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REPORT OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE GLOBAL FRAMEWORK ON CHEMICALS[1] FUND (FIRST SESSION)

1. Opening and welcome

1. The co-chairs of the Executive Board of the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund, Ivo de Zwaan (the Netherlands) and Santos Virgilio (Angola) welcomed the Board members and registered observers to the fourth meeting of the Executive Board. The presence of online Board members and registered observers was confirmed. New Board members and all other participants were invited to introduce themselves.

2. The co-chairs invited the Global Framework on Chemicals Secretariat to introduce new personnel and provide a short update on staffing.

2. Organizational matters

3. The co-chairs presented the provisional agenda (GFC/EB.4.1/1/Rev.1) and annotated provisional agenda (GFC/EB.4.1/1/Add.1/Rev.1) that were circulated on 10 February 2026. No additional points were raised under any other business, and the agenda was adopted.

4. The co-chairs explained that the primary objective of the meeting was to consider concept notes received under the second round of applications with the aim of selecting promising applications. These applicants would be asked to develop a full application package for consideration by the Executive Board. The second objective was to agree on a proposal for the future terms of reference" (TOR) of the Fund, to be forwarded to the International Conference for consideration and adoption at that meeting, following the decision to review the provisionally adopted TOR as stated in ICCM5 resolution V/3.

5. The Board members agreed to the proposal for the organization of work of the meeting presented by the co-chairs and as set out in annex I of the annotated agenda. The co-chairs outlined the meeting and hybrid arrangements and reminded members of the rules of conduct, including recusals for conflicts of interest during the appraisal of concept notes (agenda item 5.2).

3. Adoption of the report of the third meeting of the Executive Board

6. The co-chairs invited comments on the draft report of the third meeting of the Executive Board (GFCF/EB.3/5) held in Geneva from 19 to 21 March 2025 and online from 26 to 28 May 2025, which was circulated to the Board members on 12 June 2025 and uploaded to the website after incorporation of the comments. With no further comments, the Executive Board adopted the report of the third meeting.[2]

4. Update on operations of the GFC Fund

[1] The Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste (GFC).
[2] The report is available online as document GFCF/EB.3/5:
https://wedocs.unep.org/rest/api/core/bitstreams/80e2a316-044c-4e93-8172-fe4b3dec5f13/content

7. The Secretariat presented the report on operations of the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund (GFC/EB.4.1/2/Rev.2) which included an update on the activities undertaken since the last meeting of the Executive Board, in particular on the status of the four projects approved under the first round, the current financial situation of the Fund, an outlook on the expected future project pipeline and workload and a proposal for staffing and budget from the second quarter of 2026 to the first quarter of 2027. The co-chairs invited the Board to make comments, raise questions, and take decisions on matters related to financial planning, Secretariat capacity, and future programming, as appropriate and subject to decisions at the International Conference regarding the extension of the time limit of the Fund.

8. The Secretariat presented a budget and staffing proposal, including a proposal for one additional P-3 Programme Management Officer and one additional P-2 Associate Programme Management Officer. Board members requested clarification on the number of projects that can be effectively managed by the Fund Secretariat and asked for references based on the experience of the Special Programme. The Secretariat noted that while the two funding mechanisms have common features to a certain extent, the Fund primarily works with more complex, regional projects which have larger financial volumes. Additionally, the Secretariat highlighted the high workload resulting from the high number of applications received in both funding rounds to date. Some members expressed reservations regarding the creation of additional staff positions at this stage until a decision is made by the International Conference.

9. Subsequently, the Secretariat presented an updated proposal, noting that staff positions that remained vacant to date had resulted in lower actual expenditures than those approved in the budget at the Board's second meeting (June 2024). The Secretariat further explained that these savings have been used to address operational needs through temporary and targeted consultancy support during the start-up and appraisal phases, while remaining within the limits of the approved budget and only using financial resources from the Global Framework on Chemicals Trust Fund.

10. The Board members expressed support for this flexible approach as an interim measure until the first International Conference. At the same time, several members emphasized the importance of maintaining a well-staffed Secretariat with permanent capacity to ensure continuity and effective project implementation. The updated budget and staffing proposal for the Fund are attached to this report (Annex 3).

5. Consideration of eligible and complete concept notes

5.1. Overview of the concept notes and reflections on the funding envelope for the second round

11. The Secretariat introduced the document entitled *Overview of phase 1 of the second round of applications* (GFC/EB.4.1/3/Rev.1) and provided an overview of the second round of applications, including information on the approach taken and relevant statistics. The call for applications resulted in a total of 138 eligible concept notes which were reviewed by the Secretariat and appraised by the Executive Board members in February and March 2026 in five appraisal groups organized to avoid conflicts of interest. The full list of eligible applications considered by the Executive Board is available in Annex 2 to this report.

12. Given the high number of eligible submissions, each appraisal group prioritized a subset of proposals for full Board consideration, while all members had access to all concept notes and could flag any proposal for additional discussion. This approach ensured that all eligible concept notes were reviewed while facilitating focused and structured deliberations within the time available at the fourth Board meeting. Through this process, the Board prioritized 29 eligible concept notes for further discussion at the meeting. While the Board did not agree on a funding envelope, there was broad agreement of selecting between 15 and 20 concept notes for the next stage, taking into account that the Secretariat will only be able to effectively administer and support a smaller number of projects.

13. In this context, the Secretariat highlighted the significant gap between the total funding requested under the second round and the resources currently available in the Fund. This shows the importance of prioritization and strategic selection of concept notes and may warrant further consideration by the Executive Board in future rounds regarding funding priorities.

5.2. Presentations and final appraisals of concept notes

14. For the selection of concept notes for the next stage of the application process, the Executive Board agreed on adopting an approach similar to that of the first application round: the 29 prioritized concept notes were split into batches organized by commonalities such as region and economic status. At the outset of each batch, the Secretariat briefly introduced the applications in the batch. Board members

then took the floor to discuss each concept note, providing their recommendation to select or not select based on key impact factors, including the alignment with the Fund's priorities and criteria, the project's expected result, sustainability of outcomes, structure, clarity, multi-stakeholder and cross-sectoral aspects, overlap with or duplication of previous projects and of tools already available, and budget.

15. In this process, the Executive Board considered each concept note on its merits with a view to shortlisting those concept notes that will be invited to develop a full application. In making its decision, the Board considered that shortlisting concept notes at this meeting will lead to the development of full application packages, which entails additional efforts by both applicants and the Secretariat and may create expectations regarding future funding.

16. In this regard, the Board agreed on the importance of maintaining a manageable number of shortlisted concept notes to ensure meaningful technical support by the Secretariat during the development phase and to avoid creating unrealistic expectations among applicants.

17. The Board selected a total of 16 concept notes for the next stage as outlined in the table below. This listing is not to be read as constituting any kind of ranking:

Region		Country/Countries involved	Project title
Africa	1	Africa regional (Ghana, Nigeria)	Strengthening governance and national capacities for the sound life-cycle management of chemicals and waste: An operational model-demonstration pilot in Ghana and Nigeria for replicability across the ECOWAS sub-region
	2	Africa regional (Eswatini, Namibia, Zimbabwe)	GHS implementation in Eswatini, Namibia, and Zimbabwe
	3	Ethiopia	Strengthening Ethiopia's Institutional and Regulatory Framework for Sound industrial Chemical Management
	4	Ghana	Digital Surveillance–Driven IVM for Safer Malaria Control in Ghana
Asia Pacific	5	Asia Pacific regional (Cambodia, Jordan, Lao PDR, Mongolia)	The Full Life Cycle Management of Chemicals and Green Transformation in the Textile Industry
	6	Asia Pacific regional (Lao PDR, Cambodia)	Supporting GFC Implementation through generating data on chemicals emissions by fully implementing Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTR)
	7	Bangladesh	Strengthening Sound Chemical Management Practices in Bangladesh
	8	Micronesia	Strengthening Chemical Management Systems across the FSM
	9	Tuvalu	Strengthening Chemical Management and Waste Governance in Tuvalu: From Policy to Practice
	10	Vanuatu	Advancing Chemicals Governance in Vanuatu: National GHS Framework Implementation with Regional Knowledge Partnerships
CEE	11	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Strengthening chemical management and environmental health in BiH
	12	Serbia	Improvement of Environmental and OHS management of CoC in Serbia
LAC	13	Haiti	Alternatives to dangerous pesticides for nation-wide upscaling of agroecology
	14	Mexico	Strengthening Chemicals Risk Governance at the Subnational Level
Multiple	15	Multiple (Malaysia, Brazil, Zimbabwe, Mauritius)	Worker-Led Chemical Safety and Occupational Health in Construction
	16	Multiple (Philippines, Brazil, India, Indonesia)	National Strategies for Safe Chemicals Manufacturing in the Global South

18. The Secretariat informed the Board that all applicants will be notified about the outcome of the meeting. The non-selected proposals will receive a generic notification unless otherwise advised by the Board while the selected applicants will receive individual comments for necessary clarifications and improvements of applications, based on the Board's appraisal and discussion at the meeting.

19. Furthermore, the Secretariat outlined the next steps of the application process: the Secretariat will provide additional support to selected applicants, including a webinar to introduce the next steps of the

process as well as a helpdesk and one-hour individual support sessions. Following the deadline for submissions of the full application package (15 June 2026), the Secretariat will review the applications. In July and August, the Executive Board, with support from the Secretariat, will appraise the applications. At its next meeting in September, the Board will then make the final decision on the projects.

6. "Future Terms of Reference" of the Fund for consideration at the International Conference

20. The Secretariat introduced the document entitled *Draft "Future terms of reference of the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund"* (GFC/EB.4.1/4) and provided an overview of the Fund's Terms of Reference (TOR), which were provisionally adopted at the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5) in September 2023 and are scheduled for review at the first session of the International Conference of the Global Framework on Chemicals. In preparation for this review, consultations were held with stakeholders during the first meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group in Punta del Este in June 2025, followed by a written call for input. Additional consultations among Executive Board members took place in January and February 2026. Based on these consultations, the Secretariat prepared a revised draft TOR document to support further discussions by the Executive Board, with a view to finalizing its consultations and adopting a document for submission to the International Conference.

21. The Board reviewed the document section by section, highlighting proposed changes with the aim of reaching agreement on outstanding issues. It agreed to place brackets around elements and paragraphs where consensus could not be reached and noted that the entire document remains open for discussion at the Conference, while non-bracketed text reflects areas of agreement among Board members.

22. Subsequently, the Board discussed forward-looking considerations that could strengthen the catalytic role of the Fund and support broader resource mobilization for the implementation of the Global Framework on Chemicals, presented in document GFC/EB.4.1/4. While expressing general support for exploring innovative approaches to leverage funding, including engagement with the private sector and blended finance, several members noted that such approaches would require additional expertise and should be approached cautiously given the current scale of the Fund. The Board agreed that these elements should be further developed in an information document for consideration by the International Conference, rather than incorporated at this stage into the Terms of Reference. Several members also suggested that, where appropriate, such elements of innovative financing could be progressively reflected in project design.

7. Consideration of matters arising from joint meeting with Executive Board of the Special Programme

23. A joint informal meeting between the Boards of the Special Programme and the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund took place on Tuesday afternoon. Ahead of this meeting, the Secretariat provided an information document (GFC/EB.4/INF/1) to inform the Executive Board about the strengthened cooperation between the Special Programme and Global Framework on Chemicals Secretariats. This document was also circulated to the GFC Bureau and the Executive Board of the Special Programme for information purposes.

24. Following the joint meeting, Board members commended the document and the efficient use of the available resources as well as knowledge-sharing across the funding mechanisms. Overall, the joint meeting served to take note of UNEP's approach to putting more coordination among the Secretariats into practice.

25. Furthermore, the Board reflected on the options for the launch of a third round of the Fund and the possibility of a joint launch with the Special Programme's ninth round. Given the ongoing second round and the pending decision on the Fund's extension (subject to the International Conference), the Executive Board decided not to launch a third round at this time. Instead, the Board asked the Secretariat to start preparations for a third round to possibly be launched in December 2026 or early 2027, contingent on decisions by the International Conference regarding the timeline of the Fund.

8. Next meeting of the Executive Board

26. The co-chairs informed the Board that, ahead of this Executive Board meeting, the Secretariat had circulated a workplan indicating a second session to take place in September 2026. The meeting is expected to focus on the consideration and final approval of full project proposals shortlisted under the second round of applications, as well as on preparations for a potential third round of applications, subject to decisions on the Fund's timeframe extension.

27. The proposed meeting will take place as an online meeting in the afternoons (13:00-17:00, Geneva time)

of Monday, 14 September to Wednesday, 16 September 2026.

9. Any other business

28. The co-chairs invited Board members and observers to raise any matters for consideration under any other business.

29. The Secretariat invited the Board to provide feedback on the first phase of the second round of applications. Board members expressed strong appreciation for the Secretariat's organization of the second round, noting that the process was smoother, more structured, and significantly improved compared to the first round, particularly due to the clear and pre-filled appraisal forms. Several members highlighted that reviewing concept notes was more manageable than assessing the full applications in the first round. At the same time, some members noted challenges due to missing information, truncated text in scanned documents, and the need for clearer guidance on evaluation criteria, co-financing calculations, and links to previous or ongoing projects.

30. Some Board members raised concerns about budget allocations, including a number of overbudgeted as well as potentially underbudgeted activities, and the difficulty of assessing overlaps with previous or ongoing initiatives. A few Board members suggested creating a short introductory document or scheduling a call with new Board members to familiarize them with the appraisal process. Others requested more information on other initiatives in applicant countries, and greater consideration of regional diversity in future rounds. Overall, the Board valued the Secretariat's support and encouraged continued refinement of the two-phase approach.

31. No other business was raised.

10. Closure of the meeting

32. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the first session of the fourth meeting was closed on Wednesday 25 March 2026, at 12:58 CET.

Annex 1: Meeting participants

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Observers:
Jorge Ocaña (IOMC representative, UNITAR), Frank Moser and Marijana Todorovic (BRS Secretariat), Susan Wilburn (WHO consultant), Maria Romero Morales (Chemlex Solutions), Ahmed Tiamiyu (Community Action Against Plastic).

Unable to participate:
Marta Rocío Moreno Lucia (Spain).

Annex 2: Overview of eligible and complete applications considered by the Board

Africa

	Project code	Project title
1	Africa 1	Chemicals Intelligence Network for Industrial Chemicals and their Wastes
2	Africa 2	Countering illegal and highly hazardous pesticides in CEMAC countries
3	Africa 3	The sound management of endocrine-disrupting chemicals
4	Africa 4	Strengthening national institution capacity for chemicals and hazardous waste management under the Global Framework on Chemicals
5	Africa 5	Zéro Pesticide chimique Togo/Ghana
6	Africa 6	Agroecology and Circular Economy for Safer Chemical Management in Agriculture
7	Africa 7	Smart Waste Management: Enabling Carbon Credit Opportunities
8	Africa 8	From Roadmaps to Impact: Awareness, industry uptake and partnerships
9	Africa 9	Strengthening community voices: Knowledge exchange and innovation for inclusive decision-making for the sound management of chemicals in Africa
10	Africa 10	Strengthening governance and national capacities for the sound life-cycle management of chemicals and waste: An operational model-demonstration pilot in Ghana and Nigeria for replicability across the ECOWAS sub-region
11	Africa 11	Southern Africa Regional Chemical and Governance Initiative (SARCGI)
12	Africa 12	Transforming Hazardous Pesticide Container Waste into Resources through Digital Tracking and Community Recycling Hubs
13	Africa 13	GHS implementation in Eswatini, Namibia, and Zimbabwe
14	Africa 15	Sound Management of Chemicals and Wastes in the Education Sector in SADC
15	Africa 18	Bee-friendly farming supports beekeepers and pollination services
16	Africa 19	The sound management of endocrine-disrupting chemicals
17	Africa 20	Strengthening regulatory and institutional frameworks for the safe management and use of pesticides in West Africa and the Sahel
18	Botswana 1	Chem-Safe Botswana: Building A National Framework for Safe Chemic
19	Burundi 1	Burundi Chemicals and Waste Management Project
20	Chad 1	Project to strengthen the capacities of public and private institutions in preventing risks related to the use of chemical products in Chad
21	Democratic Republic of the Congo 1	Sustainable Management of Mining Chemical Waste in the DRC
22	Ethiopia 1	Strengthening Ethiopia's Institutional and Regulatory Framework for Sound industrial Chemical Management
23	Ethiopia 5	Strengthening Pharmaceutical and Emerging Contaminant Management through Analysis, Legal Frameworks, and Mitigation
24	Ethiopia 7	Chemical Waste Management in Ethiopia: Designing an Integrated Approach for Improved Environmental Sustainability and Public Health Outcomes
25	Ethiopia 8	Adopting the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals in Ethiopia
26	Ghana 1	Rapid and Spot-On detection of Sudan IV Dye for Safety Consumption of Non-Adulterated Palm Oil on the Ghanian Market
27	Ghana 3	Strengthening Community Capacity for Chemical Safety and Sustainable Food Production
28	Ghana 4	Digital Surveillance–Driven IVM for Safer Malaria Control in Ghana
29	Ghana 5	West African Centre for Chemical Safety and Security
30	Guinea 1	COMBATING THE ILLEGAL MOVEMENT OF CHEMICALS OR ARTICLES GENERATING HAZARDOUS WASTES ALONG BORDERS
31	Kenya 1	Strengthening National Capacity and Legal Frameworks for Hazardous Chemicals Management in Priority Sectors in Kenya
32	Kenya 2	Lead Poisoning Prevention in informal sector Communities in Kenya
33	Madagascar 1	Promoting alternatives to chemical fertilizers and chemical pest control
34	Madagascar 2	Advancing GHS-based Chemical Safety
35	Malawi 1	PROMISE Malawi
36	Mauritania 1	Sustainable Management of Chemical and Hazardous Waste
37	Mauritania 2	Strengthening Environmentally Sound Management of Chemical Risks from Electronic Waste in Mauritania through Capacity Building and Technology Transfer under the Basel Convention

38	Mauritania 3	Strengthening Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous Industrial Care Waste to Reduce Chemical Risks in Mauritania
39	Morocco 1	Development of Regulations on Industrial-use Chemicals
40	Namibia 1	National Baseline Chemical Waste Assessment in Namibia
41	Nigeria 1	SAPFA Initiative in Nigeria State
42	Nigeria 2	AgroSafe Nigeria: Strengthening Institutional Capacity to Curb Chemical Project
43	Rwanda 1	Sustainable Health and Chemicals Management in Rwanda
44	Rwanda 2	Strengthening National Capacity for Safe Chemical Management and Regenerative Agriculture in Rwanda's Potato-Livestock Value Chain
45	Senegal 1	Control of Chemicals Risks for a Green Agricultural Environment and Consumer safety in the Wetlands, Center and Tamba Regions
46	Sierra Leone 1	Promoting the Sound Management of WEEE and Other Hazardous Wastes
47	Somalia 1	Developing Somalia's Chemical and Waste Management Policy
48	South Africa 1	Phasing Out HHPs in South Africa and Strengthening Regional Alignment in SADC
49	Tanzania 2	Chemical composition and marine toxic contaminants in Zanzibar bivalves: implications for food safety (Zanzibar and Tanzania)
50	Tanzania 3	Kibaha Chemical and Waste Governance Strengthening
51	Tanzania 5	Enhancing Gender-Responsive, Life-cycle Chemicals and Waste Management in High-Impact Sectors in Tanzania (EGREC-Tanzania)
52	Tanzania 7	Management of Obsolete and Empty pesticides containers to mitigate…
53	Tanzania 8	Advancing Capacity for Integrated management of chemicals and waste
54	Uganda 4	Construction of one incinerator in four regions of Uganda to promote safe disposal of medical waste and harmful chemicals
55	Uganda 5	Enhancing Chemical Safety Management for Sustainability and Environment Protection in Uganda's informal sector - 'encase Uganda'
56	Uganda 6	A Legislative and Capacity Building Approach to Safeguard Environment.
57	Uganda 7	Strengthening national capacity to reduce risks from harmful chemicals and wastes
58	Zambia 1	Safe use of Agrochemicals and waste disposal in Northern Province
59	Zambia 2	Greening Zambia's Pharma Sector
60	Zambia 3	Establishing a Poison Centre in Zambia

Asia-Pacific

	Project code	**Project Title**
1	Asia Pacific 1	Cross-National Sustainable Rice Value Chain
2	Asia Pacific 2	The Full Life Cycle Management of Chemicals and Green Transformation in the Textile Industry
3	Asia Pacific 3	Strengthening Chemical Safety Through Transparency, Monitoring, and Public Participation in Southeast Asia
4	Asia Pacific 4	Establish core elements of SMC in countries and at the regional level in Central Asia
5	Asia Pacific 5	Sound Circular Management of E-waste in ASEAN Member States: Assessment, Guideline, Knowledge Exchange, Capacity Building, and Piloting
6	Asia Pacific 7	Supporting GFC Implementation through generating data on chemicals emissions by fully implementing Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTR)
7	Asia Pacific 8	Chemical-Safe Plastics Management for Mekong Communities (CPMMC)
8	Asia Pacific 10	Accelerating HHP Phase-Out via Regulation and Alternatives in the Lower Mekong
9	Asia Pacific 11	Implementing the GFC through labour sector engagement in South Asia
10	Asia Pacific 12	Promoting Decent Work and Chemical Safety in Textiles and Construction
11	Asia Pacific 14	E-Waste Recycling and Hazardous Chemical Control in Mekong Countries
12	Asia Pacific 15	Institutionalized GHS in Cambodia and Lao PDR
13	Bangladesh 1	A Cost-Effective UASB-Driven Approach for Treating Hazardous Chemicals in Textile and Municipal Wastewater under Bangladesh’s Environmental Conditions
14	Bangladesh 2	Strengthening Sound Chemical Management Practices in Bangladesh

15	Bangladesh 5	Enhancing water management and compliance to address hypoxia caused by nutrients and other pollutants in the North Western Bay of Bengal
16	Fiji 1	Strengthening Chemicals and Waste Management Capacity in Fiji
17	Indonesia 1	Comprehensive Study on Reducing Risks of Hazardous Chemicals in Indonesia
18	Indonesia 2	Reducing Hazardous and Radioactive Waste through Green Analytical Method Innovation and Strengthened Laboratory Waste Management Capacity
19	Indonesia 4	Raising the Dignity of Manggarai Coffee Farmers
20	Iran 2	Digital chemical Tracking system for Iran (DCTS-IR)
21	Iran 4	Sustainable Chemical Management to Protect Persian Gulf Biodiversity through Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening in the Islamic Republic of Iran.
22	Iraq 1	National Program for the Implementation of (GHS)
23	Jordan 1	Blue Olives - Integrated Treatment Systems for Olive Mill Wastewater in Jordan
24	Jordan 2	Enhanced National Capacity on Sound Chemical Management in Jordan
25	Jordan 3	BIOZERO: Integrated Bio-Based Regeneration for Soil, Water and Ecosystem Health in Jordan
26	Jordan 4	Strengthening Institutional Capacity and Community Resilience for Safe Chemicals Management
27	Kazakhstan 1	Strengthening National System for Chemicals Management and Health Protect
28	Kazakhstan 2	Strengthening Chemical Safety Governance in Industrial Sectors in Kazakhstan
29	Malaysia 1	Enhancing Governance in Waste Management by Streamlining agencies functions towards the formation of single Waste Management Agency in Malaysia
30	Maldives 1	Establishment of a National Mobile Waste Oil Processing Plant in Maldives
31	Micronesia 1	Strengthening Chemical Management Systems across the FSM
32	Pakistan 3	Strengthening chemical governance and developing a national chemical database
33	Pakistan 4	Strengthening Capacity for Antimicrobial Waste Management in Pakistan’s Pharmace
34	Palestine 2	A National Initiative for Chemical and Waste Safety in Palestine Towards Clean Industry and Healthy Lives (NCWS-Palestine)
35	Sri Lanka 1	Turning E-Waste into Hope: Transforming Electronic Waste Residues into Micronutrient Solutions for Sri Lanka’s Depleted Soils
36	Sri Lanka 2	Advancing Sri Lanka´s chemical management systems in the Textiles and Apparel sector through enhanced Transparency and Targeted Capacity-building
37	Türkiye 1	Integrated National Chemicals Management and Reporting System
38	Türkiye 2	Strengthening Türkiye’s National Systems for Priority Chemicals Management
39	Türkiye 3	Z-CHEM (Zero-Pollution Chemistry)
40	Tuvalu 1	Strengthening Chemical Management and Waste Governance in Tuvalu: From Policy to Practice
41	Uzbekistan 1	Recycling of End-of-Life Tires through Rubber Granulation and Production of Rubber Paving Materials in Karakalpakstan
42	Vanuatu 1	Advancing Chemicals Governance in Vanuatu: National GHS Framework Implementation with Regional Knowledge Partnerships
43	Yemen 1	Upgrading and Enhancing the Function and Operation of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Enabling It to Carry out its Responsibilities in an Efficient and Effective Manner

Central and Eastern Europe

	Project code	**Project Title**
1	Albania 1	Breaking the toxic chain: National Monitoring and Elimination of Banned Pesticides in Albania's Agriculture and
2	Bosnia 1	Strengthening chemical management and environmental health in BiH
3	Eastern Europe 1	Strengthen SMC Institutional and Information Frameworks in Health Sector
4	Eastern Europe 2	Strengthening chemicals compliance and circular trade opportunities in the CEE region countries
5	Georgia 1	Chemicals Under Control: Establishing an Integrated National System for Sound Management of Chemicals in Georgia
6	Serbia 1	Improvement of Environmental and OHS management of CoC in Serbia
7	Ukraine 1	UA helpdesk on chemicals safety

Latin America and the Caribbean

	Project code	Project Title
1	Argentina 1	IQ-HUB for Chemical Information and Evidence – Salta
2	Argentina 2	Adecuacy and optimization of the hazardous waste storage facility at the Ezeiza Atomic Center
3	Bolivia 1	Towards sustainable agriculture
4	Brazil 1	Diagnosing and Mitigating Exposure to Lead and Other Hazardous Substances in Consumer Products in Brazil
5	Brazil 2	Polycentric Governance for Water and Chemical Safety in CODEMA
6	Brazil 4	Civil Society & Chemicals
7	Brazil 5	Expanding and consolidating national management of anantibiotics wastes
8	Brazil 7	Improvement of the public health laboratory structure for pesticides monito
9	Chile 1	Strengthening of national institutions for the control of illicit traffic of chemicals
10	Costa Rica 1	Pilot Plan for Pesticide Monitoring to Protect the Environment and Communities
11	Costa Rica 3	A Latin America model for Healthcare Chemical and Plastics Management: Building the evidence from a national Costa Rica strategy
12	Cuba 1	Replicable Cytostatic Waste System for Cuban Pharmaceuticals
13	Haiti 1	Alternatives to dangerous pesticides for nation-wide upscaling of agroecology
14	Honduras 1	Honduras' National Toxicology Service as a pilot in collaboration with CA countries
15	LAC 1	Electrochemical strategies for chemical risk and AMR management in aquaculture
16	LAC 2	Strengthening the Management of Chemical Risks in Complex Disaster Scenarios
17	LAC 3	Industrial Sustainable Management. Implementation of a CHEM_Platform
18	LAC 4	Strengthening Capacity and Scaling Up Regional Actions to Reduce Risks from HHPs through Sustainable Pesticide Management, stimulating the adoption of bioinputs and monitoring in Brazil and Uruguay
19	LAC 5	Biobeds & fungi for the treatment of phytosanitary residual products
20	LAC 6	Improving chemical management in agriculture
21	LAC 7	Building Capacity for Sustainable Chemistry Innovation in Latin America
22	Mexico 1	Strengthening Chemicals Risk Governance at the Subnational Level
23	St. Kitts and Nevis 1	Strengthening national Capacity for safe and Sustainable Use in St. Kitts and Nevis

Multi-country project across more than one region

	Project code	Project Title
1	Multiple 1	Avoiding Chemicals of Concern (CoC) in the Plastics Value Chain in Nigeria & Indonesia
2	Multiple 2	Worker-Led Chemical Safety and Occupational Health in Construction
3	Multiple 3	Avoiding Chemicals of Concern (CoC) in the Plastics Value Chain in Costa Rica & Viet Nam
4	Multiple 4	National Strategies for Safe Chemicals Manufacturing in the Global South
5	Multiple 5	Empowering Consumers: Raising Awareness on Chemicals in Products

Annex 3: Approved budget and staffing tables (2026)

Code	Subcategory		Budget 2026
Project personnel component			
1100	**Professional support (title and grade)**		
	1101	Programme Officer P-4 (Coordinator of the Fund)	293 183
	1102	Programme Officer P-3 (Project Implementation and Communications)	246 838
	1104	Junior Professional Officer P-2 (Project Implementation)	203 717
	1199	**Subtotal**	**743 738**
1200	**Consultants**		
	1201	Consultant [on board]	86 250
	1202	Consultant [1] - 6 months	50 000
	1203	Consultant [2] - 6 months	50 000
	1299	**Subtotal**	**186 250**
1300	**Administrative support (title and grade)**		
	1301	Administrative Assistant G–6	209 003
	1302	Team Assistant G–4	0
	1399	**Subtotal**	**209 003**
1600	**Travel on official business**		
	1601	Personnel travel on official business	25 000
	1699	**Subtotal**	**25 000**
1999	**Component total**		**1 163 991**
Implementing Partners			
2100	**Projects**	*final amount depends on applications approved by the EB*	
	2101	GFC Implementation Projects (to be confirmed)	0
	2199	**Subtotal**	**0**
2999	**Component total**		**0**
Meetings and Conferences			
3100	**Meetings and conferences**		
	3101	Executive Board meetings	30 000
	3399	**Subtotal**	**30 000**
3999	**Component total**		**30 000**
Operating Costs			
4100	**Fixed operating costs**		
	4101	Overhead costs	50 000
	4199	**Subtotal**	**50 000**
4999	**Component total**		**50 000**
Miscellaneous			
5300	**Sundry**		
	5301	Communications	15 000
	5399	**Subtotal**	**15 000**
5999	**Component total**		**15 000**
		Direct project costs	1 258 991
		Programme support costs (13%)	163 669
	Grand Total		**1 422 660**