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...Maged Younes, Head of UNEP Chemicals, and Shafqat Kakakhel, UNEP Deputy Executive Director, at a Rotterdam Convention meeting...

UNEP provides the main catalytic force in the UN system to drive activities related to the sound management of chemicals. It supports access to and exchange of information on toxic chemicals and promotes chemical safety by providing policy advice, technical guidance and capacity building to developing countries and countries with economies in transition.



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...Chemicals are part of modern life. From the products we use to the food we eat, chemicals are involved...

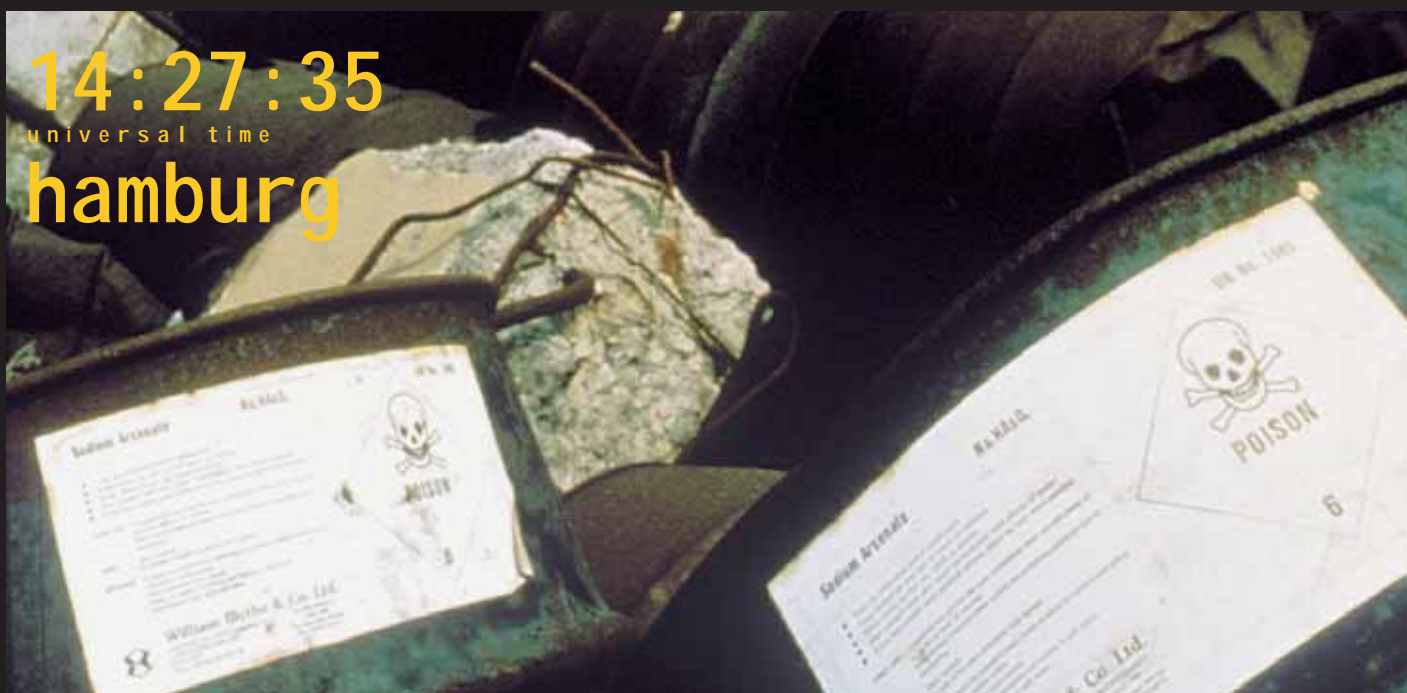
The Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) was adopted by the International Conference on Chemicals Management in February 2006. The sound management of chemicals is essential for achieving sustainable development, including the eradication of poverty and disease, improving human health and the environment, and elevating and maintaining standards of living in all countries.





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...some Persistent toxic substances last for years in the environment, accumulate in the fatty tissue of wildlife and people, and can damage human health and the environment...

SAICM will provide a global policy framework to achieve the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation goal that, by 2020, chemicals are produced and used and disposed of in ways that minimize significant adverse effects on human health and the environment. UNEP hosts the SAICM secretariat.

