified directly, in order to convey information in case they are no longer in office.}
Organization name	AGENCIA ECUATORIANA DE ASEGURAMIENTO DE LA CALIDAD DEL AGRO-AGROCALIDAD
Country	Ecuador
	Es importante que se cumplan las metas y los plazos establecidos en el documento proporcionado. {Google translate: It is important that the goals and deadlines set out in the document provided are met.}
Organization name	Ministerio del Poder Popular para Ecosocialismo y Aguas
Country	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
	Compartir los resultados de la evaluación de la estrategia del intercambio de información conjunta. {Google translate: Share the results of the evaluation of the strategy of joint information exchange.}
Organization name	中华人民共和国环境保护部污染防治司固体处
Country	China
	无其他意见。 {Google translate: No other comments.}
Organization name	National Environmental Protection Agency
Country	Afghanistan
	The CHM should focus on information sharing in developing and vulnerable countries. Also collaboration with Minamata convention and other related conventions should be encouraged.
Organization name	Ministère de l'Environnement, de l'Ecologie et du Développement Durable
Country	Central African Republic
	Nous sommes dans un monde industriellemnt dévéloppé sur les plans scientifiques et techniques. Les produits chimiques produits à travers le monde ont des conséquences néfastes pour l'environnement et la santé humaine en ce qui concerne les déchets qu'ils génèrent et aussi les effets négatifs engendrés avant ou après leur utilisation. Au vu de tout ce qui précède, l'échange d'informations au niveau mondial en vue d'harmoniser la gestion écologiquement rationnelle dans le domaine des Conventions de Bale, Rotterdam et Stockholm est une bonne initiative. Il y a certainement des réseaux informels de production de substances chimiques, le trafic illicite de déchets dangereux à travers le monde. Ce qui veut dire que le Centre d'échange d'informations pourra mettre à la disposition de certains pays Parties qui ont perdu le contrôle de leurs territoires en période de crise des informations pouvant leur servir de guider si possible dans la prise de décisions en ce qui concerne les Conventions BRS. {Google translate: We are in a world of industriellemnt developed various scientific and technical plans. Chemical products worldwide have adverse consequences for the environment and human health as regards the waste they generate and also the negative effects arising before or after use. In light of all the foregoing, the exchange of information at the global level in order to harmonize the environmentally sound management in the area of Basel Convention, Rotterdam and Stockholm is a good initiative.

	There are certainly informal networks of production of chemicals, illegal traffic in hazardous wastes worldwide. This means that the Clearinghouse will make available some country Parties that have lost control of their territories information in crisis period can serve as a guide if possible in the decision making in BRS regards Conventions.}
Organization name	Ministry of Land, Environment and Rural Development
Country	Mozambique
	I think in general the draft is acceptable.
Organization name	Ministry of Environment
Country	Albania
	I read carefully the draft and I agree with it.
Organization name	Direction de l'Environnement
Country	Monaco
	néant {Google translate: none}
Organization name	BCRC China
Country	China
	79条建议：由秘书处协调获取资金/捐资，为信息交换机制下的信息交换活动或项目的建设和运行提供资金支持。 建议选择1-2个已经有基础的区域中心或者缔约国建立节点试点，总结经验从而推广。基于我们已经建立的区域中心网站，收集到的新闻和出版Newsletter，巴塞尔公约/斯德哥尔摩公约亚太中心申请作为信息交换机制的区域节点，促进各区域、各国政府和其他利益相关者内部和之间的信息共享，以及促进区域化学品和废物管理的相关活动。 {Google translate: 79 Recommendation: Coordination obtain funds / donations by the Secretariat, provide financial support for the exchange of information under the information exchange mechanism for activities or projects of construction and operation. 1-2 has recommended to choose based regional center or the parties to establish a pilot node, sum up experience and thus promote. Regional Center site we have established to collect news and publishing Newsletter, Asia-Pacific centers of the Basel / Stockholm Convention apply as a regional node information exchange mechanism to promote the regions, between Governments and other stakeholders inside and the information sharing, and the promotion of regional activities related to chemicals and waste management.}
Organization name	Государствнное агентство охраны окружащей среды и лесного хозяйства при Праивтельстве КР
Country	Kyrgyzstan
	Самое основное, чтоб информация была доступна на всех языках конвенций. {Google translate: The most basic information to be available in all languages of the Convention.}
Organization name	DGGIMAR/ SEMARNAT
Country	Mexico
	Que considere las lecciones aprendidas de la Red de Intercambio de Información Química y que tome en cuenta el diferente grado de avance de los países que requieren dicha información {Google translate: To consider the lessons learned from the Network Chemical Information Exchange and take into account the different degree of progress of countries that require such

	information}
Organization name	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Country	Brazil
	Obs: This is a joint response with the Ministry of Environment.
Organization name	CNTA - Comissão Nacional dos Trabalhadores do Amianto
Country	Brazil
	It must have a special body formed by some countries to evaluate the work of the machanism cleaning house, and those countries when discover something that is not on the mains goals of the Convention must report to Conference Parties and all the countries take the decision on what to do about the issue.
Organization name	Ministere chargé de l'Environnement
Country	Madagascar
	que ceci soit effectif et devrait être réel aux pays en voie de développement et en économie en transition où la majorité des gens reconnaissent les produits chimiques {Google translate: this to be effective and should be real to developing countries and economies in transition where the majority of people recognize chemicals}
Organization name	National Food Agency (Ministry of the Agriculture of Georgia)
Country	Georgia
	Joint Clearing house mechanism is a sound instrument for implementation of all three conventions. It is the best mechanism for collaboration and cooperation for conventions and implementation of BRS.
Organization name	Centro
Country	Argentina
	Me parece muy útil la herramienta pero es necesario financiamiento para su continuidad en el largo plazo {Google translate: I find very useful tool but need funding for long-term continuity}
Organization name	Ministère de l'Environnement
Country	Haiti
	J'ajouterai la convention de Minamata dans le lot des conventions et pour après se battre pour qu'elle puisse rentrer dans la synergie. {Google translate: I would add the Convention of Minamata in the lot of the conventions and after fighting for it to go into synergy.}
Organization name	Ministerio de Ambiente y Recursos Naturales
Country	Guatemala
	Resaltar con mucha importancia los movimientos transfronterizos. {Google translate: Highlight very important transboundary movements.}
Organization name	Département de la Protection des Végétaux, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Elevage
Country	Burundi
	En plus du personnel pour maintien à jour les données fournies par le réseau, il faut aussi quelqu'un pour l'amélioration du réseau. {Google translate: In addition to maintaining updated data from the network staff also requires someone to network improvements.}

Annex II: list of respondents

1.   List of Parties who provided feedback through the online questionnaire.

Country	Organization	Submitted by an official contact
Afghanistan	National Environmental Protection Agency	No
Albania	Ministry of Environment	Yes
Argentina	Unidad de Sustancias y Prod.Quimicos-SAyDS	Yes
Bahrain	المجلس الاعلى للبيئة	Yes
Burundi	Département de la Protection des Végétaux, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Elevage	Yes
Brazil	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	No
Canada	Environment and Climate Change Canada	No
Central African Republic	Ministère de l'Environnement, de l'Ecologie et du Développement Durable	Yes
Congo	Ministère du Tourisme et de l'Environnement (Direction Générale de l'Environnement)	Yes
China	中华人民共和国环境保护部污染防治司固体处	Yes
Costa Rica	SFE-MAG	Yes
Estonia	Ministry of Social Affairs	No
Egypt	وزارة البيئة	Yes
Georgia	National Food Agency (Ministry of the Agriculture of Georgia)	Yes
Gambia	National Environment Agency	No
Guatemala	Ministerio de Ambiente y Recursos Naturales	Yes
Guyana	Environmental Protection Agency (Guyana)	No
Haiti	Ministère de l'Environnement	No
Jamaica	MINISTRY OF WATER LAND ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE	No
Jordan	Ministry of Health/ Enviromental Health Department	Yes
Kyrgyzstan	Государственное агенство охраны окружащей среды и лесного хозяйства при Праивтельстве КР	Yes
Republic of Korea	Ministry of Environment	Yes
Monaco	Direction de l'Environnement	Yes
Montenegro	Ministry for Sustainable Development and Tourism	No
Madagascar	Ministere chargé de l'Environnement	Yes
Madagascar	Ministère de l'Environnement, d'Ecologie, de la Mer et des Forêts	No
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Ministry of Environment and Physcical Plannin	Yes
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning	Yes
Mexico	DGGIMAR/ SEMARNAT	Yes
Mozambique	Ministry of Land, Environment and Rural Development	Yes
Peru	SENASA - MINAGRI	No
Peru	Ministerio del Ambiente	No
Philippines	Environmental Management Bureau-Department of Environment and Natural Resources (EMB-DENR)	Yes
Qatar	وزارة البيئة	Yes

Serbia	Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection	Yes
Russian Federation	Минприроды России	Yes
Senegal	Direction de l'Environnement et des Etablissements Classés	Yes
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	Ministerio del Poder Popular para Ecosocialismo y Aguas	No
Zambia	Zambia Environmental Management Agency	Yes

2. List of other stakeholders who provided feedback through the online questionnaire.

Organization name	Organization type	Country of location	Is accredited or linked
HOLA	Academia	Argentina	No
Centro	Regional centre	Argentina	Yes
CNTA - Comissão Nacional dos Trabalhadores do Amianto	Unions	Brazil	Yes
CASWE	NGOs	Congo	Yes
BCRC China	Regional centre	China	Yes
共产国际	Academia	China	No
Agencia Ecuatoriana De Aseguramiento De La Calidad Del Agro-Agrocalidad	NGOs	Ecuador	No
IMO	Other	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Yes
Ministry of health&environment	Other	Iraq	
DGEco	Other	Madagascar	No

Annex III: blank survey

1. Please specify the type of organization that you represent:

Academia	O
Business and industry	O
Government / Regional Economic Integration	O
IGOs	O
NGOs	O
Unions	O
Regional centre	O
Other	O

2. Please specify your contact information:

Gender	_____
First name	_____
Last name	_____
Organization name	_____
Country	_____
Job title	_____
Email	_____
Phone number	_____

3. Please specify the region in which your country is located

Africa	O
Asia-Pacific	O
Eastern Europe	O
Latin American and Caribbean	O
Western European and Others	O

4. Are you a designated Basel, Rotterdam or Stockholm convention contact point (Basel Focal Point, Basel Competent Authority, Rotterdam Official Contact Point, Rotterdam Designated National Authority, Stockholm Official Contact Point or Stockholm National Focal Point)?

Yes	O
No	O

5. Is your organisation accredited with the Basel, Rotterdam or Stockholm Conventions?

Yes	O
No	O

Mission, vision and definition
6. Mission: Please choose the option that you believe is more appropriate in relation to the mission statement outlined in paragraph 14:

Acceptable	O

Could be improved	O
Not acceptable	O
No opinion	O

7. Please provide any comments that you may have in relation to the mission statement:

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8. Vision: Please choose the option that you believe is more appropriate in relation to the vision statement outlined in paragraphs 15, 16 and 17:

Acceptable	O
Could be improved	O
Not acceptable	O
No opinion	O

9. Please provide any comments that you may have in relation to the vision statement:

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10. Definition: Please choose the option that you believe is more appropriate in relation to the definition statement outlined in paragraph 69:

Acceptable	O
Could be improved	O
Not acceptable	O
No opinion	O

11. Please provide any comments that you may have in relation to the definition statement:

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Scope
Information
12. The information scope of the joint clearing-house mechanism should include:

Scientific information on health and environmental impacts	[ ]
Information on socio-economic impacts	[ ]
Legislative and regulatory information	[ ]
Information on technical and financial assistance	[ ]
Information on technology transfer	[ ]
Information on best practices and experiences	[ ]
Information on status of implementation of the Conventions	[ ]
Other, please specify:	[ ] _____

Tools and services (technologies)
13. Please specify which of the following tools and services should be provided by the joint clearing-house mechanism for information exchange:

Conventions' websites	[ ]
Common websites and documentation centres at the national and regional levels*	[ ]
Systems of information exchange**	[ ]
Databases	[ ]
Online collaboration tools	[ ]
Online reporting	[ ]
Online questionnaires	[ ]
Mobile applications	[ ]
Social media tools	[ ]
Offline media (CD-ROMs, flash drives and others)	[ ]
Paper based	[ ]
Other, please specify:	[ ] _____

 * See decisions BC-IX/10, RC-4/11, SC-4/34 section III.B paragraph 3
 ** See decisions BC-IX/10, RC-4/11, SC-4/34 section III.B paragraph 4

Community
14. The joint clearing-house mechanism community membership should be:

Open-ended	O
Selective based on criteria	O
No opinion	O
Other, please specify:	O _____

15. Please specify which of the following stakeholders groups should be considered as part of the joint clearing-house mechanism and which role they should play:

	Information provider	Information user	Not part of the community	No opinion
Parties to the Convention(s)	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
States non-parties to the Conventions	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Local authorities	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Environmental non-governmental organizations	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Industry and private sector associations	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
United Nations bodies and specialized agencies	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Funding agencies and mechanisms and other donors	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Researchers, universities and related initiatives	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Regional centres	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Workers' unions	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

16. Other, please specify:

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Monitoring and evaluation

17. How the Secretariat should collect information exchange needs and priorities?

Conference of the Parties	[ ]
Analysis of performance indicators	[ ]
Surveys	[ ]
Regional centres consultation	[ ]
Existing needs assessments processes (such as technical assistance or financial assistance needs)	[ ]
Workshops	[ ]
Other, please specify:	[ ] _____

18. How often the Secretariat should revise information exchange needs and priorities?

Every year	O
Every two years	O
Every four years	O
Other, please specify:	O _____

19. How the evaluation of the progress made in the implementation of the joint clearing-house mechanism should be conducted?

Analysis of performance indicators	[ ]
Surveys	[ ]
Feedback during workshops	[ ]
Other, please specify:	[ ] _____

20. Which of the performance indicators outlined in the appendix to the draft strategy and listed below are more effective for evaluating the joint clearing-house mechanism?

	Very effective	Less effective	No opinion
Number of Information sources	O	O	O
Percentage of information gaps addressed	O	O	O
User perception of value of information to meet the goals of the conventions	O	O	O
Number of times tools have been accessed	O	O	O
Number of tools developed	O	O	O
Number of times tools have been accessed per user group	O	O	O
Number of times tools have been accessed per region	O	O	O
Number of retrieved or distributed documents per media	O	O	O
Number of documents	O	O	O
Average number of retrieved documents per user	O	O	O
Number of retrieved documents per user group	O	O	O
Number of retrieved documents per region	O	O	O
Number of documents contributed	O	O	O
Number of documents contributed per user group	O	O	O
Number of documents contributed per region	O	O	O
Number of times services have been used	O	O	O

Number of times services have been used per user group	O	O	O
Number of times services have been used per region	O	O	O
User perception of quality of documents	O	O	O
User perception of Quality of Services	O	O	O
Services performing according to predefined targets	O	O	O
User perception of user friendliness of the Tools	O	O	O
User perception of quality of information	O	O	O
User perception of speed in locating information	O	O	O
User perception of speed in information delivery (Excluding websites)	O	O	O
User perception of speed and facility for contributing and sharing information	O	O	O
Number of Services	O	O	O
Percentage of uptime of servers	O	O	O
Number of system failures	O	O	O
Average number of reported bugs per tool	O	O	O
Number of requests and searches for information	O	O	O
Percentage of successful searches	O	O	O
Number of requests for information integration	O	O	O
Number of requests for information integration addressed	O	O	O
User perception of helpfulness of CHM for integrating information	O	O	O
Number of information packages	O	O	O
Number of website pages	O	O	O
Number of institutions per user group	O	O	O
Number of user groups	O	O	O
Number of network members	O	O	O
Number of network members by user group	O	O	O

Number of network members by region	O	O	O
Number of information needs and priorities submitted	O	O	O
Percentage of network members contributing	O	O	O
Percentage of network members contributing by user group	O	O	O
Percentage of network members contributing by region	O	O	O
Number of available experts per region	O	O	O
Number of sound measures, experiences and case studies contributed	O	O	O
Number of joint contributions	O	O	O
Number of promotional events	O	O	O
Number of different users using the system	O	O	O
Number of people receiving promotional materials	O	O	O
Number of promotional materials	O	O	O
Number of unique visits to website	O	O	O
Number of partners	O	O	O
Number of funding institutions	O	O	O
Number of potential collaboration agreements	O	O	O
Number of confirmed collaboration agreements	O	O	O

21. **Other, please specify:**

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22. **Please provide any other comments that you may have in relation to the monitoring and evaluation:**

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Goals

First goal: enhancement of infrastructure and services to facilitate identification, collection, integration and exchange of information and the creation of a global knowledge base relevant to support the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.

23. Is the first goal, listed above and in section IV.A of the draft strategy, a sound/adequate goal?

Sound	O
Could be improved	O
Not sound	O
No opinion	O

24. Do you have any other comments on the first goal, listed above and outlined in section IV.A of the draft strategy?

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Second goal: establishment of the joint clearing-house mechanism global network of information providers, users and institutions, having the common need of sharing information and expertise for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.

25. Is the second goal, listed above and in section IV.B of the draft strategy, a sound/adequate goal?

Sound	O
Could be improved	O
Not sound	O
No opinion	O

26. Do you have any other comments on the second goal, listed above and outlined in section IV.B of the draft strategy?

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Other goals

27. Please indicate if you think that the strategy should focus on other goal and, if so, kindly describe those other goals.

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Implementation Approach

28. Are the implementation approaches outlined in sections IV.A.2 to 5 and IV.B.2 to 5 of the draft strategy, sound/adequate approaches?

Sound	O
Could be improved	O
Not sound	O
No opinion	O

29. Please provide any other comments that you may have in relation to the proposed approaches to implement the goals:

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Overall comments

30. Please provide any other comments that you may have on the draft joint clearing-house mechanism strategy

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