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First meeting of the open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators – Segment 1*

16 April 2024, 13:00–14:30 CEST, Online

REPORT OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE OPEN-ENDED AD HOC GROUP ON MEASURABILITY AND INDICATORS – SEGMENT 1

1. Opening and welcome

The President of the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste, Mr. Zaigham Abbas (Pakistan) welcomed participants to the first meeting of the open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators – Segment 1.

The President recalled that the Framework includes a measurability structure in Section XI and, with a proposed set of indicators, is to be included in its annex III, to facilitate the reporting and monitoring of progress and impact in its implementation and contribute to assessing progress towards the vision.

He further recalled that the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management through its Resolution V/9 on *Measurability Structure* established an open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators (referred to as “the ad hoc group” from here onwards). It was decided that the ad hoc group will prepare recommendations for finalizing the measurability structure as well as a proposal for a set of indicators, to be included in annex III to the Framework, for consideration at the next session of the International Conference.

The President informed the meeting that its purpose was to elect its chair or Co-chairs and to discuss the next steps towards organizing its work.

Finally, he said that the ad hoc group had been set up as a subsidiary body of the International Conference and, therefore the rules of procedure of the International Conference would apply mutatis mutandis to the proceedings of the ad hoc group, unless otherwise decided by the International Conference at its next session.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The President presented the provisional agenda for the meeting (GFC/OEAHGMI.1/1) that was posted on the website www.chemicalsframework.org on 15 April 2024.

He noted that the first meeting of the open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators would be held in two segments, with Segment 2 to be held online on 13 May 2024. He explained that the

* The first meeting of the open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators is being held in two segments. The first segment (Segment 1) of the meeting will be held online on 16 April 2024, while the second segment (Segment 2) will be held online on 13 May 2024.

focus of the discussions for Segment 2 will be discussing the workplan and timetable for subsequent meetings.

He invited participants to raise additional points under agenda item 5, any other business. With no other items raised, the provisional agenda was adopted.

3. Organizational matters and elections of officers

a) Election of officers

The President recalled rule 16.4 of the rules of procedure of the International Conference, that stipulates that in the exercise of his functions, the President remains at all times under the authority of the International Conference.

Mr. Pierre Quiblier (secretariat) introduced the process of election of officers. In so doing, he referred to Section 9 of the rules of procedure on subsidiary bodies and rule 23.2 of the rules of procedure of the International Conference.

Further to nominations received, the President proposed that Ms. Itsuki Kuroda (Japan) and Ms. Keima Gardiner (Trinidad and Tobago) be elected as Co-chairs of the ad hoc group. With no objections, Ms. Kuroda and Ms. Gardiner were elected as Co-chairs of the open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators.

b) Organization of work

Ms. Kuroda presented the scenario note (GFC/OEAHGMI.1/2) prepared for Segment 1 of the first meeting of the ad hoc group.

Ms. Gardiner recalled once more that the ad hoc group is a subsidiary body of the International Conference and, therefore, its rules of procedure apply *mutatis mutandis* to the proceedings of the meeting, unless otherwise decided by the International Conference at its next session. She also recalled the decision of the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management through its Resolution V/9 *on Measurability structure* to establish an open-ended ad hoc group on measurability and indicators and its objectives.

The Co-chair informed the meeting that its work would be conducted in English only, and that the working documents were available on the meeting webpage. She also anticipated that the ad hoc group would convene quarterly for 2-3 hours to advance on its objectives.

She said that the ad hoc group was open for participation to all stakeholders and that broad participation from stakeholder groups and sectors was envisaged to ensure regional and sectoral balance within the ad hoc group. She added that participants with relevant technical expertise and experience who could contribute significantly to a successful outcome were encouraged to participate in the meetings.

She added that the first meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) of the Framework was scheduled for June 2025 at which time there would be a report on the work of the measurability and indicators ad hoc group among other reports. The OEWG will take stock of progress and address the way forward for consideration by the International Conference in 2026.

4. Next steps

Ms. Gardiner reiterated that Segment 2 of the meeting will take place on 13 May 2024, 14:00-16:30 CEST, online. She repeated that the objectives of the meeting will be to discuss the workplan and timetable for the subsequent meetings of the ad hoc group.

She asked the participants if they agreed with the date of Segment 2 and its objectives. Additionally, she requested the ad hoc group to agree that a concept note should be prepared by the co-chairs, with the support of the secretariat to be available on the webpage prior to the next meeting.

The meeting agreed to the proposed dates for the next meeting and requested the secretariat, under the guidance of the Co-chairs, to prepare the concept note for Segment 2.

5. **Any other business**

No other matters were raised under this agenda item.

6. **Closure of the meeting**

The Co-chairs thanked the President for his leadership, the secretariat for organizing the first meeting of the ad hoc group – Segment 1 and participants for their participation. The meeting was closed at 14:00 CEST.
