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**Sixth meeting of the Bureau of the
Global Framework on Chemicals –
For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste**
Thursday, 30 January 2025, 14:00 – 16:30 (CET)

Item 4 (a) of the provisional agenda
OEWG preparations: Workflow of the meeting

Proposed structure for the Workflow/Schedule of work for the GFC Open-ended Working Group

Note by the secretariat

1. In preparation for the first meeting of the GFC Open-ended Working Group, the secretariat proposes the attached structure for the workflow/schedule of work for the meeting, including pre-meetings and sectoral half-days.
2. Following the 5th meeting of the Bureau and the introduction of the OEWG workflow at that meeting, comments were received from the Public Interest NGOs, the Health sector, the Labour sector, the European Union and its Member States, the Inter-organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals and the Western European and others Group. Comments were also received on the original concept note from the Central and Eastern European region.
3. The secretariat has consolidated and incorporated the comments in an amended version attached in the annex to this note.

Next steps

The Bureau is invited to consider the amended workflow, further amend as necessary and accordingly approve the workflow/schedule of work for the Open-ended Working Group.

ANNEX

TENTATIVE WORKFLOW/SCHEDULE OF WORK FOR THE GFC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP AND PRE-MEETINGS

PRE-MEETINGS			OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP			
SUNDAY 22	MONDAY 23	TIME	TUESDAY 24 Strategic Objective A	WEDNESDAY 25 Strategic Objective B&C	THURSDAY 26 Strategic Objective D	FRIDAY 27 Strategic Objective E
	Bureau	8:00-9:00	Bureau	Bureau	Bureau	Bureau
IOMC Global Workshop on National Chemicals Systems IP1	IOMC Global Workshop on National Chemicals Systems IP1	9:00-10:00	Regional and sectoral meetings	Regional and sectoral meetings	Regional and sectoral meetings	Regional and sectoral meetings
		10:00-12:00	OPENING PLENARY	PLENARY	Multi-stakeholder Activities	IP 3 sustainable development and integration Interlinkages
	LUNCH	12:00-13:00	Resolutions (see below for list): V/8, V/11, V/3, V/12, V/4	Resolutions: V/5, V/6, V/7, V/9, V/10	Finance/Investors Measurability/ Indicators	[Slot for contact group]
LUNCH	Technical briefing on GFC Fund	13:00-14:00	LUNCH (+ Side events) e.g. Global PFAS Group	LUNCH (+ Side events) e.g. Data transparency	LUNCH (+ Side events) e.g. Chemical footprints	LUNCH (+ Side events) e.g. Monitoring and Measuring
IOMC Global Workshop on National Chemicals Systems IP1	Technical briefing on Measurability	14:00-15:00	Focal point Masterclass: e.g. Project management	Focal point Masterclass: e.g. Communication	Focal point Masterclass: e.g. Standards for disclosure	Focal point Masterclass: e.g. Fraud

IOMC Global Workshop on National Chemicals Systems IP1 (cont.)	Regional and sectoral meetings	15:00-18:00	PLENARY Contact group 1 on resolution V/8 [Slot for Contact Group]	Contact group 2 on resolution V/5 [Slot for Contact Group]	Multistakeholder activities TBC (cont.) [see below for full potential list]	PLENARY
		18:30 onwards	Reception [Slot for Contact Group]	Contact group 2 on V/5 [Slot for Contact Group]	Awards for sustainable business with Youth entrepreneur category (TBC) Fashion Show: Sustainable textiles with volunteer models from participants (TBC)	

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- E. Enhanced implementation occurs through increased and effective resource mobilization, partnerships, cooperation, capacity-building, and integration into all relevant decision-making processes.

RESOLUTIONS:

- V/3: Financial Considerations Annex to resolution V/3: Terms of reference of the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund
- 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 Resolution
- 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

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ACTIVITIES – Thursday morning TBC

FINANCE/INVESTORS

- Cost of Inaction.
- UNEP FI – materiality of pollution.
- Financial and investment Flows.
- Understanding economic language and “risk”.
- Speaking the language of Finance, Development, Business Ministries.
- Macro-economic analysis and trade flows.
- Development Banks and national banks – what can they offer?
- Mobilizing resources and creating policies for sustainably financing policies.

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ACTIVITIES – Thursday afternoon TBC

- Working with industry sectors along the health sector and value chain.
- Chemicals of concern standards.
- Textiles – Sector Programme spotlight on Kenya/Côte d’Ivoire.
- WHO/health - Medical textiles.
- ILO/labour - Code of Practice occupational health and safety.
- WBCSE – supply chain actors.
- UNDP/UNEP/UNIDO textiles programmes.
- ZDHC – how to implement the standards.
- ISO Chemical footprint.
- USETOX – Lifecycle analysis.
- Youth entrepreneurs in fashion/textiles.
- Gender mainstreaming - common elements of sector programmes
- Planning for different sectors including construction and electronics