

Closing Statement

On behalf of the International Council of Chemical Associations, I would like to congratulate the GFC Secretariat and UNEP and thank everyone involved in the successful organisation of this first GFC OEWG meeting. This event has been an important step forward in our shared journey towards the successful implementation of the Global Framework on Chemicals.

Achieving the GFC vision requires collaboration; all of us working together, listening to each other, and building common ground. This week, and especially yesterday, during the Multi-Stakeholder Day, has been a great opportunity to do exactly that and we have seen the multistakeholder approach come to life.

As the voice of the global chemical industry, ICCA is committed to continue the conversations we have been having here this week and will remain a constructively engaged partner in the next steps leading to the first International Conference. In parallel, we will advance the implementation of our 3 ambitions related to data transparency, sustainability and helping countries implement chemical management schemes. In that spirit, and following the strong response to the GFC Fund's first call for projects, we announced yesterday that ICCA will contribute another half a million Euros this year and we look forward to the significant impact the projects will bring.