

Open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators

of the Global Framework on Chemicals

– for a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste

Seventh meeting

Online, 19 November 2025, 14:00-16:00 CET

Report of the Seventh Meeting of the Open-ended Ad hoc Group on Measurability and Indicators

1. Opening and welcome

The Seventh Meeting of the Open-ended Ad hoc Group on Measurability and Indicators (OEAHGMI) convened online on 19 November 2025 from 14:00 to 16:00 CET. Ms. Keima Gardiner (Trinidad and Tobago), Co-Chair, opened the meeting by welcoming over 120 participants and expressed appreciation for the group's ongoing commitment to advancing the measurability structure of the Global Framework on Chemicals. She recalled the progress made at the sixth meeting and emphasized the need to finalize deliverables in preparation for the International Conference.

2. Organizational matters: Adoption of the agenda and previous meeting report

The Co-Chair invited the group to adopt the provisional agenda (GFC/OEAHGMI.7/1), which was approved without amendment. The meeting then considered the report of the Sixth Meeting, which was accepted as presented. With no corrections requested, the Co-Chairs confirmed that the session would focus on reviewing progress across Workstream 1, receiving consolidated updates from the expert groups working under Strategic Objectives A, B, D, and E, and hearing updates from the task forces on global environmental burden and global burden of disease.

3. Reporting of workstream 1 regarding the completion of the indicator factsheets template for the 22 indicators identified

Mr. Oliver Wootton (UNITAR) provided an update on the completion of the indicator factsheets for the 22 indicators proposed by workstream 1. He reported that all factsheets had been through initial review and were being finalized based on feedback received from designated custodians. While most of the content is nearing completion, he noted that a few outstanding issues remained, such as clarity on indicator wording, harmonization of metrics, and consistency with GFC criteria.

Participants emphasized the importance of ensuring consistency in the methodology and ensuring the indicators meet the agreed indicator selection criteria. There was a shared view that these factsheets would serve as foundational reference materials for the broader framework.

4. Presentation of indicators proposed, and questions raised by:

a. Small group of experts focusing on strategic objective A

The coordinator of the small group of experts working under Strategic Objective A, Maria Delvin presented their progress on the indicators related to legal frameworks. Participants discussed the complexity of developing globally comparable metrics for legal implementation and acknowledged the importance of considering national circumstances. Participants raised questions regarding indicators for poison centre accessibility and the extent to which existing datasets could support these measures. The discussion also highlighted challenges with the current indicators for Highly Hazardous Pesticides. Participants supported convening a dedicated expert subgroup, potentially led by FAO, to develop more robust indicators covering the targets A7 and D5.

b. Small group of experts focusing on strategic objective B

The coordinator of the small group of experts for Strategic Objective B, Sherika Ballingsingh, reported on the work to refine indicators related to knowledge and information. Participants noted that some indicators required clearer terminology, particularly those referring to “globally harmonized” systems, given the absence of an agreed global standard for digital product information systems. Participants also emphasized the need for indicators that reflect regional practices while maintaining coherence with global ambitions. The group highlighted progress on indicators covering training, awareness, and public education programmes, and several participants stressed the importance of ensuring that indicators incorporate occupational health and gender-responsive considerations.

c. Small group of experts focusing on strategic objective D

Work under Strategic Objective D focused on indicators covering innovation toward sustainable chemistry, safer alternative adoption, and corporate engagement in chemicals and waste management. The coordinators of the small group of experts, Christopher Blum and Tadesse Amera, noted that reporting challenges remain for indicators requiring data from private-sector actors, particularly smaller companies that may not publish environmental or sustainability reports. Several participants encouraged narrowing the scope of certain indicators to focus on entities with accessible data while preserving ambition in tracking progress. The group also recognized overlaps with the work conducted under Objective A on pesticides and on companies and emphasized the need for consistent coordination across the small group of experts.

d. Small group of experts focusing on strategic objective E

The coordinator of the small group of experts for Strategic Objective E, Rakesh Vazirani, reported on the work related to partnerships and finance. Participants emphasized that these indicators should capture not only the level of financial resources available but also the effectiveness of partnerships, coordination bodies, and institutional structures that enable implementation. Participants did not endorse the proposal by the small group of experts to replace the existing indicators from workstream 1. It was suggested that the indicator proposals from the small group of experts should be added to the existing indicators.

5. Update on work of the task forces:

a. Task force on the global environmental burden

Mr. Joao Santos (UNEP) presented ongoing work to develop a high-level indicator capturing the environmental burden attributable to chemicals and waste. The task force refined a conceptual framework focusing on pressures, environmental states, and impacts on ecosystems and their services. Emphasis was placed on the need for interdisciplinary scientific expertise to select supporting metrics and ensure the indicator is robust, transparent, and methodologically sound. Participants acknowledged the complexity of the work and encouraged continued collaboration with scientific and technical partners.

b. Task force on the global burden of disease

Virunya Bhat (WHO) provided an overview of progress on the high-level indicator addressing chemical-related human health impacts. It was explained that the Global Burden of Disease (GBD) dataset provides useful information for selected categories such as lead exposure, unintentional poisonings, and occupational exposures, but does not yet cover the majority of chemicals of concern. WHO recommended a complementary approach combining exposure assessments, health outcomes, and policy response indicators. Participants expressed support for this multi-component methodology and encouraged continued cooperation between WHO and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME)..

6. Next steps:

The Co-Chairs reiterated the shift from three broad workstreams up until August 2025 to four small expert groups and two task forces that were created from the pool of experts. The following action points were highlighted:

- Finalization of the 22 indicator factsheets by end of 2025 by workstream 1.
- Continuation of work of small group of experts and task forces
- A hybrid meeting for members of the small groups of experts and task forces having actively engaged in the process, which is planned for 19 and 20 February 2026 in Geneva.
- The 8th meeting of the OEAHGMI to be held in late March (date to be confirmed)

Participants raised questions on coordination among the small group of experts and submission timelines for written inputs. In addition, they raised several technical concerns related to indicator design, including terminology, data custodian responsibilities, and harmonization with existing international efforts. Concerns about internal coordination of the small groups of experts and about duplication and data overlap were noted, particularly in relation to ongoing OECD and UN system entity initiatives. The Co-Chairs encouraged stakeholders to submit written feedback to inform upcoming revisions until 3 December 2025.

7. Any other business

No other business was raised at the meeting.

8. Closure of the meeting

The Co-Chair, Ms. Katerina Šebková (Czech Republic) concluded by thanking participants for their dedication and constructive input. She emphasized the importance of maintaining momentum to continue developing the measurability structure. The meeting was adjourned at 16:00 CET.

Annex 1 - List of participants

Participants	
Ahmed Tihamiyu	Jimena Berce
Alberto Rosales	Jing Zhao
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Ayumi Kochi	Kristof Douçot
Azeb Dagne	Laura Nazef
Barbara Blaznik Marc	Lesley Onyon
Carlos López Alled	Lindita Molla
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Chikako Shindo	Ludovic Bernaudat
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Hamoud Alrougi	Qiaoyun Zhang
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Irina Talamoni	Rory O'Neill
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Jasper Kol	Sarah Coombs
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