

Ninth meeting of the Bureau of the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste

Thursday, 5 March, 2026 (online)



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2. Adoption of the agenda

Provisional Agenda

1. Opening and welcome
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Adoption of the report of the 8th meeting of the GFC Bureau
4. Update from the Secretariat on ICCM5 resolutions
5. Progress on measurability including tracking progress against targets
6. Preparations for the GFC International Conference in 2026
7. GFC Fund
8. Refreshing GFC Focal Points
9. GFC financing and secretariat cooperation
10. Next meeting of the Bureau
11. Any other business
12. Closure of the meeting

3. Adoption of the report of the 8th meeting of the GFC Bureau

4. Update from the Secretariat on ICCM5 resolutions

Agenda item 5: Process of identifying indicators for the measurability structure

- During January and February, the GFC Secretariat has held 36 hours of online meetings with the small groups of experts on the strategic objectives A, B, D and E. In addition, a subgroup to identify indicators for the targets related to pesticides (A7 and D5) was created.
- As a result of these consultations, a set indicators were proposed for final discussion and validation at the Hybrid Expert Meeting that took place on 19 and 20 February in Geneva and online.
- The next step will be to share the proposal at the 8th OEAHGMI on the 31 March 2026 for recommendation to the International Conference

5. Preparations for the GFC International Conference in 2026



First International Conference Global Framework on Chemicals



Tracking
progress



Accelerating
action



Investing for
impact

16–20 November 2026 | Geneva, Switzerland

The Global Framework on Chemicals - First International Conference



Date

16 -20 November 2026*



Location

Geneva International Conference Center, Geneva, Switzerland



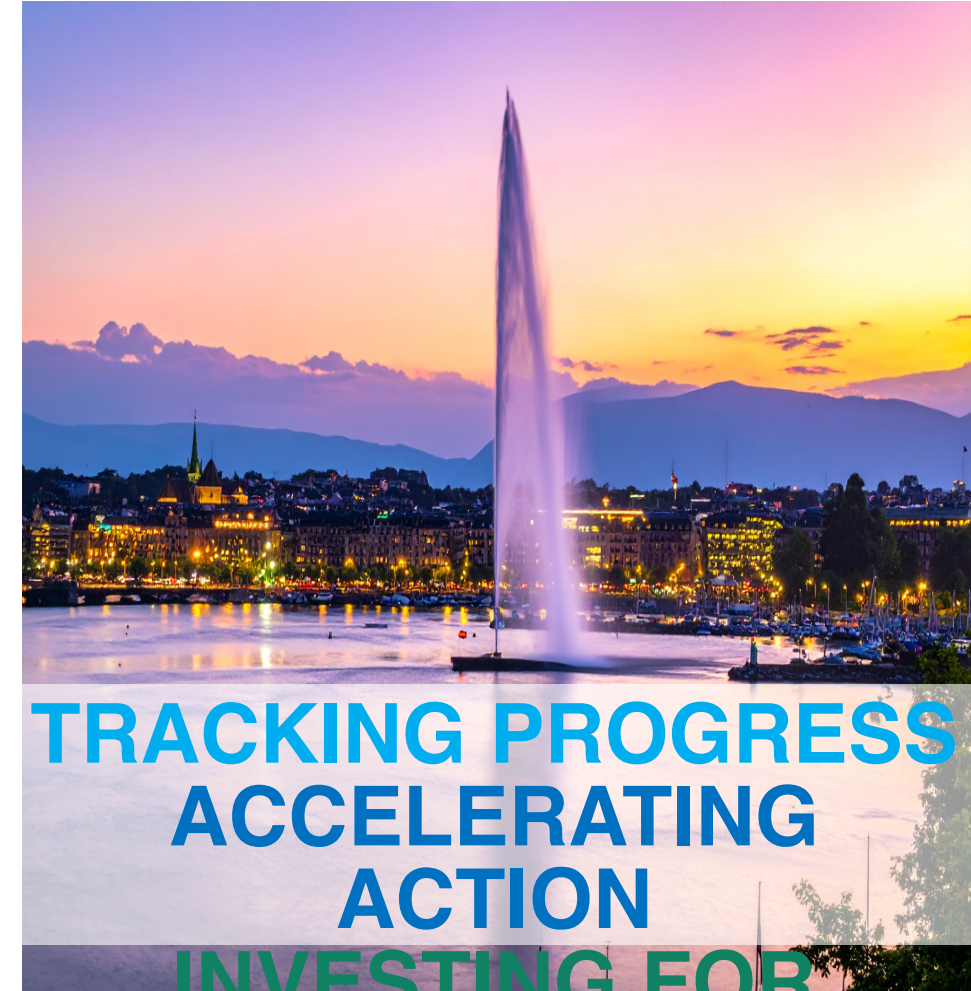
Desired outcomes

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



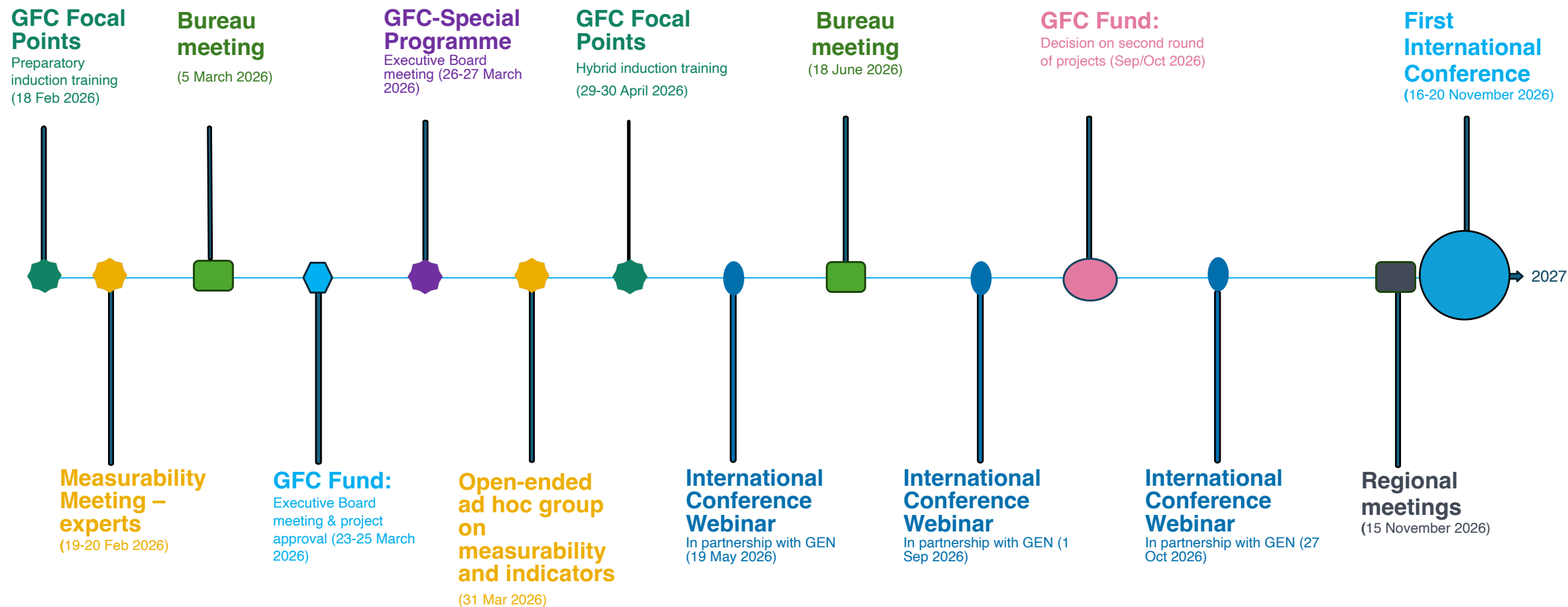
Audience

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



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The Global Framework on Chemical in 2026



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.

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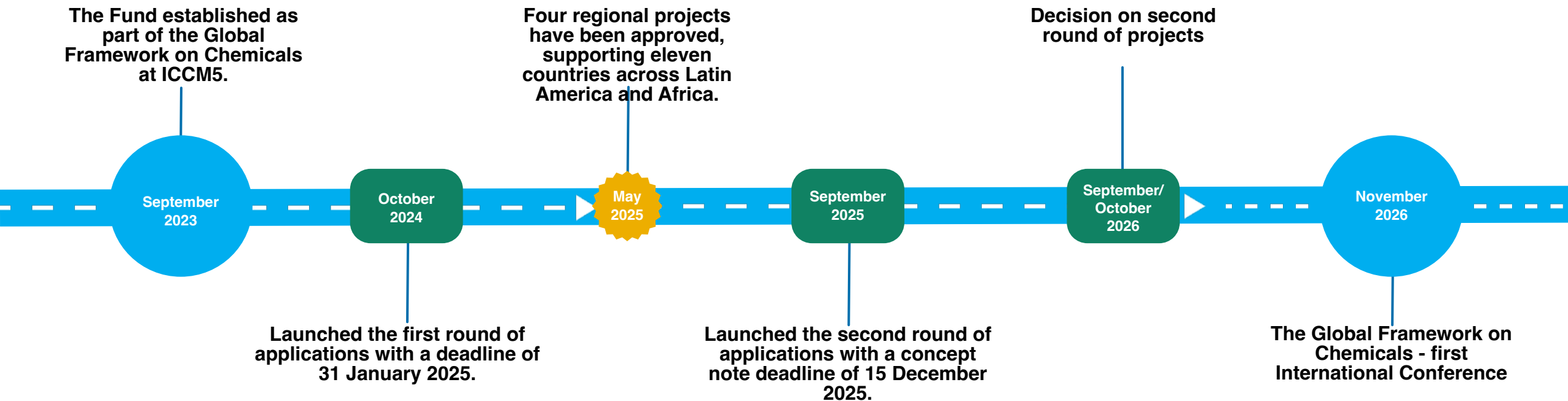
Increase Investment

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.

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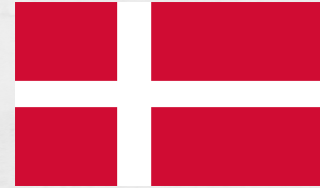
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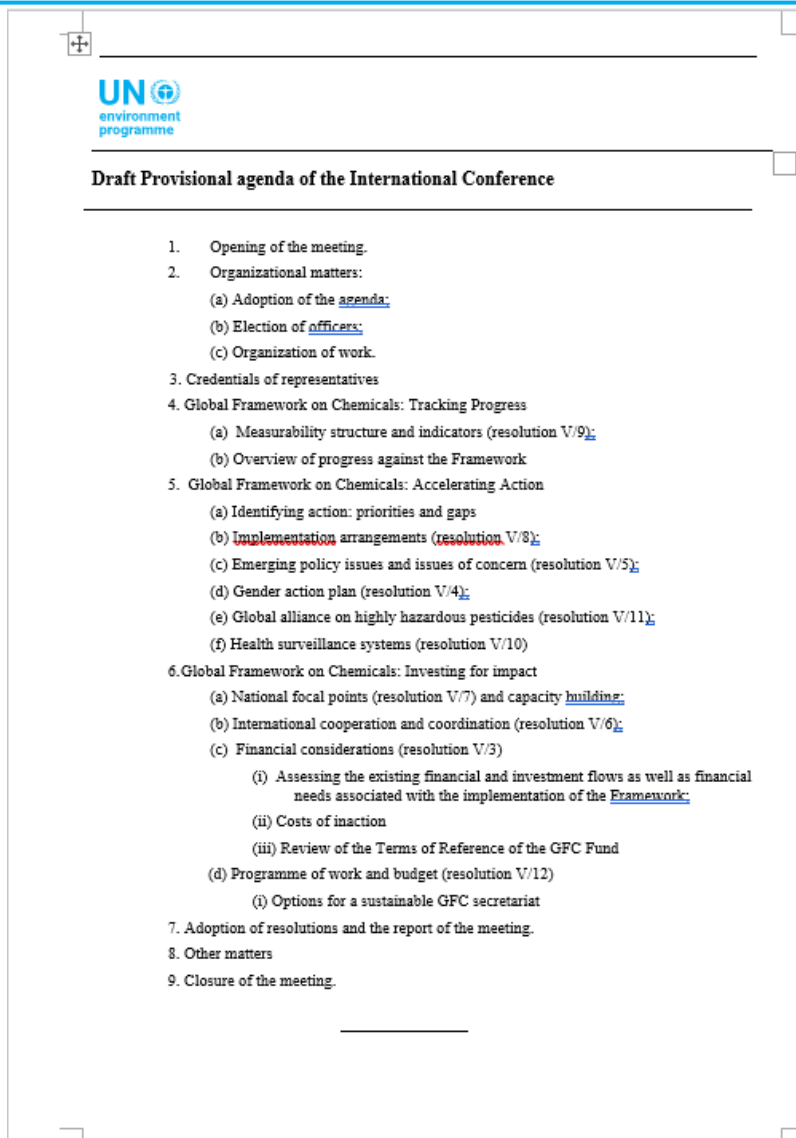


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Agenda item 6: Draft agenda of the International Conference



Agenda item 6: Draft list of working documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/GFC/IC1/1	<u>Provisional agenda</u>
UNEP/GFC/IC1/1/ <u>Add.</u>	<u>Annotated provisional agenda</u>
UNEP/GFC/IC1/2	Financial considerations including cost of inaction and assessment of existing financial and investment flows V/2
UNEP/GFC/IC1/3	GFC Fund and review of Terms of Reference of the Executive Board V/3
UNEP/GFC/IC1/4	Gender Action Plan V/4
UNEP/GFC/IC1/5	New and Emerging Policy Issues and Issues Of Concern (V/5)
UNEP/GFC/IC1/6	International Cooperation and coordination; interlinkages with the ISP-CWP and biodiversity V/6
UNEP/GFC/IC1/7	National focal points and capacity building V/7
UNEP/GFC/IC1/8	<u>Implementation arrangements</u> V/8
UNEP/GFC/IC1/9	Measurability structure and indicators V/9
UNEP/GFC/IC1/10	Health Surveillance Systems – WHO V/10
UNEP/GFC/IC1/11	Global Alliance on Highly Hazardous Pesticides V/11
UNEP/GFC/IC1/12	Programme of Work and budget including options for a sustainable secretariat V/12
UNEP/GFC/IC1/13	Accelerating action towards 2030 *new

Agenda item 6: Draft list of information documents

List of information documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/GFC/IC1/ INF/1	Scenario note including tentative schedule for the meeting
UNEP/GFC/IC1/ INF/2	Assessment of existing financial and investment flows as well as financial needs associated with the implementation of the Framework
UNEP/GFC/IC1/ INF/3	Scoping study of the cost of inaction report
UNEP/GFC/IC1/ INF/4	Terms of reference and membership of the Executive Board of the Fund
UNEP/GFC/IC1/ INF/6	International cooperation and coordination; interlinkages and activities to implement the framework.
UNEP/GFC/IC1/ INF/7	Interlinkages between the Global Framework on Chemicals and Kunming Montreal
UNEP/GFC/IC1/ INF/8	Health Surveillance systems tbc
UNEP/GFC/IC1/ INF/9	Highly Hazardous Pesticides tbc
UNEP/GFC/IC1/ INF/10	Nomination of New Issues of Concern (Lead and Pharma may be submitted)
UNEP/GFC/IC1/ INF/11	Global Framework on Chemicals Fund – progress on projects
UNEP/GFC/IC1/ INF/12	Tracking Progress against the Global Framework on Chemicals

Agenda item 6: Draft Schedule of the International Conference

	Monday, 16 November		Tuesday, 17 November		Wednesday, 18 November			Thursday, 19 November		Friday, 20 November		
8-9 a.m.	Bureau		Bureau		Bureau			Bureau		Bureau		
9-10 a.m.	Regional and Sectoral meetings		Regional and Sectoral Meetings		Regional and Sectoral Meetings			Regional and Sectoral Meetings		Regional and Sectoral Meetings		
10 a.m-1 p.m.	Plenary Item 1. Opening of the meeting Item 2. Organizational matters Item 3. Credentials of representatives Item 4. GFC: Tracking Progress 4 (a) Measurability structure and indicators		Plenary Item 5. GFC: Accelerating Action 5(a) Identifying action: priority and gaps 5(b) Implementation arrangements 5 (c) Emerging policy issues and issues of concern	Global Fashion and Construction Forum	Global Fashion and Construction Forum		CG	High-level segment	CG	Plenary 7: Adoption of resolutions and the report of the meeting- cont.d		
1 p.m.-3 p.m.	Lunch time events/ networking		Lunch time events/ networking		Lunch time events/ networking		Lunch time events/ networking		Lunch time events/ networking		Lunch time events/ networking	
3-6 p.m.	Plenary 4(b) Overview of progress againsts the Framework Item 6: GFC: Investing for Impact 6 (c) Financial considerations 6 (d) Programme of work and budget		Plenary 5 (d) Gender action plan 5 (e) Global alliance on HHPs 5(f) Health surveillance systems Item 6: GFC: Investing for Impact 6(a) National focal points and capacity building 6(b) International cooperation and coordination		High-Level segment		CG	Plenary Item 5 and 6 cont d. Reporting back from contact groups Items 5 and 6 - cont.d Item 7: Adoption of resolutions and report of the meeting		Plenary 7: Adoption of resolutions and the report of the meeting- cont.d Item 8: Other matters Item 9: Closure of the meeting		
6-7 p.m.			Sustainable fashion show		High level reception							
7-8.30 p.m.	CG	CG	CG	CG		CG	CG	CG	CG			
8.30-10 p.m.												

Agenda item 7: Overview of the second round of applications

137 eligible concept notes (70% of total submissions) from 75 countries + Palestine

- ☐ 79 (94)¹ by government entities
- ☐ 58 (103)¹ by non-government entities

Characteristics² – see chart

- ☐ 43 regional: 17 Africa, 12 Asia-Pacific, 2 E. Europe, 7 LAC, 5 Multiple
- ☐ 49 LDCs, 12 CEITs, 9 SIDS

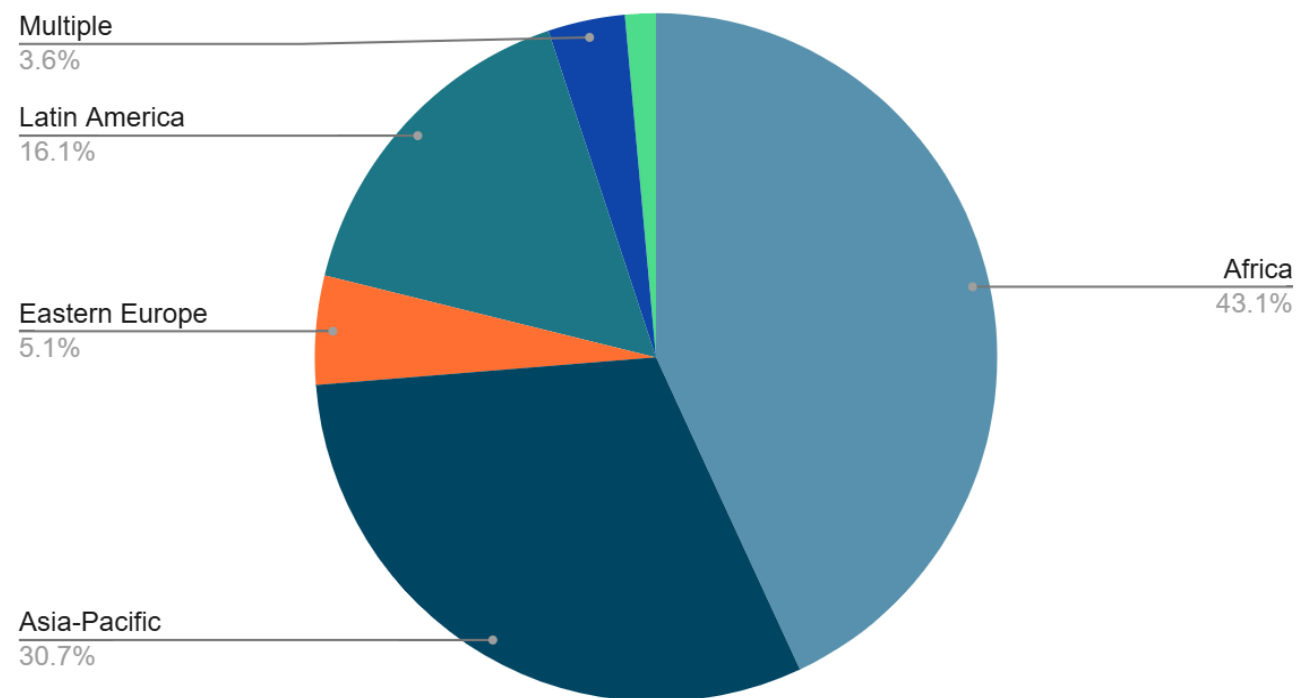
Total funding request: \$83 million

- ☐ Median request was \$650,000
- ☐ Median co-finance was 33%

1 Figures in brackets indicate total submissions

2 Figures refer to eligible and unclear applications only

Regional breakdown (137 applications)

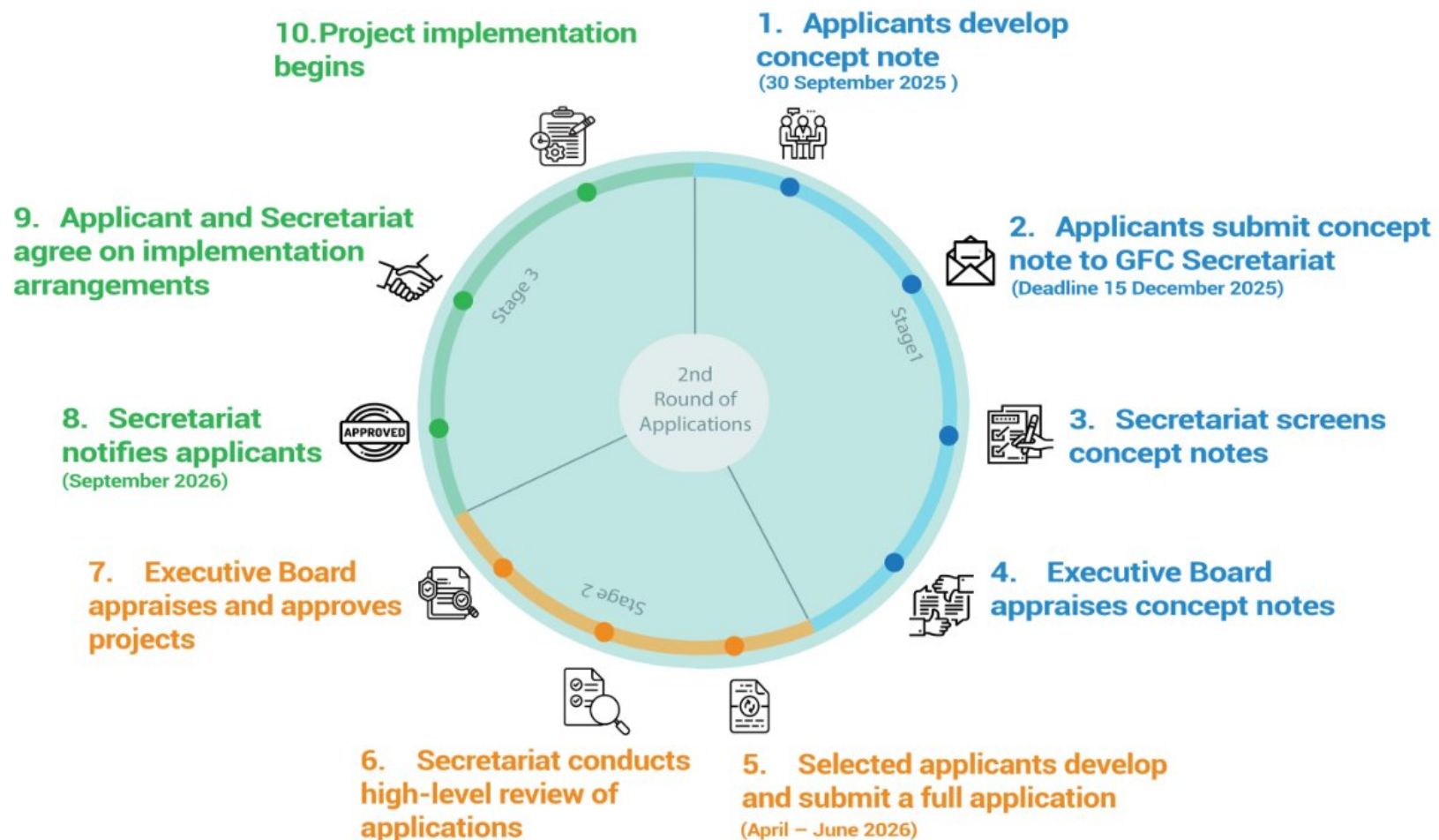


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GFC Fund Round 2 is currently in midstream, with the following important milestones:

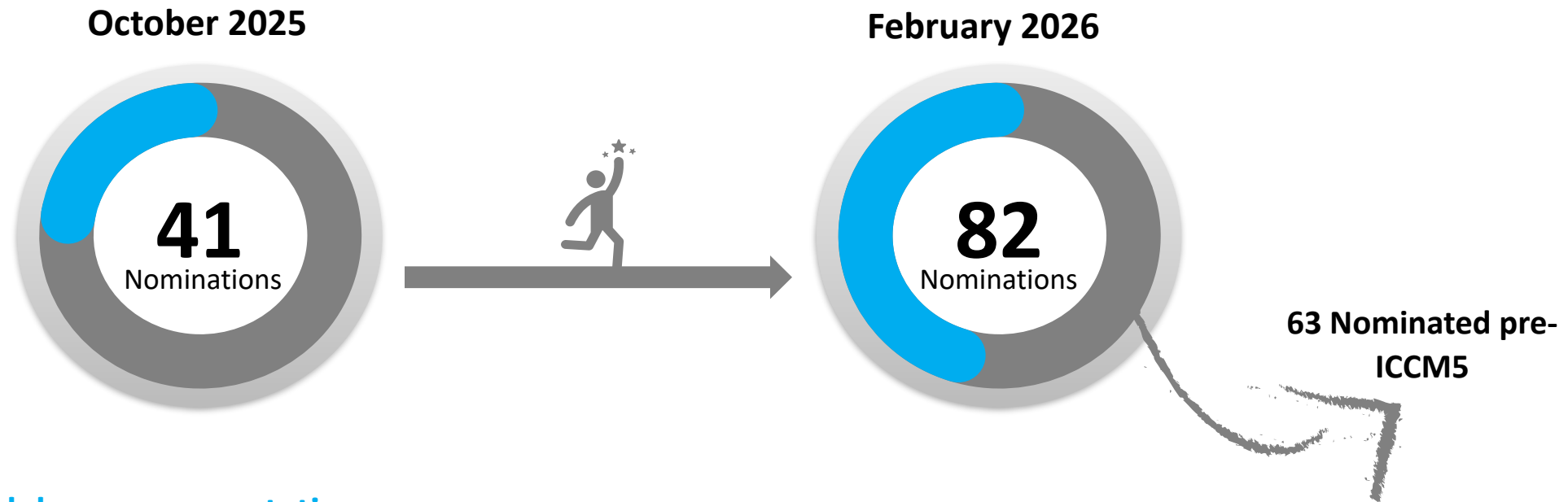
- The Executive Board is currently appraising concept notes (step 4)
- From 23-25 March, the Executive Board will select concept notes invited to develop full applications³.
- From April – June, the Secretariat will support selected candidates in finalizing their applications (step 5)
- In July – August, the Executive Board, with support from the Secretariat, will appraise the applications (steps 6-7)
- In September, the Executive Board will make the final selections for Round 2 (Step 8)

3 Invitation to submit a full proposal is not approval



8. GFC Focal Points

Status of focal points nominations



Health and labour representation

- 8 Health national focal points | 5 alternates
- No Labour national focal points | 3 alternates

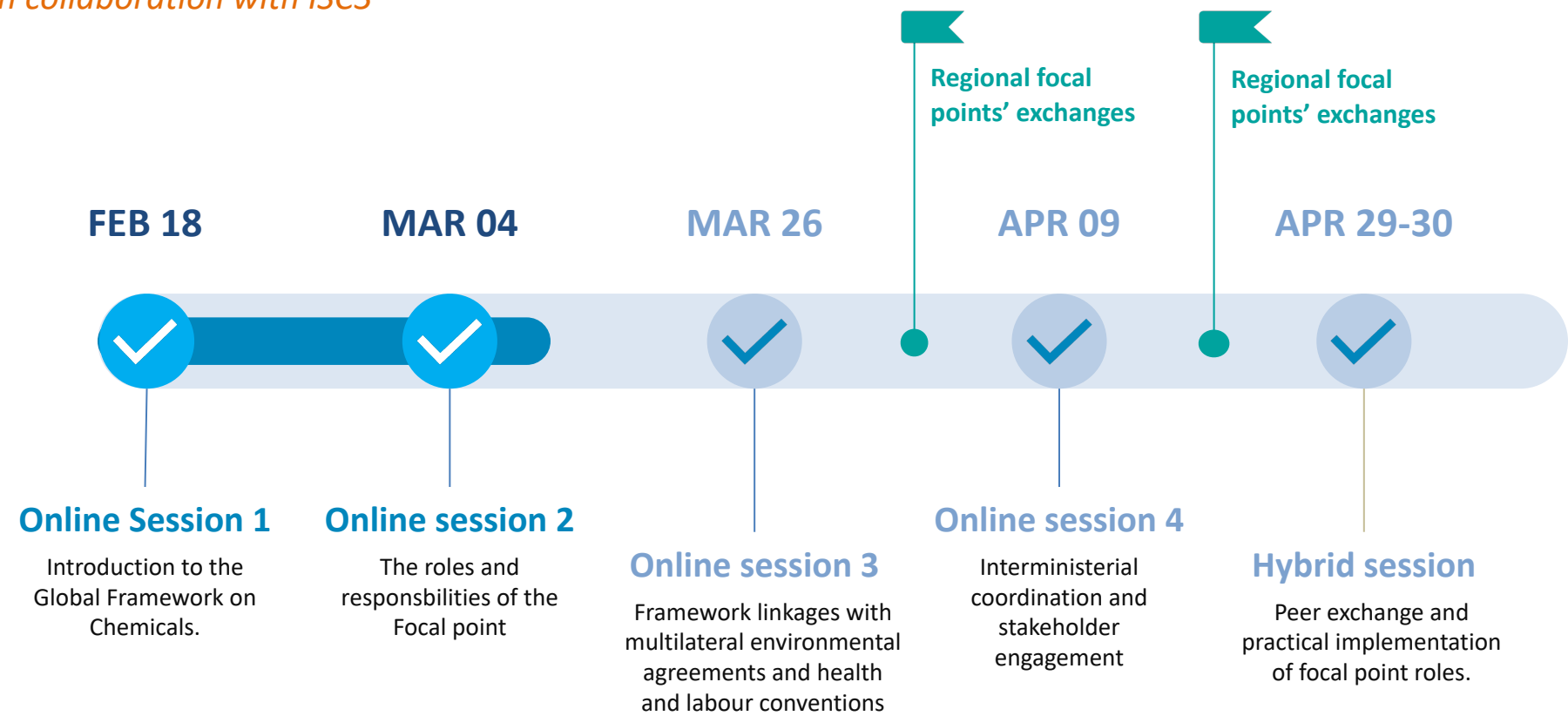
Bureau guidance requested

- Confirmation deadline of **31 March 2026** for older nominations (pre-ICCM5)

Pilot induction training programme launched for newly nominated focal points

Objective: Strengthen the capacity of newly nominated focal points to effectively carry out their roles under the Framework.

Delivered in collaboration with ISC3



Agenda item 9: Finance situation GFC Secretariat and related activities (USD)

Contributions to the GFC Secretariat 2023-2026 (17 contributors) *	4 706 980
Interim Expenditures of the GFC Secretariat as 31-Dec-2025 (OEWG, participant travel, staffing, consultants, communications)	2 879 280
Balance	1 827 700
Budget 2026	3 941 377
Shortfall in revenue	-2 113 677

* UNEP's contribution in 2024 of 1 080 000 USD not included in this table. The contribution from its Thematic Funds and other operating reserve were used to support the secretariat and related activities while UNEP's infrastructure for the Framework was being established.

Agenda item 9: Contributions to the GFC Secretariat 2023-2026

<i>Contributor</i>	<i>2023 (USD)</i>	<i>2024 (USD)</i>	<i>2025 (USD)</i>	<i>2026 (USD)</i>	<i>Total (USD)</i>
Austria			45,343		45,343
Belgium		31,250	35,294		66,544
Belgium (Brussels)				14,766	14,766
Canada		49,236			49,236
Denmark		28,706	52,176		80,882
European Commission			646,000		646,000
France	108,563	429,078	114,025		651,666
Finland		14,690	33,875		48,565
Germany		159,314	343,279		502,593
Japan				63,000	63,000
Netherlands		55,066	113,636		168,702
Norway			96,725		96,725
Pakistan			1,947		1,947
Sweden		291,403			291,403
Switzerland		465,071	346,225		811,296
UNEP			40,000		40,000
United Kingdom	187,373	315,939			503,312
USA		625,000			625,000
Total income	295,936	2,464,753	1,868,525	77,766	4,706,980

Non-Confirmed contributions:

- United Kingdom
- Germany
- France
- Montenegro
- Poland (tentative)

Proposed In-kind contributions:

- Georgia
- Armenia

9. Secretariat cooperation

Agenda item 10: Next meetings of the Bureau

The proposed dates for the next GFC Bureau meetings are:

- 10th Meeting: Thursday, 18 June 2026
- 11th Meeting: Thursday, 24 September 2026
- 12th Meeting: Saturday, 14 November 2026 (back-to-back to the International Conference)

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