

## **Report of activities of ISDE International Secretary October 2024**

### **Activities developed by the ISDE International Secretary from May 2024**

#### **UNEP Basel Convention**

Participation in the Expert Group in the International Small Working Group ISWG of the Basel Convention Secretary in the review of the:

- Basel Convention technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of Waste/Used Lead Acid Batteries (W/ULABs)  
We were requested to draft an alternative to the Section J on Health and Safety (health impacts of the components of the ULABs on health and how to prevent toxic exposure from the management of all the components in the waste from used lead acid batteries.
- Basel Convention technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of non-lead acid batteries.
- Under the Open Ended Working Group 14 of the Basel Convention (last June in Geneva) we co-organized a face to face side event on Nano-particles and Nano-metals in used batteries where were presentation of different experts from th different sectors involved (EU regulators, industry and producers) where ISDE was also represented by Vyvyan Howard who is our ISDE expert from UK on nano impacts on health.
- ISDE was also invited to review the Guidelines on Nano particles was management.

#### **UNEP Plastic Waste Negotiation**

We have been following the intersessional processes (the Road to Busan process) and Conference of the Parts and this process is no arriving to the end.

ISDE collaborated by introducing the issue on nano-plastics voluntary produced which now is included in a paragraph in the text of the last draft of the convention.

During the next COP scheduled to take place at the Busan, Republic of Korea, from 25 November to 1 December 2024.

#### **UNEP Global Chemical Framework**

We have been participating of the negotiation process and now in the on-line meetings of the intersessional process to organize the indicators and the platform to continue the task initiated by IFCS (under WHO) and later on by SAICM (under UNEP).

ISDE continue being strongly involved in the issue of chemicals from pharmaceutical origin present in the environment (Environmental Pharmaceutical Persistent Pollutants) as being the original proposing organization.

ISDE is as well strongly involved in the campaign on lead pollution.

### **UN Partnership for a Lead-free Future (PLF)**

ISDE is following the process and is pointing to be part of this partnership which is being launched during the United Nations General Assembly - UNGA in New York this October.

The ISDE International Secretary is also:

- facilitating the dialogue with WHO of the ISDE Scientific Office in the area of Air Pollution and Climate Change.
- WHO 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health which will take place on 25 – 27 March 2025, in Cartagena Colombia: ISDE International Secretary and Scientific Office are doing the arrangements with WHO's coordination of the conference to be invited as participation in "only" by invitation.
- ISDE International Secretary continue also working with the Children Environmental Focal Point of WHO in Geneva to implement the triennial Work Plan that includes dissemination, education and promotion of the concepts and materials.