

Minutes of the
“Side Event on Chemical Leasing at the 6th meeting of the IFCS”

Dakar, Senegal
15th of September 2008

Participants

35 participants of IFCS delegations attended the side event, the following participants were also present at the meeting of the international working group:

Abo Sena Ali, *NCPC Egypt*

Darwish Atef, *ABB ARAB, Egypt*

Joas Reinhard, *BiPRO, Germany*

Madsen Kaj, *UNEP, Switzerland*

Perez Jorge, *NCPC Mexico*

Schwager Petra, *UNIDO, Austria*

Wittmann Michael, *Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria*

Agenda

Time	Topic	Speaker
13.30 – 13.40	Opening and Welcome	UNIDO; BMLFUW, Austria; BMU/UBA, Germany
13.40 – 14.00	UNIDO’s global approach to Chemical Leasing and Cleaner Production	UNIDO, Ms. Petra Schwager
14.00 – 14.15	Experiences obtained in Germany; Quality criteria and certification for Chemical Leasing; Options to promote Chemical Leasing in Germany	BMU/UBA Germany, Mr. Reinhard Joas
14.15 – 14.25	Chemical Leasing – SAICM; Global Chemical Leasing Award;	BMLFUW Austria, Mr. Michael Wittmann
14.25 – 14.40	Industry experiences with Chemical Leasing in Egypt	ENPC, Mr. Ali Abo Sena ABB, Mr. Atef Darwish
14.40 – 14.45	Conclusions	UNIDO

1. Opening and Welcome

Mr. Jorge Perez (Mexico) was moderating the side event. The notes of welcome were given by Ms. Petra Schwager (UNIDO), Mr. Michael Wittmann (Austria) and Mr. Reinhard Joas (Germany).

2. UNIDO's global approach to chemical leasing and cleaner production

Ms. Schwager explained in her presentation the concept of chemical leasing. She introduced several successful case studies in the seven countries that are currently supported by UNIDO. Ms. Schwager furthermore emphasized the relations between cleaner production and chemical leasing and the possible mutual benefits. She further explained the role of the cleaner production centres as independent third parties. Besides the economic and environmental advantages Ms. Schwager presented the contribution of chemical leasing business models to the policy goals of sustainable chemicals management. For further details see annex 1.

3. Experiences obtained in Germany; Quality criteria and certification for chemical leasing; Options to promote chemical leasing in Germany

Mr. Joas introduced the Chemical Leasing initiatives in Germany and presented experiences and results available so far. In particular he explained a new approach for quality criteria and certification. He emphasized the voluntary character of chemical leasing and presented a potential concept for future funding. In addition Mr. Joas reported on several ongoing case studies and their current status. For further details see annex 2.

4. Chemical leasing-SAICM; Global chemical leasing award

Mr. Wittmann highlighted the key elements of chemical leasing from the perspective of the Austrian government. He presented the Austrian initiatives to promote chemical leasing and explained the backgrounds to the name which is in the meantime already used as a "trademark". He also addressed the aspects of eco-friendliness of chemical leasing and spoke about the potentials in Austria. Furthermore he highlighted the relation between chemical leasing and SAICM and explained the approach and the time schedule of an international chemical leasing award. For further details see annex 3.

5. Industry experiences with chemical leasing in Egypt

Mr. Ali Abo Sena and Mr. Atef Darwish presented practical details of a successful pilot project in Egypt. They explained the different roles of the partners and the experiences with implementation. All aspects are covered in detail in the presentation that is attached as annex 4.

6. Discussion

Many countries (e.g. Thailand, Zimbabwe, Slovenia) showed interest to participate in chemical leasing activities. A first approach for these countries to get involved might be to check the chemical leasing homepage (www.chemicalleasing.com) and to send an official request to UNIDO headquarters. Common activities (workshops) between countries with experiences (e.g. Austria) and interested new countries (e.g. Slovenia) have also been discussed.