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Regional Roles and Responsibilities for Vice Presidents

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In carrying out its work, the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety (IFCS or Forum) emphasises regional and sub-regional cooperation. Thus, it is incumbent on the Vice Presidents of the Forum to:

- actively promote the IFCS in their region/subregion, including recommendations from the Forum;
- communicate to governments, relevant non-governmental organizations and others information on IFCS matters;
- support the organization of sub-regional cooperation;
- foster good intersectoral contacts throughout the region/subregion, having in mind the specific institutional and administrative framework of each country, and helping to promote an increased understanding of the various role and responsibilities of the different sectors;
- solicit and organize input from countries and other Forum participants in the region/subregion on issues and matters being addressed by the Forum, including the identification of regional/subregional priorities;
- represent regional views at Forum, Forum Standing Committee and other meetings;
- convene regional meetings, and support sub-regional meetings where appropriate, with broad participation, including that of non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, between Forum meetings and, as appropriate, during IFCS meetings;
- organize regional efforts for election of officers of the Forum and members of the Forum Standing Committee, in accordance with the IFCS Terms of Reference and general guidance provided by the President;
- organize nomination and designation of regional representatives to IFCS *ad hoc* working groups, coordinating groups and committees, ensuring equitable geographical representation for the region; and
- work in close collaboration with the IFCS National Focal Points in their region, assisted by the Executive Secretary as required.