

Toolbox for Decision-Making in Chemicals Management

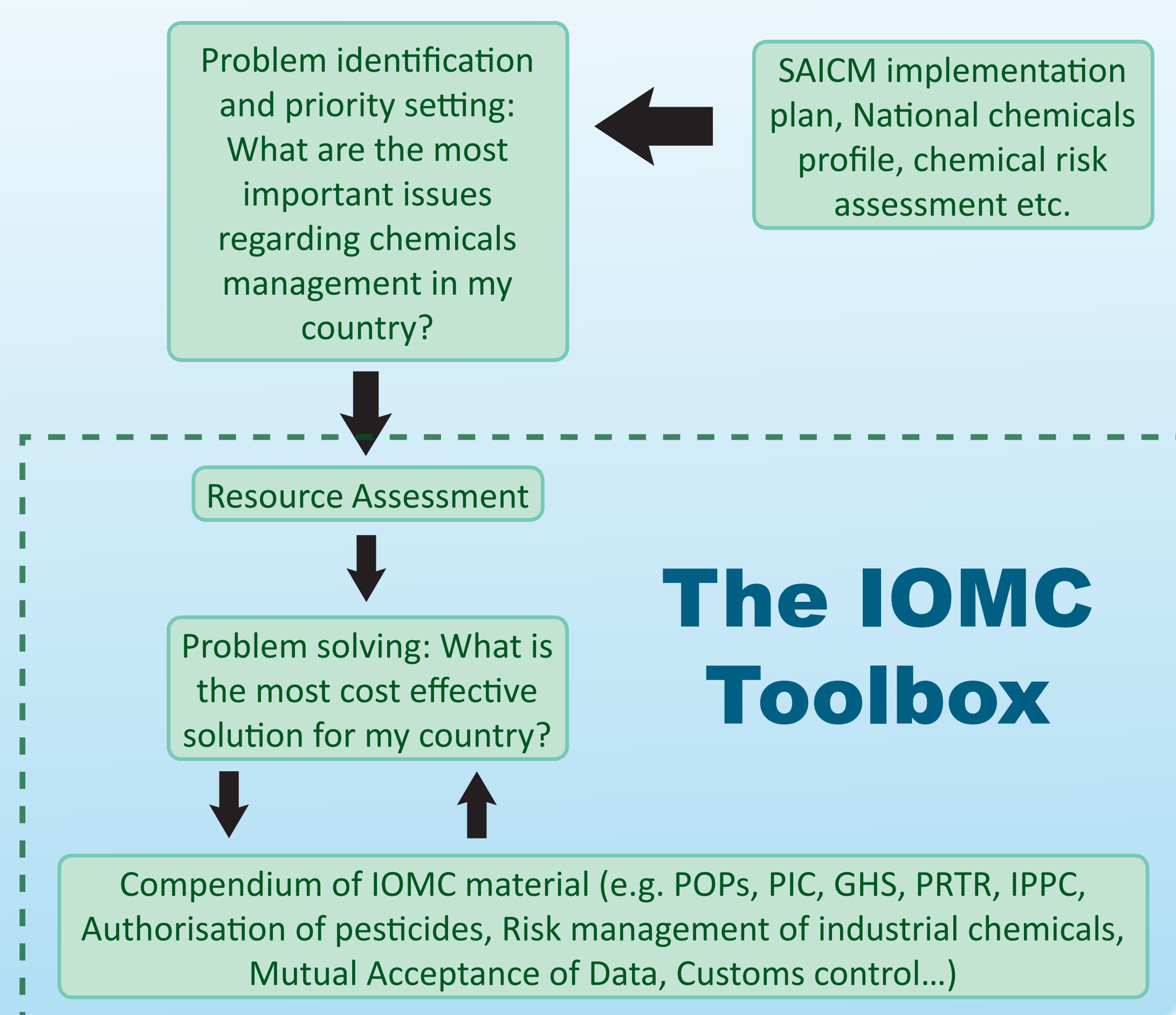
The issue

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The solution

The IOMC Toolbox assists countries in identifying available IOMC resources that could help to address specific national problems related to chemicals management.

The Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) is developing an internet-based problem-solving tool that will enable countries to identify the most relevant and efficient tools to address specific national problems in chemicals management.



EASY ACCESS

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A TAILORED AND MODULAR APPROACH

For any problem or chemicals management objective identified by a country, there are likely to be a number of options available. The Toolbox takes into account the resources available and guides the user towards cost-effective solutions adapted to the country. The Toolbox gives priority to hazard-based implementation tools (e.g. GHS) and easily implemented and readily available tools.

Launch of the proof-of-concept at ICCM3

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- A national management scheme for pesticides
- An occupational health and safety system
- A chemical accidents prevention, preparedness and response system for major hazards.

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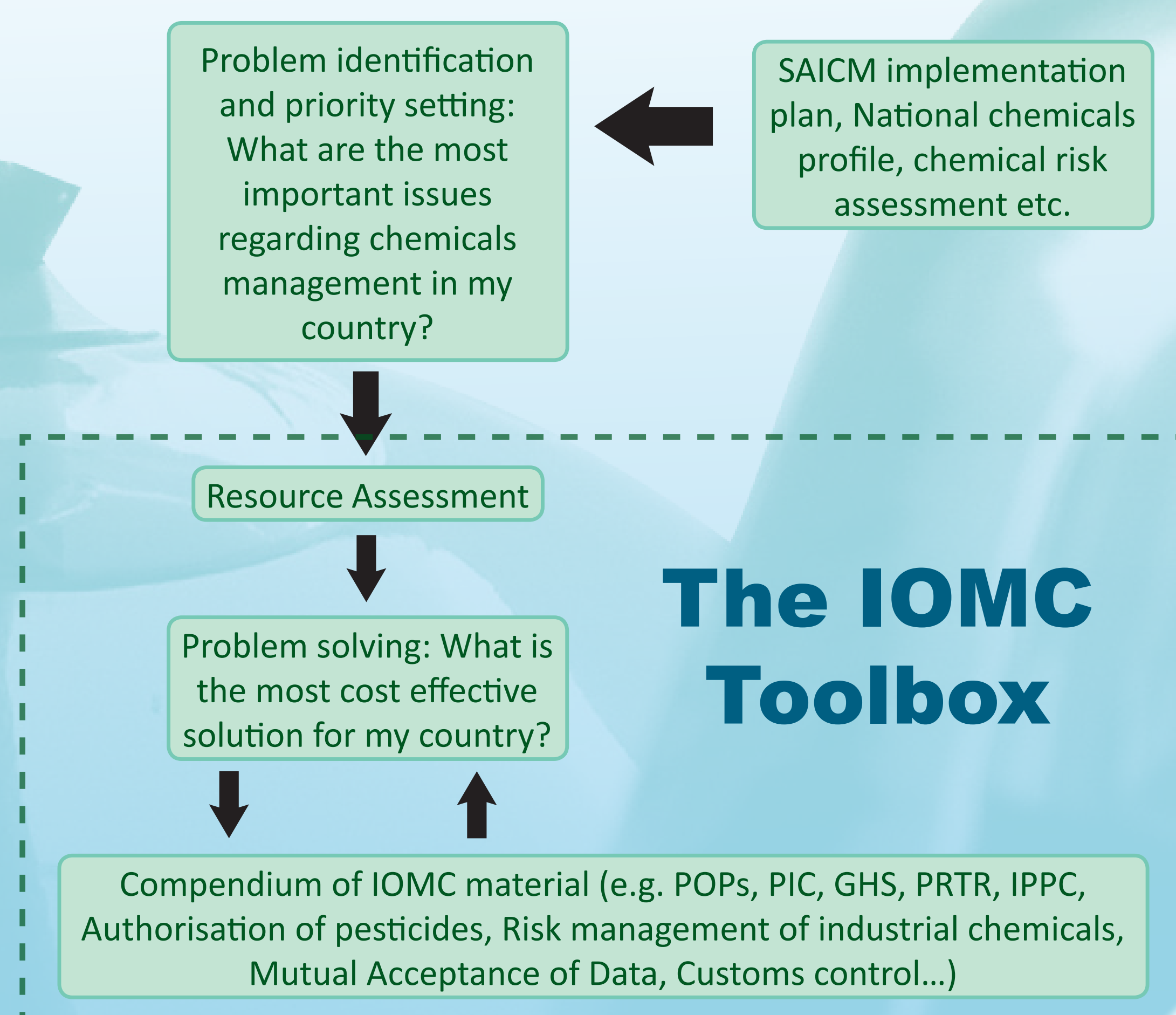
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