INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

High-Level Dialogue
18 November – 19 November 2026

A. Objectives and outcome

1. The objectives of the High-Level Dialogue are to:
   - Strengthen political leadership and shared ownership of Framework implementation;
   - Identify priority actions that can accelerate progress towards the Framework's Strategic Objectives and targets;
   - Promote collaboration across governments, industry, finance and civil society to address shared implementation challenges;
   - Identify enabling policies, partnerships and investment approaches capable of scaling practical solutions; and
   - Build greater alignment on where collective efforts should be concentrated over the coming years.

2. The expected outcome of the Dialogue will be a clear understanding of the urgency, opportunities and shared responsibility for advancing implementation of the Framework and will produce a concise document highlighting priority areas, as well as where political attention, cooperation and acceleration are required.

3. Guided by the Conference themes of Tracking Progress, Accelerating Action and Investing for Impact, discussions will focus on acting together for a better future by identifying practical pathways that can deliver measurable progress before the next International Conference.

4. The outcome document will consist of a key discussions, priorities and key messages emerging from both days of the High-Level Dialogue and be reported back to the next Plenary. The outcome document will also be included in the Conference meeting report and translated into the 6 UN languages.

B. Programme overview and settings

5. The High-Level Dialogue will be held in Geneva, Switzerland at the following venue: International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), 17 rue de Varembé, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland.

6. The Dialogue will take place over two half days on Wednesday 18 November and Thursday 19 November 2026.

7. The full Programme may be found on the Conference Website. Participants are encouraged to consult the Conference website regularly for the latest programme, and relevant updates.

8. The afternoon of Wednesday 18 November, 15:00 – 18:00 will feature three sequential thematic conversations in Plenary Room A. Through moderated conversations, the sessions will explore differing perspectives, identify areas of convergence and highlight practical pathways for accelerating progress.

9. Specially invited high-level Governmental and non-Governmental delegates will be ushered to their seats at 14:45 on Wednesday 18 November and all participants are requested to be seated by 14:50.

10. All registered participants of the Conference may attend the discussions on Wednesday 18 November. However, only high-level delegates will be provided the opportunity to intervene from the floor.

11. The morning of Thursday 19 November will occur in a closed setting and include multisectoral roundtables where participants will share leadership experiences, identify priorities for action, opportunities for collaboration and practical solutions that reflect different regional and sectoral realities.

12. *Access to the closed session on Thursday will be limited to the invited high-level delegates. Where capacity permits, one interpreter can accompany the delegate, however, due to capacity, no technical advisors or accompanying officials will be in the closed session.*

13. Delegates may be assigned to roundtables in advance, taking into account language preferences and the need for balanced regional and stakeholder representation.

14. Each roundtable on Thursday 19 November 2026 will be assigned a facilitator and notetaker who will ensure that the table discussions are captured accurately for reporting back at the end of the session.

15. To promote interactive dialogue during the sessions, there will be no serial statements or formal speeches during the conversations, round-table discussions, and/or plenary sessions of the high-level dialogue. Delegations wishing to submit a written statement for posting on the International Conference website High-Level Dialogue webpage may send these to a designated email address with the subject line: “IC1 High-Level Dialogue – Written Statement – [Country/Organization]”. Further instructions will be posted on the International Conference webpage.

16. Any changes to arrangements for the High-Level Dialogue will also be communicated directly to registered high-level delegates where necessary using the email address used for registration.

C. High-level dinner and VIP space

17. The International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) is kindly hosting a dinner at 18:30 on the evening of 18 November 2026 at an external venue. Invitations to the dinner will be distributed separately prior to the Conference.

18. A VIP space will be available for ministerial use in the CICG.

D. Registration and badge-issuance

19. Participation to the High-Level Dialogue is open to Ministers, Vice-Ministers or their equivalent, as well as C-suite and senior leaders from non-Governmental organizations.

20. High-level delegates are requested to register using a special INDICO link for the High-Level Dialogue, even if Note Verbales or letters have been submitted to the Secretariat.

21. If the nominated delegate is not the specially invited individual, a letter of nomination is required alongside registration.

E. Accessibility

22. Participants requiring accessibility arrangements are requested to inform the Secretariat in advance via unep-gfc.secretariat@un.org.

F. Interpretation

23. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in plenary on Wednesday 18 November 2026 for all six UN languages.

24. The language used on Thursday 19 November 2026 will be English with no interpretation available. Round-tables may be organized according to language preferences. A whisper interpreter is permitted, where required and must also be registered using the High-Level Dialogue registration link, with a letter of nomination.

G. Photography

25. Conference photographers may be present Wednesday 18 November 2026.

26. Ministerial photo: A group photo of high-level delegates will be taken before the round-table discussions on Thursday 19 November 2026.

H. On-site registration and security

27. Badge issuance for the High-Level Dialogue will open from Tuesday 17 November 2026 from 8:30. High-level delegates will be issued a “VIP” badge.

28. Presentation of one of the following identification documents will be required:
    - Valid national passport issued by a government recognized by the United Nations;
    - Valid national ID card issued by a Schengen State.

29. Security checks will be carried out upon the conference centre badge issuance.

30. Participants are expected to wear their badges visibly at all times and in all areas.

31. Delegates wishing to attend any sessions, plenary or otherwise, beyond the High-Level Dialogue are required to register using the Conference registration link.

I. Financial support

32. Financial assistance to help defray the cost of one minister or their equivalent to attend the High-Level Dialogue will be made available to developing countries

and countries with economies upon request for the period of the High-Level Dialogue.

33. For eligible high-level delegates, full Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for up to 3 days covering the period between November 18 and 19 2026 will be provided based on the relevant itinerary. Participants and/or their Governments will be responsible for meeting other travel costs.

34. The Secretariat will liaise with delegates on information that may be required as payment will be made via bank transfer upon travel completion and proof of travel.

J. Visa

35. It is the responsibility of each participant to apply for the required visa. Visas must be obtained prior to arrival. UNEP does not guarantee visa issuance.

K. Medical and travel insurance

36. The United Nations does not cover medical or life insurance of participants. Medical costs incurred in Geneva will be borne by the participant. It is, therefore, strongly recommended that participants arrange their own travel health insurance that covers both health and accident prior to departure from the country of residence. The United Nations Environment Programme will not be responsible for travel or health insurance coverage.

37. The local emergency number is 112.

38. The following local hospital/medical centre in the proximity of the meeting venue open 24 hours a day: Emergency Adults Hôpitaux Universitaires, Rue Gabrielle-Perret-Gentil 2, 1205 Genève.

L. Accommodation, transportation and electricity.

39. Participants are responsible for making their own arrangements for accommodation and transportation.

40. Most participants may find it convenient to arrive at the Geneva airport, which is well connected by a modern transportation system that includes trains, buses, and taxis.

41. The residential voltage in Geneva is 230V/50Hz. Plug types are C and J.

M. Contact details

42. For additional questions, please contact the Global Framework on Chemicals Secretariat at unep-gfc.secretariat@un.org. For urgent matters, please copy delena.indar@unitar.org and erdenesukh.otgonbayar@un.org.

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