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**Sixth meeting of the Bureau of the
Global Framework on Chemicals –
For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste**
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**Item 5 (a) of the provisional agenda¹
Implementation of the Framework and ICCM5 Resolutions.**

Open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators

Note by the secretariat

1. The International Conference on Chemicals Management at its fifth session (ICCM5) decided, in its resolution V/9 on Measurability Structure, to establish an open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators (OEAHGMI, otherwise stated ad hoc group). This group will prepare recommendations for the finalizing of the measurability structure and a proposal for a set of indicators for Annex III to the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste, for consideration at the next session of the Conference.
2. The OEAHGMI is a subsidiary body of the International Conference and the rules of procedure of the International Conference apply mutatis mutandis to the proceedings of the meeting, unless otherwise decided by the International Conference at its next session.
3. Thus far, the OEAHGMI has held four meetings, with the first meeting that was held in two segments. Participation in ad hoc group meetings is open to all stakeholders and broad participation from stakeholder groups and sectors is envisaged to ensure regional and sectoral balance within the ad hoc group.
4. A summary of the progress of work of the ad hoc group is detailed in the Annex to the present note.
5. The Bureau is invited to take note of the work of the open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators.

Next steps

The next meeting of the ad hoc group is scheduled for 12 February 2025. Next steps until the OEWG planned in June 2025 will be discussed and agreed.

The Bureau is invited to consider and agree on the proposed way forward.

¹ GFC/IC.1/Bureau.6/1

ANNEX

The first meeting of the open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators – segment 1 was held on 16 April 2024. Ms. Itsuki Kuroda (Japan) and Ms. Keima Gardiner (Trinidad and Tobago) were elected co-chairs of the ad hoc group. Broad participation from stakeholder groups and sectors was envisaged for the upcoming meetings of the ad hoc group to ensure regional and sectoral balance.

The first meeting of the open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators – segment 2 was held on 13 May 2024. The ad hoc group agreed on a workplan and timetable for the subsequent meetings. The Co-chair prepared and introduced a concept note (document [GFC/OEAHGML.1/Seg.2/2](#)) outlining a proposed approach to develop a set of indicators. The ad hoc group agreed on dividing the work of into 3 workstreams:

Workstream 1: Assessment of existing indicators identified in document SAICM/IP.4/INF/39/Rev.1;

Workstream 2: Development of additional indicators needed to complete the measurability structure;

Workstream 3: Identification and assessment of thematic and sector-specific indicators.

The IOMC accepted to lead the task team of workstream 1 to streamline and strengthen the existing indicators with the aim to reduce the number of indicators and enhance their robustness. UNEP accepted to lead the task team of workstream 2 and specifically their involvement in developing the high-level indicator on the global environmental burden attributable to chemicals and waste with the support of the OECD and UNECE. WHO accepted to lead the task team of workstream 2 and specifically their involvement in developing the high-level indicator on the global burden of disease attributable to chemicals and waste. The ad hoc group agreed that the secretariat would lead the work of the task team under workstream 3. The link to register to any of the three workstreams were made available to stakeholders on the webpage of the ad hoc group and will remain open until their work is completed. The report of the meeting is available [here](#).

The second meeting of the open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators was held on 14 August 2024. The secretariat, in consultation with the Co-chairs, developed and submitted a draft factsheet template for indicators that will allow standardization of the presentation of information, and a draft thought starter “On the criteria to select indicators of the Global Framework on Chemicals”. The draft documents were revised after receiving feedback from stakeholders and were submitted at the third meeting of the ad hoc group (document [GFC/OEAHGML.3/3](#) and document [GFC/OEAHGML.3/2](#)). For workstream 1, the IOMC introduced a concept note ([document GFC/OEAHGML.2/4](#)) that outlined the progress made by the IOMC since the submission of the “Inventory and Analysis Report: Existing Indicators on Chemicals and Waste Management” (SAICM/IP.4/INF/39/Rev.1) at the fourth meeting of the Intersessional process (IP4), and suggested planned next steps, including engagement of the task team. For workstream 2, UNEP introduced a proposed approach ([document GFC/OEAHGML.2/5](#)) to develop a high-level indicator on the global environmental burden including organization of work with the task team and timeline. For workstream 2, WHO introduced background information and published work on the global burden of disease attributable to chemicals and waste that will support the preparation of a workplan for the development of the high-level indicator. For workstream 3, the secretariat launched a questionnaire “Invitation to Contribute: Stakeholder input for Workstream 3 on Thematic and Sector-Specific Indicators” to help identify indicators (existing and under development) measuring the implementation of the Global Framework on Chemicals in economic and industrial sectors along value chains as well as indicators measuring the integration of safe and sustainable management of chemicals and waste related to Sustainable Development Goals, climate change, biodiversity loss, labour, health, waste management, finance, trade, gender. The report of the meeting is available [here](#).

The third meeting of the open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators was held on 13 November 2024. The three workstreams reported on progress. The IOMC held the first webinar of the task team 1 on 23 September 2024 and launched a survey through which the task team contributed to the refinement of the list of indicators. Fifteen unique indicators with no objections and seven unique indicators with one objection were identified. The secretariat anticipated that the questionnaire launched under workstream 3 showed an interest of the industry sector in the development and use of indicators related to chemicals management linked to safety, health and gender and agreement among stakeholders groups on the need to identify new indicators that measure progress in the implementation of the GFC. A draft report presenting the responses of the questionnaire was shared with the task team for feedback and will be submitted at the fourth meeting of the ad hoc group. UNEP held the first meeting of the task team of workstream 2 on 19 September 2024 with the objective to review the key steps in developing the indicator and exchange views on the organization of work. Views were shared on the first steps proposed in the workplan: 1. Define the primary objectives and scope; 2. Review criteria to be met; and views on sources of information, data sets and assessments /monitoring systems that may be useful to the development of the high-level indicator progress in the implementation of the GFC. The report of the meeting is available [here](#).

Next steps

The three workstreams are planning to engage with their task teams with new webinars and online meetings to progress on their mandate. Currently the number of stakeholders registered to the three workstream is as follow: 121 for workstream 1, 106 for workstream 2, and 120 for workstream 3.

The next meeting of the ad hoc group is scheduled for 12 February 2025. Report on progress as well as next steps and workplan of the three workstreams until the OEWG planned in June 2025 will be discussed and agreed.