

Agenda item 3(f) International Cooperation and Coordination

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The United Republic of Tanzania on behalf of the African region, is contributing to this agenda item on international cooperation and coordination, interlinkages and activities as one of the important aspects for implementation of the Global Framework on Chemicals.

Co-chair,

The African Region recognizes the importance of encouraging international cooperation and coordination in order to realize the several benefits that could accrue from it. We thank the Secretariat and all partners for advancing the important discussions on International Co-operation and Co-ordination under the Global Framework on Chemicals and that its effectiveness is essential to address the complex and transboundary challenges posed by chemicals and waste.

Co-chair,

The African Group emphasize the need for enhanced collaboration that respects the principles of equity, common but differentiated responsibilities, and sustainable development. In this regard, we recommend the following key priorities:

1. Strengthening regional and sub-regional platforms to facilitate coordination, information exchange, and joint action tailored to Africa's specific chemical management challenges.
2. Enhancing capacity building and technology transfer through international partnerships, ensuring that African countries have the tools and expertise needed to implement sound chemicals and waste management.
3. Promoting inclusive multi-stakeholder engagement, including governments, industry, civil society, academia, and local communities, to foster ownership and effective implementation.
4. Mobilizing adequate and predictable financial resources to support national and regional initiatives, recognizing that resource constraints remain a significant barrier.
5. Aligning international efforts with existing frameworks and conventions to avoid duplication and maximize synergies, thereby improving efficiency and impact.

It is our expectation that, the recent adopted and established Science–Policy Panel, will play a vital role in strengthening international cooperation and coordination in achieving the highlighted priorities for sound management of

chemicals and waste, and hence facilitate informed decision-making by policy makers.

In conclusion

Africa Group call upon for all partners to commit to transparent, equitable, and sustained co-operation that empowers developing countries to meet their obligations and protect human health and the environment. Thank you, Co-Chair.