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The Global Framework on Chemicals

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For a Planet Free of Harm From Chemicals and Waste

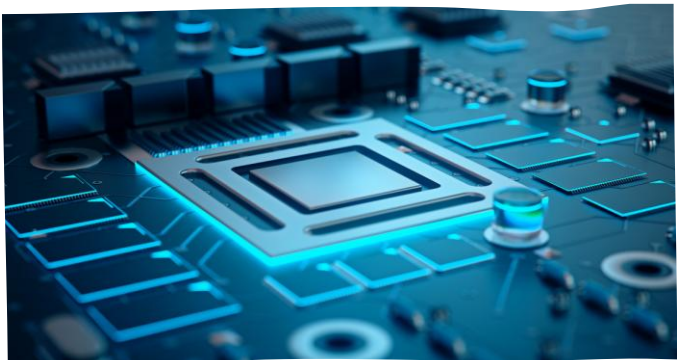
Multisectoral and multistakeholder framework for safe and sustainable management of chemicals and waste adopted at the Fifth meeting of International Conference on Chemicals Management in Bonn, Germany in September 2023.

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Strategic objectives

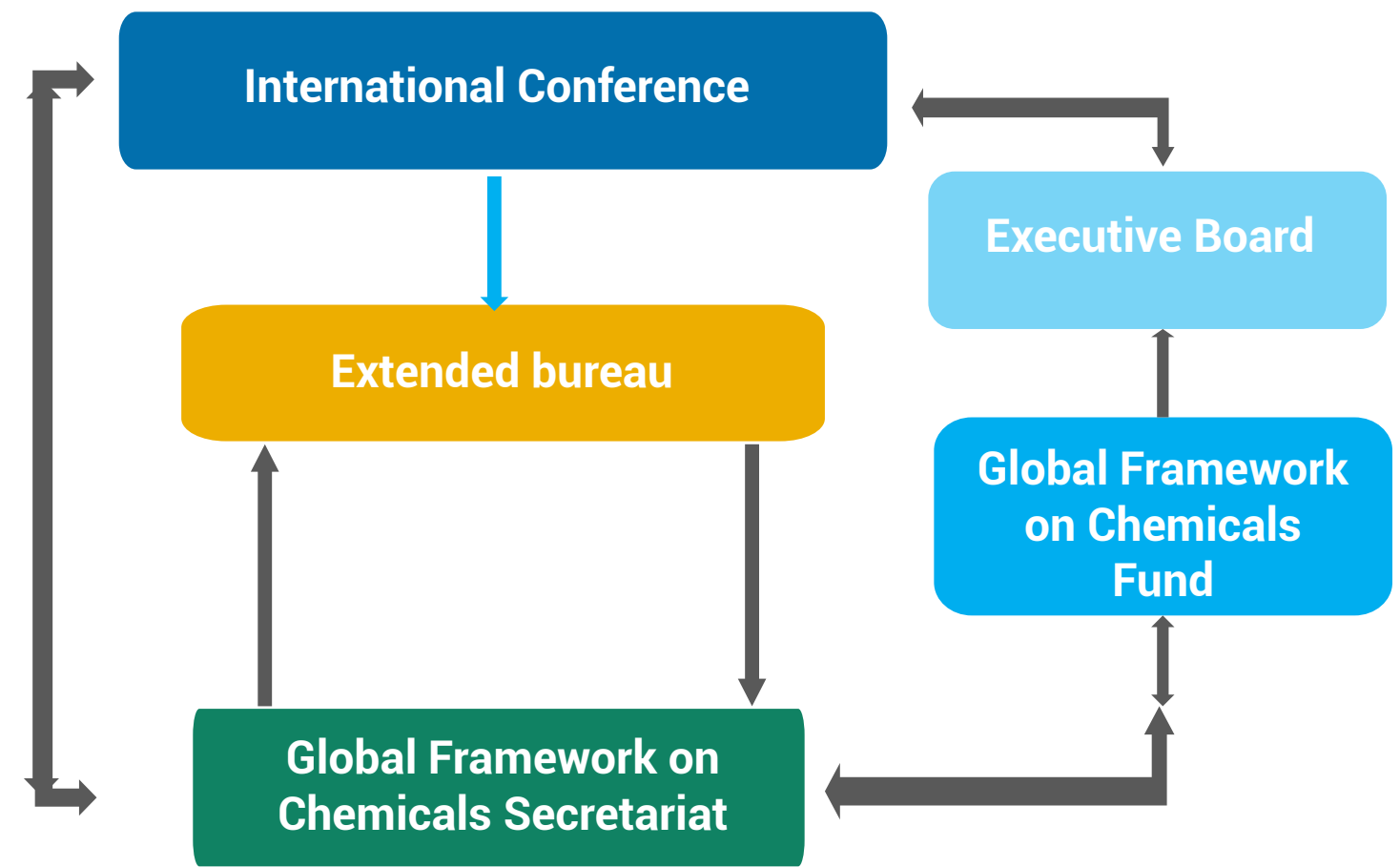
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Targets



Governance: Multisectoral and multistakeholder

Governance of the Global Framework on Chemicals



Bureau composition

President 

Vice Presidents 

Multi-sectoral representatives

Health 	Public interest group 
Industry 	Trade Union 
	IOMC 

Regional Focal Points



- ✓ Bureau provides strategic oversight with government leadership and multi-stakeholder participation.
- ✓ Includes representation from health, industry, labour, public interest groups and IOMC.
- ✓ 9 Extended bureau meetings held since adoption, ensuring continuity and direction.

Progress update | From framework to implementation



Open-Ended Working Group (June 2025) - First major international meeting under the Global Framework on Chemicals with nearly 400 participants attended in person



Measurability framework advancing with global indicators

- Two high-level indicators: Environmental burden and Burden of disease
- 68 draft indicators identified



Two **global Implementation Programmes** in partnership with IOMC and other interested partners

- Legal frameworks and institutional capacity
- Industry and value chain transformation (agriculture, textiles, electronics, construction, healthcare)



National focal point capacity and network strengthened through targeted pilot training



Gender considerations integrated into implementation approach with **gender action plan** in progress



Collaboration strengthened across MEAs, IOMC and partners.

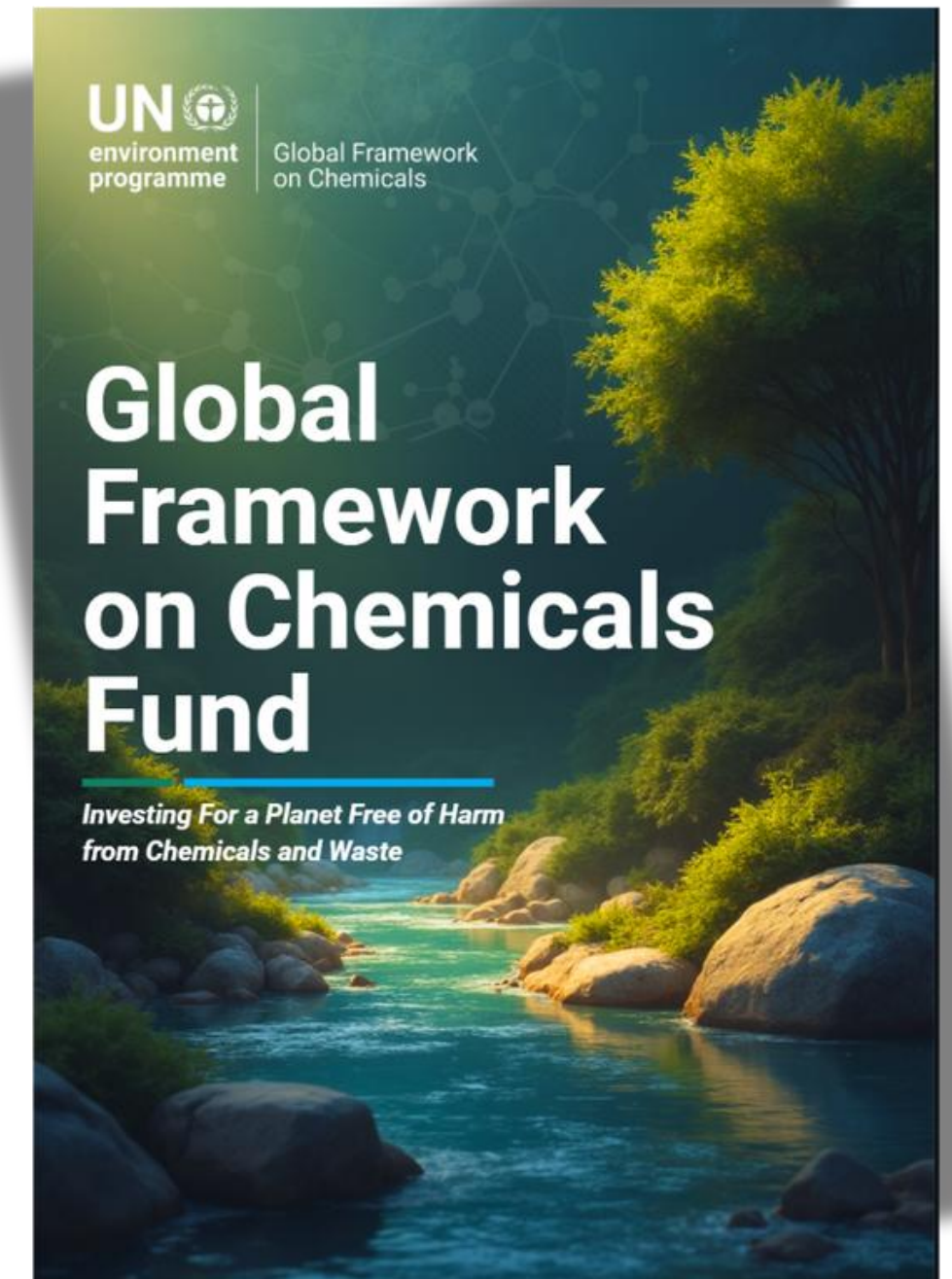


"Benefits of Action Scoping Study" is progressing well ahead of the International Conference

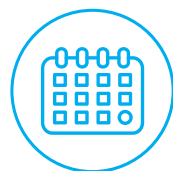


Financing the transition | The Global Framework on Chemicals Fund

- ✓ Established in **2023**, the Fund supports developing countries, LDCs, SIDS and economies in transition countries
- ✓ Two funding rounds completed, with **four projects approved across 11 countries** in Africa and Latin America from the first round. Second round of projects to be approved and selected in September/October 2026.
- ✓ It focuses on strengthening **institutional capacities** for safe chemicals and waste management with long-term ownership and targets **high-impact sectors** (e.g. electronics, textiles, agriculture, construction) to reduce pollution.



Milestone ahead | The Global Framework on Chemicals - first International Conference



Date

16 -20 November 2026*



Location

Geneva International Conference Center, Geneva, Switzerland



Desired outcomes

- (i) Adopt indicators and track progress
- (ii) Identify and accelerate actions
- (iii) Increase investment



Audience

Governments, industry, companies, and non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations including high-level segment



Desired outcomes | The first International Conference



Desired outcomes

01

Adopt indicators and track progress

We will adopt the indicators under measurability framework; take stock through existing IOMC indicators; collate information through stakeholder reporting and mining data; agree on high level indicators of health and environmental burden; and provide an analysis for each target.

02

Identify and accelerate actions

We will identify where action is needed; agree on new and existing issues of concern; showcase front runner businesses; share best practices; integrate occupational health and safety; advance international standards; re-energize political commitments; build collaborations and promote youth initiatives.

03

Increase Investment

We will agree on core Implementation programmes including their ToRs and workplans across textiles, electronics, building and construction, health care services, and labour sectors. We will invest in focal points and alliances, secure investors; increase pledges and commitments; and scale up finance.

Long term view: Investment to accelerate implementation of the Framework

Stakeholders are key to make the vision of the Framework a reality.

- ✓ Concerted actions are essential to drive the change needed to achieve the strategic objectives and targets of the Framework.
- ✓ Implementation of the Framework requires strengthening of investment in safe and sustainable chemicals management across policies, infrastructure, innovation and capacity-building.
- ✓ The Framework provides the opportunity to scale investment and mobilize resources, to turn commitments into measurable action, implementation and impact.
- ✓ Creating spaces to discuss, gathering sectors and stakeholders is the door to success.



Funding shortfall | The Global Framework on Chemicals - first International Conference



There is a substantial **deficit in the budget** to organize the first International Conference as all contributions are voluntary.



The Secretariat is exploring and **making efforts to mobilize funding** from traditional and non-traditional donors and partners; however, given the current global climate, the work has been challenging.



In this context, how can we ensure that the Conference is adequately resourced and inclusive, particularly for developing countries?



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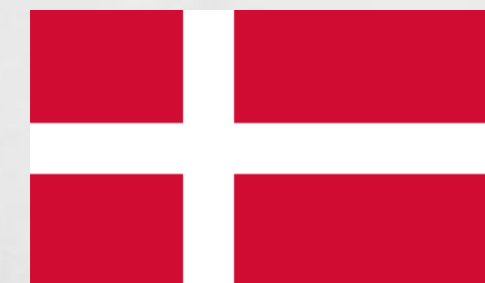
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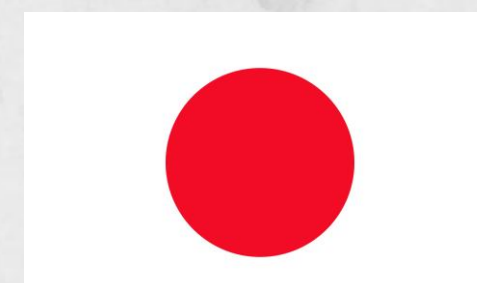
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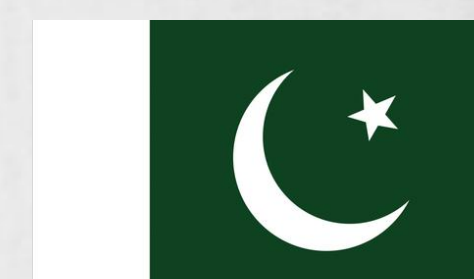
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