

**Ninth meeting of the Bureau of the  
Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste**  
Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 14:00 – 16:30 (CET, Geneva time) (**ONLINE**)

## Strengthening the Focal Point network for the Global Framework on Chemicals

*Bureau Action: For discussion and guidance on next steps*

### Issue:

Progress has been made in strengthening focal point nominations in line with the updated nomination procedure. Nevertheless, responses remain limited in many countries. While engagement from health and labour sectors has improved, further efforts are required to strengthen multisectoral participation.

### Purpose:

This paper provides an update on the status of national focal point nominations under the updated procedures and related follow-up actions.

### Update:

As of 13 February, the number of countries in compliance with the updated GFC focal point nomination procedures (nomination by Ministry of Foreign Affairs) has doubled to 82 since October 2025. Among confirmed national focal points, 8 are designated from the health sector, while no national labour focal points have been nominated.

To date, 3 countries (Kenya, Sri-Lanka, Bulgaria) have nominated alternate focal points from the labour sector and 5 from the health sector (Armenia, Bulgaria, Canada, Kenya and Republic of Slovenia).

**Table 1: Regional Status of GFC National Focal Point Nominations**

| Region              | Nominated by MFA | Not nominated by MFA* | Nominated pre-ICCM5 |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Africa (54)         | 17 (31%)         | 37 (69%)              | 19                  |
| Asia-Pacific (58)   | 19 (33%)         | 39 (67%)              | 27                  |
| Eastern Europe (23) | 15 (68%)         | 8 (32%)               | 2                   |
| GRULAC (33)         | 17 (51%)         | 16 (49%)              | 11                  |
| WEOG (26)           | 14 (50%)         | 5 (19%) **            | 2                   |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>82 (42%)</b>  | <b>105 (54%) **</b>   | <b>63 (32%)</b>     |

*MFA: Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

*\*Includes countries with nominations currently under review, in progress, or pending formal submission through Ministries of Foreign Affairs*

*\*\* Figure is based on countries with active engagement in recent GFC processes; therefore, totals may not reach 100% of regional membership.*

### Immediate Steps:

The Secretariat will continue follow-up with countries that are not yet fully compliant with the updated nomination procedures, improve the accuracy of focal point records, and strengthen targeted outreach to health, labour, and other relevant sectors to support multisectoral engagement.

### Question for the Bureau:

- In light of repeated follow-up on unconfirmed focal points, the Secretariat is considering establishing a confirmation deadline of 31 March 2026, particularly for older nominations made prior to ICCM5. After this date, unconfirmed entries would be reviewed and, where appropriate, removed from the records. The Bureau's guidance is sought on this proposed approach.

## Annex: Country-Level Breakdown of GFC Focal Point Nomination Status and Compliance

| Region         | Nominated by MFA*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Not nominated by MFA*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Nominated pre-ICCM5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Africa         | Angola, Benin, Cameroun, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea (Republic of), Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Republic of Mauritius, Morocco, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Tunisie, Uganda                                                                                                   | Algeria, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, République Centrafricaine, Chad, Comoros, République du Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, République Démocratique du Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Swaziland (Eswatini), Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tomé et Príncipe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania (United Republic of), Zambia, Zimbabwe                                   | Algeria, Botswana, Burkina Faso, République Centrafricaine, Chad, République du Congo, République Démocratique du Congo, Eritrea, Swaziland (Eswatini), Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Libya, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Sao Tomé et Príncipe, South Africa, Tanzania (United Republic of), Zimbabwe                                                                   |
| Asia-Pacific   | Australia, Peoples Republic of Bangladesh, People's Republic of China, Fiji, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Turkey | Afghanistan, Kingdom of Bahrain, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Israel, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Lebanon, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Sultanate of Oman, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Qatar, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Syrian Arab Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Yemen, Cook Islands | Afghanistan, Kingdom of Bahrain, Bhutan, Cambodia, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Israel, Kiribati, Lao PDR, Lebanon, Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Nauru, Sultanate of Oman, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Syrian Arab Republic, Tonga, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Cook Islands |
| Eastern Europe | Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic (Czechia), Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Poland, Republic of Serbia, Slovak Republic (Slovakia), Republic of Slovenia                                           | Azerbaijan, Croatia, Estonia, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Ukraine                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Montenegro, Russian Federation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| GRULAC         | Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, México, Peru, St. Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago                                                                                   | Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Commonwealth of Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Commonwealth of Dominica, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Venezuela                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| WEOG           | Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America                                                                      | Austria, Finland, Germany, Portugal, Sweden                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Germany, Portugal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |