



Briefing and Uruguayan Coffee Break

June 23rd (Monday)

15:00-16:00

Main hallway outside Plenary

Multi-Sector Action to Advance the GFC

A Global Civil Society Collaboration For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste

Join us for a Briefing on a Global Civil Society Collaboration to Advance the GFC followed by a Uruguayan Coffee-break (coffee, empanadas and sweets).

Speakers include representatives from the host Government Uruguay, International Civil Society Organizations, and the UN.

Civil society organizations will discuss the launch of a GFC Collaboration Common Statement, a commitment to taking action to meet the aims of the GFC and forge a toxics-free future for all.

Background:

All people have the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, including a safe and healthy working environment. The UN Global Framework on Chemicals represents a critical opportunity to protect this right and for the world to work together to address the toxic chemicals and waste crisis. The GFC's multistakeholder and multisectoral collaborative approach will be essential in promoting solutions to these urgent challenges.

Recognizing that the UN Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) provides an opportunity to advance the vital work to protect human and environmental health from toxic chemicals and waste, five international civil society networks:

- Health Care Without Harm (HCWH)
- International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN)
- International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
- Pesticide Action Network International (PAN)
- Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)

came together as civil society to declare our commitment to implementing the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) and promoting the vision of a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste for a safe, healthy, and sustainable future.

This collaboration has developed and adopted a [Common Statement](#) as a commitment to taking action to meet the aims of the GFC and develop joint on-the-ground activities. Moreover, the Collaborators invite civil society groups to join us, by signing on to the Common Statement and forge a toxics-free future for all.