

# The Global Framework on Chemicals Fund

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Webinar 1: Guidance on the scope of the Fund

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# Welcome remarks



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# The Global Framework on Chemicals – an overview



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# Global Framework on Chemicals

For a Planet Free of Harm  
From Chemicals and Waste

## The Bonn Declaration

## A Global Framework on Chemicals Fund



5 Strategic Objectives



28 Targets



Multisectoral and  
multistakeholder

We the ministers, heads of delegation, and stakeholder leaders, having gathered in Bonn, Germany, at the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5) to strengthen action to tackle the crisis of pollution from chemicals and waste

A UNEP-administered Global Framework on Chemicals Fund time-limited, that allow multilateral, bilateral and private sector sources was established



## 5 strategic objectives

- **Legal frameworks, institutional mechanisms and capacities** are in place
- Comprehensive and sufficient knowledge, **data and information** are generated, available and accessible
- **Issues of concern** are identified, prioritized and addressed.
- **Safer alternatives and innovative and sustainable solutions** in product value chains **are in place**
- **Enhanced implementation** occurs through increased and **effective resource mobilization, partnerships, cooperation, capacity-building**

# GLOBAL FRAMEWORK ON CHEMICALS

FOR A PLANET FREE OF HARM  
FROM CHEMICALS AND WASTE

## 28 Targets

**Target A1** - By 2030, Governments have adopted and are implementing and enforcing legal frameworks, and have established appropriate institutional capacity to prevent or, where prevention is not feasible, minimize adverse effects from chemicals and waste as appropriate for their national circumstances.

**Target B2** – By 2030, stakeholders make available, to the extent possible, reliable information on chemicals in materials and products throughout the value chain.

**Target D6** – By 2030, sustainable chemical and waste management strategies have been developed and implemented for major economic and industry sectors that identify priority chemicals of concern and standards and measures, such as the chemical footprint approach, to reduce their impact and, where feasible, their input along the value chain

**Target E6** – By 2030, stakeholders identify and strengthen, as appropriate, synergies and linkages between chemicals and waste management and other key environmental, health and labour policies, such as those related to climate change solutions, biodiversity conservation, human rights protection, universal health coverage or primary health care.

# The Global Framework on Chemicals: Resolutions and implementation activities

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Implementation programmes

Highly hazardous pesticides

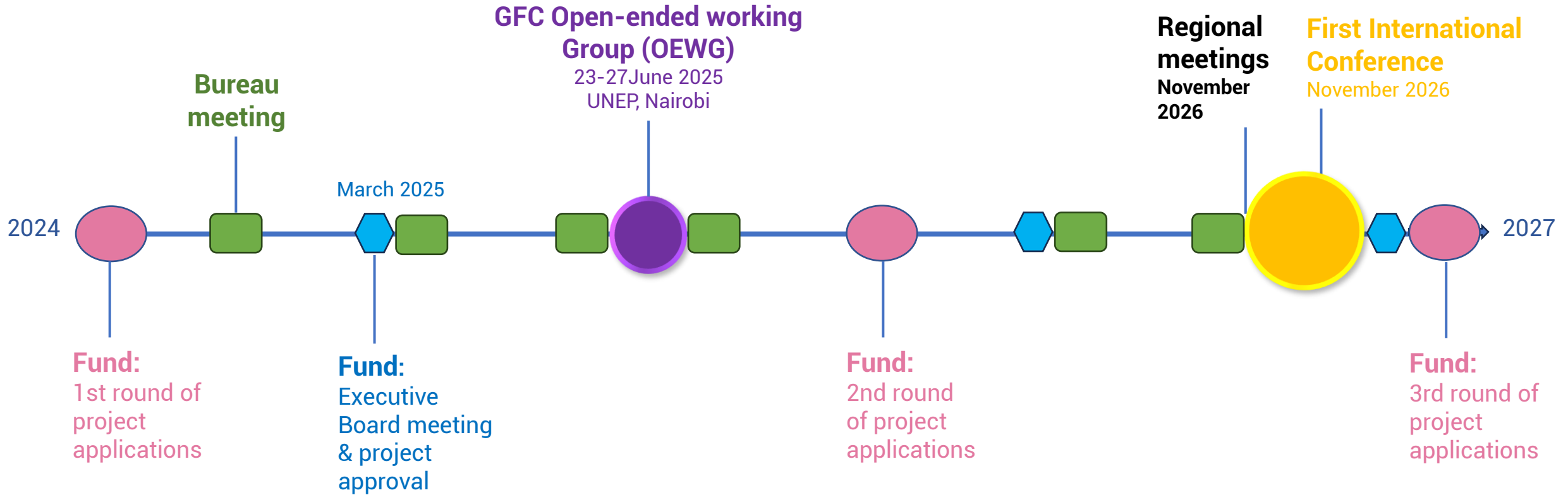
Measurability

Regulatory frameworks

Financial considerations

Gender action plan

# Road to the First Conference





# The Global Framework on Chemicals Fund



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# Overview of the Fund

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- The Fund was established as part of the Global Framework on Chemicals at ICCM5 in September 2023.
- Its overall purpose is to support countries in implementing the Global Framework.
- The first round of applications was launched on 1 October 2024 and applications can be submitted until **31 January 2025**.

# Governance mechanism - Executive Board



- The Fund has received contributions and pledges of **approx. 28 million USD**
- The Fund is governed by an Executive Board, representing all UN regions as well as donors and contributors



# Strategic priorities of the Fund

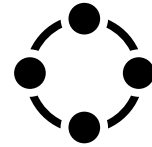
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- **Strengthen national and regional capacities**
- Implement programmes that promote the safe and sustainable management of chemicals and waste **in economic and industrial sectors along value chains.**
- Promote policies that enable countries to **unlock and secure funding** for managing chemicals and waste
- Enhance **cooperation and coordination** among those responsible for implementing international instruments or programmes
- Address **issues of concern** as well as **cross-cutting themes.**

# Minimum criteria for applications



Alignment with the Framework's vision, objectives and targets



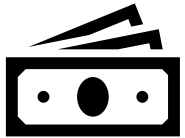
Creation of synergies with related initiatives



Building long-term capacity



No duplication with existing projects or programmes



Sustainable finance mechanism



Gender mainstreaming and safeguards



25 % co-financing and in-kind contributions



Involvement of sectors and stakeholders

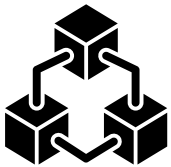
# Desirable criteria for applications



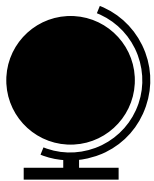
Supporting the implementation of ICCM5 resolutions, especially on implementation programmes



Building on or complementing previous initiatives and projects



Large-scale projects, possibly through established structures



Projects with the potential to be scaled up to the regional or global level



Prioritized involvement of major economic and industry sectors



Engagement with civil society, non-economic sectors, the private sector and/or other relevant stakeholders



Links with investment and development banks for investment opportunities



Supporting the private & finance sector to incorporate chemicals management in their approaches and to apply reporting standards

# Funding strategy

## Who can apply for funding?

- **Governments** from developing countries, LDCs, SIDS and CEIT
- On an exceptional basis: **civil society networks**, subject to support by the national focal point\*
- The Fund is open to **regional/multi-country** applications

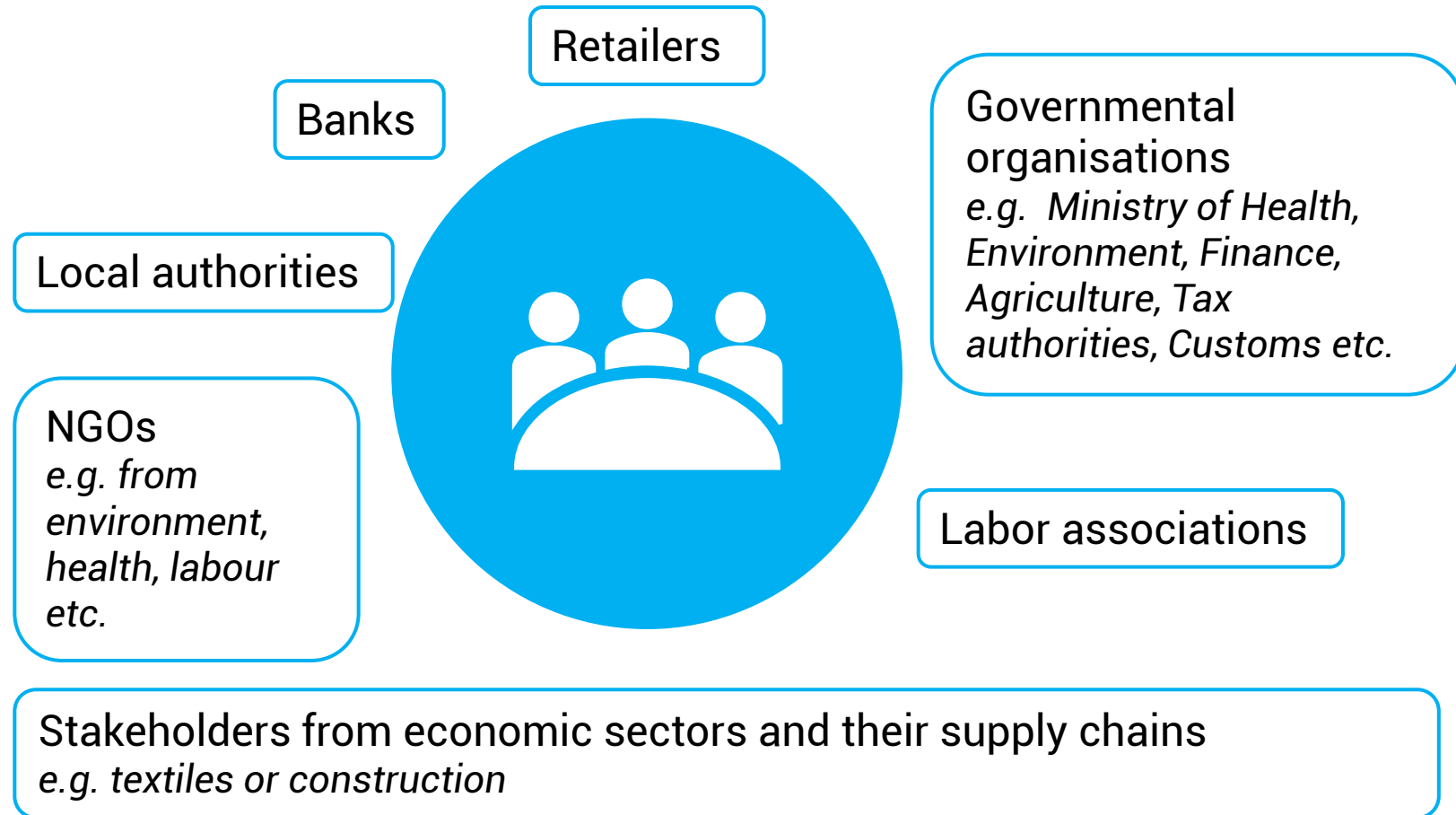
## Funding amount

- **US\$300,000 - US\$800,000** per project proposal
- Projects will run for up to 3 years
- Each project should try to achieve **25% co-financing** including in-kind contributions

\*UNEP engages with the nine Major Groups as defined in the [Agenda 21](#). On this basis, UNEP engages with accredited organizations in the following nine Major Group categories: Business and Industry; Children and Youth; Farmers; Indigenous Peoples and their communities; Local Authorities; Non-governmental organizations; Scientific and technological community; Women; Workers and Trade Unions

# Multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral approach

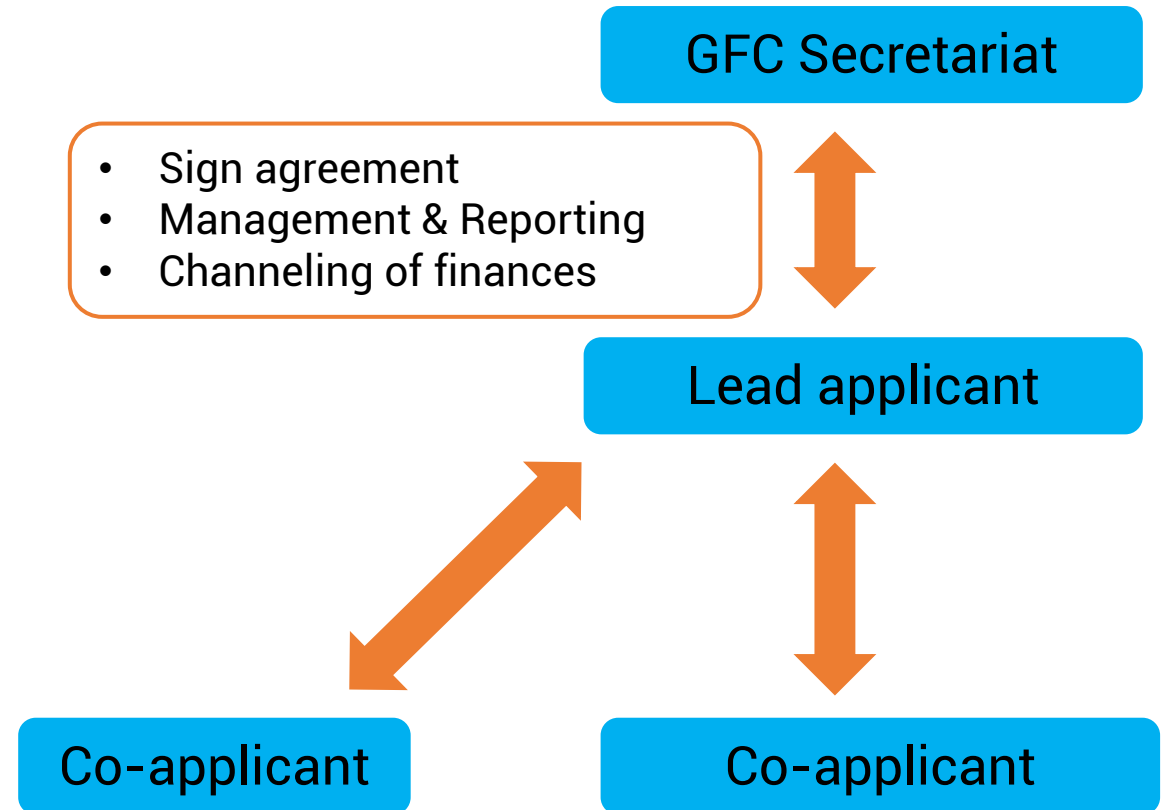
- The Fund encourages multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder approaches
- Stakeholders could, for example, come from the field of health, labour, environment, finance or be involved in a supply chain
- To support cross-sectoral impact, applicants should provide supporting letters from all relevant authorities



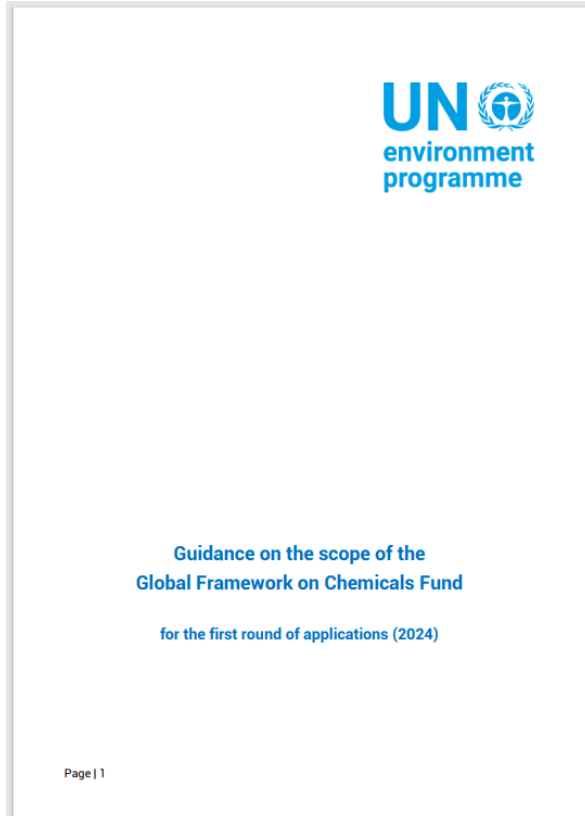


# Multi-country/Regional approach

- Each application will need to identify a lead applicant
- The lead applicant will need to:
  - ✓ Sign the legal agreement
  - ✓ Transfer funds to project partners
  - ✓ Manage the project, coordinate activities and reporting
  - ✓ Directly engage with the GFC Secretariat
- The application should state how the lead applicant will effectively coordinate and engage with other project partners
- The application should also describe the value added by a regional approach



# Guidance document and application guidelines



## Guidance document on the scope of the Fund

Available in:  
[English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)



## Application guidelines

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# Application forms

## Please submit your documents in English:

- ✓ **Project description:** Project application form A
- ✓ **Project budget form:** Project application form B
- ✓ **Letters of support** from the focal point/lead government
- ✓ **Letters of support** from all project partners
  
- ✓ For regional/multi-country projects: **Letters of support** from all participating countries
- ✓ For applications by other organizations and entities: **Proof of incorporation or founding documents** for your organization/entity
- ✓ For projects with an implementing organization/institution that is not an entity of the national government, a **letter from the organization/institution confirming its role**



- Find the application documents on our [website](#)
- Read the application guidelines

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# Provisional Timeline and next steps (1)

**10/2024:**  
Launch of  
1st round of  
applications

Further  
outreach



Screening of  
applications

**10/2024:**  
Webinars for  
applicants

**31/01/2025:**  
Closing date  
for  
applications

**03/2025:**  
Decision by  
the  
Executive  
Board

## Provisional Timeline and next steps (2)

**03/2025:**  
Decision by  
the  
Executive  
Board

Applicants prepare  
additional documents  
such as logframes

Further  
implementation  
arrangements

**03/2025:**  
Notification  
of  
applicants

**06/2025:**  
Contracts  
starting to  
be signed

# How do I submit an application?

- Please send your complete application package in **Word** and **PDF** (with scanned or electronic signatures) to [unep-gfc.fund@un.org](mailto:unep-gfc.fund@un.org) **by 31 January 2025**.
- Visit our website for further information on the Global Framework on Chemicals and the Fund: <https://www.unep.org/global-framework-chemicals>

# Thank you



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