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Investing for a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste

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OUR SHARED GLOBAL CHALLENGE

Chemicals are part of everyday life and a trillion-dollar global industry. When poorly managed, they harm human health, ecosystems and economies at an enormous scale contributing to more than 2 million premature deaths each year. No country or institution can address these challenges alone.

Central to this effort is the Global Framework on Chemicals, adopted in September 2023, which provides a global playbook for governments, civil society and the private sector to manage chemicals and waste safely and sustainably.

HOW WE DELIVER IMPACT

Established in 2023, the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund supports stakeholders, mainly countries, to put the Framework into action. The Fund is already delivering results, with benefits reaching thousands of workers, farmers and governments for a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste.

Projects have been approved for funding and are being implemented across Latin America and Africa following the first round of applications, with more on the way from the second round. These projects enable expertise sharing, scale up initiatives, and address cross-border risks more effectively, ensuring benefits reach both people and the environment.


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OUR PARTNERSHIP FOR IMPACT

The Fund is built on voluntary contributions of our current donors and collective responsibility grounded in the robust partnerships between the governments, international organizations, foundations, civil society and the private sector.

We are grateful for the continuous support and pledges from the governments of Belgium, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, the European Union and industry through the International Council of Chemical Associations.

WHY DONORS INVEST IN US FOR IMPACT

Donors choose to invest in the Fund because we can jointly deliver concrete impact. We prioritize projects that strengthen national institutions, align with country priorities and focus on high-impact sectors such as agriculture, textiles, electronics, and construction.

We support approaches that reduce risks across value chains, protect workers and communities, and unlock additional public and private financing ensuring high value for money and long-term results. Contributors also gain a seat at the Board, visibility within the global framework, and assurance that resources are used transparently and strategically.

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WHO WE INVEST IN FOR IMPACT

To provide support where it is needed most, we invest in project proposals providing financial support through an annual open call for applications. Applications must be endorsed by the national focal points of the Global Framework on Chemicals to ensure national ownership and coordination.

The Fund supports countries as a priority. In exceptional cases, civil society networks can apply, with formal agreement from the host countries. This inclusive approach helps ensure projects align with national priorities and respond to real needs of the countries while strengthening national systems and cooperation.

HOW WE ARE GOVERNED FOR IMPACT

The Fund is overseen by an Executive Board that ensures transparency, regional balance and accountability. The Board includes national representatives from each United Nations region, as well as donors and contributors.

All members participate on an equal basis and the Board meetings are open to observers from across the Global Framework on Chemicals community.

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To explore partnership opportunities or make a contribution, please contact us below.

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