



**North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation
Sound Management of Chemicals Working Group Meeting**

**Annotated Provisional Agenda
For Two-day Public Sessions
5–6 March 2008**

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Day 1, Public Session, 5 March 2008 (Room XX)

8:00 hrs	Registration	
9:00 hrs	Call to Order	<i>CEC Secretariat</i>
9:15 hrs	Welcome, Opening and Objectives of the Meeting <i>Explanation of mandate of SMOC Working Group and outline of the path forward for the following two days</i>	<i>Chair of SMOC Working Group</i>
9:30 hrs	Roundtable Introductions <i>Name, affiliation and area of interest</i>	<i>All</i>
10:00 hrs	Vision for CEC 2008–2010 <i>Presentation on the future direction of the CEC and specifically the SMOC program</i>	<i>Adrián Vázquez, CEC Executive Director</i>
10:30 hrs	Updates on Domestic Priorities in Canada, Mexico and the United States, and international efforts such as SPP and SAICM <i>The SMOC Working Group will update the public on the status of its domestic and international activities, with special emphasis on relationships between domestic activities, SMOC and SPP work.</i>	<i>Party Representatives 10 minutes per presentation and 10 minutes discussion</i>
11:10 hrs	<i>Health Break</i>	
11:25 hrs	Updates on Domestic Priorities in Canada, Mexico and the United States, and international efforts such as SPP and SAICM (cont'd)	



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12:00 hrs	<p>Updates and Results on Current Work under the SMOC Program <i>The Secretariat will update the public on the status of CEC Secretariat.</i> <i>10-minute presentation and 10-minute discussion of the SMOC Program, including planned work for 2008. Status of SCCs and NARAPs will be summarized. Stakeholders will be invited to ask questions or provide comments.</i> <i>A more detailed presentation will follow on Mexico's inventory, biomonitoring, and electronics sector, to set the stage for breakout sessions.</i></p>	
12:30 hrs	<i>Lunch (provided)</i>	
13:30 hrs	<p>Development of a Mexican Inventory <i>A presentation from Mexico reporting on the progress to date on the initiative and a description of the activities planned for 2008</i></p>	<i>Mexico's presentation</i>
14:00 hrs	<p>Building a Sustainable Regional Monitoring Program <i>A report by the Chair of the EM&A Standing Committee</i></p>	<i>EM&A Task Force chair presentation</i>
14:30 hrs	<p>Electronics Sector Work <i>SMOC linkage to Trade and Environment group</i></p>	<i>Secretariat presentation</i>
14:45 hrs	<p>Report on Border 2012 Initiatives <i>Discussion on synergies and path forward for cooperation</i></p>	<i>Invited speakers from Border 2012 – 20 minutes, 10 minutes for questions</i>
15:15 hrs	<i>Health Break</i>	



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15:30 hrs	<p>Panel Presentation on Indigenous Community Efforts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Update by the Secretariat on current efforts to engage indigenous communities (e.g., PRTR assessment project on tribal exposures and meeting in Mérida)</i> • <i>Canadian tribal representative</i> • <i>Mexican tribal representative</i> • <i>US tribal representative (possible example on mercury reductions on a tribal community)</i> <p><i>A presentation to outline areas of interest by tribes/indigenous communities in the work of SMOC, and how SMOC can respond to such interests.</i></p>	
16:30 hrs	SAICM Presentation/Discussion - including GRULAC SAICM meeting	<i>SAICM Secretariat and Party Representatives</i>
17:00 hrs	Public-Private Partnership with the Auto Sector	<i>SMOC WG Chair</i>
17:30 hrs	Summary and Close of Day 1	<i>TBC</i>
19:00 hrs	Reception	



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Day 2, Public Session, 6 March 2008 (Room XX)

9:00 hrs	Opening Day 2 Direction and Logistics for Breakout Sessions	<i>Chair of SMOC Working Group</i>
<p>Breakout Sessions for In-depth Discussions Candidate topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Action Plan for Mexican Chemicals Inventory</i> • <i>Building a sustainable regional monitoring program</i> • <i>Outlining the direction for a North American management strategy for PBDEs</i> • <i>Initiating a strategic direction for the electronics sector</i> <p><i>The SMOC Working Group and stakeholders will meet in breakout groups. The proposed topics relate to four of the ongoing SMOC efforts. The final topic selection will be made by the Chair in consultation with the Parties and will be informed by the discussions of the first day. A group leader and a rapporteur for each group will be assigned and will report back later in the day.</i></p>		
9:15 hrs	Breakout Sessions for In-depth Discussions	
11:15 hrs	<i>Health Break</i>	
11:30 hrs	Breakout Sessions for In-depth Discussions (cont'd)	
12:30 hrs	<i>Lunch (provided for all registered participants)</i>	
13:30 hrs	Report Back from Breakout Sessions <i>Leaders and rapporteurs from each breakout group will summarize their discussions.</i>	<i>Rapporteurs from breakout groups</i>
15:00 hrs	Summary, Next Steps and Close of Meeting by SMOC Chair	<i>TBC</i>
15:30 hrs	Bus arrives at hotel to bring participants to a SMOC-relevant site visit or cultural visit or cultural ceremony at the hotel	<i>ALL</i>
18:30	Informal Gathering to Network and Discuss Site Visit	<i>ALL</i>