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**Eighth meeting of the Bureau of the
Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste**
Tuesday, 28 October, 14:00 – 16:30 (CET, Geneva time) (ONLINE)

Thought Starter
First International Conference of the Global Framework on Chemicals 2026

Bureau Action: For discussion

Outcome of the first Conference:

The first session of the International Conference is planned for November 2026, subject to financing. Three years will have passed since the adoption of the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC), and this event will be an important opportunity to assess the progress being made towards the strategic objectives and targets with 2030 and 2035 on the horizon. Will we be on track?

Politically, we anticipate that Ministers, CEOs and high-level delegates will be invited to highlight the successes that may have been achieved since the adoption of the Bonn Declaration and to re-energize their commitments and explore the challenges faced and how co-operation and collaboration may overcome them.

Question 1: What does success look like for the First Conference of the Global Framework on Chemicals?

Approach:

With less than five years to 2030 when many targets of the Global Framework on Chemicals are to be reached, the First Conference of the Framework will present an opportunity to assess progress. How far will we be from our ambition and what further actions will be required?

The Open-ended *ad hoc* Group on Measurability and Indicators is progressing its work and will be providing recommendations on draft indicators within a measurability structure for to the Conference to adopt. An early application of the structure could assist in tracking progress towards the targets and support the Conference in deciding where to focus attention and accelerate actions.

Fully integrating multistakeholder and multisectoral activities throughout the agenda of the Conference may support greater relevance for all participants. With an increased emphasis on including new stakeholders along the value chain and in the finance sectors, it will be important to design inspiring and attractive elements to maintain engagement. Since interest across the five strategic objectives varies, is there a way to shape the Conference that meets the expectations of all participants whilst demonstrating how different mechanisms and “vehicles” can accelerate progress?

Question 2: What approach will allow us to assess progress and integrate multistakeholder and multisectoral interest into the agenda?