

**ANNEX 3**

**Regional Roles and Responsibilities of Vice-Presidents**

## REGIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR VICE-PRESIDENTS

In carrying out its work, the Forum emphasises regional and sub-regional cooperation. Thus, it is incumbent on the Vice Presidents of the Forum to:

- actively promote the Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety (IFCS or Forum) 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, 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;
- 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.