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Open-ended Working Group of the Global Framework on Chemicals – for a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste
First meeting
Punta del Este, Uruguay, 24–27 June 2025
Item 2 (c) of the provisional agenda*
Organizational matters:
Organization of work

Revised tentative schedule of work of the Open-Ended Working Group of the Global Framework on Chemicals – for a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste

Note by the Secretariat

1. The annex to the present note contains a tentative schedule of work for the first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Global Framework on Chemicals. The tentative schedule of work has been agreed by the Bureau of the Global Framework on Chemicals.

2. To note – on Monday 23 June:

   A technical briefing on the Framework Fund will be held from 12h30 to 13h30.
   A technical briefing on measurability and indicators will be held from 13h30 to 15h30.
   From 15h30 to 18h00, facilities are available at the conference center for regional and sectoral groups to hold consultations if they so wish.

3. Additional details on the multi-stakeholder day activities and lunchtime activities will be provided and updated as needed. A draft schedule of those activities may be found here:

4. The present note, including its annex, has not been formally edited.

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ANNEX

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK FOR THE GFC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP

	OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP			
TIME	**TUESDAY 24** Strategic Objective A: Legal frameworks, institutional mechanisms and capacities are in place to support and achieve the safe and sustainable management of chemicals throughout their life cycle.	**WEDNESDAY 25** Strategic Objectives B&C: B. Comprehensive and sufficient knowledge, data and information are generated, available and accessible to all to enable informed decisions and actions. C. Issues of concern are identified, prioritized and addressed.	**THURSDAY 26** Strategic Objective D: Safer alternatives and innovative and sustainable solutions in product value chains are in place so that benefits to human health and the environment are maximized and risks are prevented or, where prevention is not feasible, minimized.	**FRIDAY 27** Strategic Objective E: Enhanced implementation occurs through increased and effective resource mobilization, partnerships, cooperation, capacity-building, and integration into all relevant decision-making processes.
8:00-9:00	Bureau	Bureau	Bureau	Bureau
9:00-10:00	Regional and sectoral meetings	Regional and sectoral meetings		Regional and sectoral meetings
10:00-13:00	**PLENARY** Agenda item 1 – Opening of the meeting Agenda item 2 – Organizational matters Agenda item 3 – Global Framework on Chemicals: 3(a) - Implementation arrangements (Resolution V/8) 3(c) - GFC Fund (V/3) Agenda item 4 - Financial considerations (V/3)	**PLENARY** Agenda item 3 – Global Framework on Chemicals (cont.) 3(b) - Global alliance on highly hazardous pesticides (V/11) 3(e) - EPIs and IOCs (V/5) 3(f) - International cooperation and coordination (V/6) 3(g) - National Focal Points (V/7) 3(h) - Measurability structure and indicators (V/9) 3(i) - Health Surveillance Systems (V/10)	**INTRODUCTION TO THE MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DAY** **Multi-stakeholder Activities** Please click here for a quick view of the schedule for the day	**PLENARY** Agenda item 3 – Global Framework on Chemical (cont.) 3(j) Capacity building Agenda item 6: Preparations for the first session of the International Conference of the Global Framework on Chemicals Agenda item 7: Other matters

	Agenda item 3(d) - Gender action plan (V/4) Agenda item 5 – Programme of work and Budget (V/12)			
13:00-14:00	**LUNCH** **Side event** Occupational Safety and Health Legal Frameworks Strengthening Implementation of GHS: Challenges, Successes, and the Way Forward	**LUNCH** **Side event** Issues of Concern: Advances and updates on PFAS and Highly Hazardous Pesticides	**LUNCH** **Side event** Masterclass on Chemical Footprinting methodologies	**LUNCH** **Side event** Establishing a Global Alliance on Highly Hazardous Pesticides
14:00-15:00	Masterclass on Regulatory Compliance and Trade: India's Chemical Regulatory Landscape: Industry-Government Synergy and Regional Perspectives	Masterclass on Data Transparency and Traceability Youth Education and Innovation for Sustainable Chemistry and Zero Waste	Masterclass on understanding finance and sustainable chemicals management	Masterclass on setting up networks for GFC implementation
15:00-18:00	**PLENARY** (overflow from the morning TBC) ___ Contact group 1 on resolution V/8: Implementation arrangements Contact group 3 on resolution V/12: Programme of work and budget	**PLENARY** (overflow from the morning TBC) ___ Contact group 2 on resolution V/5: Emerging policy issues and issues of concern Contact group 3 on resolution V/12: Programme of work and budget	**Multi-stakeholder Activities** (cont.)	**PLENARY** Agenda item 8: Adoption of the report Agenda item 9: Closure
18:30 onwards	Contact Groups (TBC)	Contact Groups (TBC)		

N.B. Breakout groups may be convened as and when necessary.

RESOLUTIONS:

V/3: Financial Considerations

V/4: Mainstreaming a gender perspective and promoting gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls in chemicals and waste management
V/5: Emerging Policy Issues and Issues of Concern
V/6: International Cooperation and Coordination
V/7: Development of Guidelines for National Focal Points
V/8: Implementation Arrangements
V/9: Measurability structure
V/10: Health surveillance systems for the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste to prevent and protect human health from chemical exposure Resolution
V/11: Highly Hazardous Pesticides
V/12: Programme of Work and Budget