

# Launch/Inception Event of the GEF-8 Integrated Programme on Eliminating Hazardous Chemicals in Supply Chains

## *Draft concept note*

### Event overview:

**Dates:** 9-11 December 2024 | **Location:** Siem Reap, Cambodia | **Meeting type:** Hybrid

### Background:

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) and Lead Agency UNEP are initiating the GEF-8 Integrated Programme (IP) on eliminating hazardous chemicals from supply chains in the fashion and construction industries. The supply chains IP aims to tackle environmental degradation by transforming fashion and construction supply chains to be green and sustainable, achieve zero pollution and zero waste, integrate nature-based solutions, and become carbon neutral.

The IP is made up of nine child projects (Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, and Trinidad in Tobago in Latin-America and the Caribbean, and Cambodia, India, Mongolia and Pakistan in the Asia-Pacific region, and one global coordination project), and the program approach was approved by the GEF Council in June 2023. The country child projects are expected to launch for implementation in 2025-2031.

This concept note outlines the key elements and proposed structure of the launch event for the supply chains IP. The launch event will also include the first global coordination project steering committee meeting.

### Objectives:

1. Launch the GEF-8 Supply Chains IP, engage a wide range of stakeholders and initiate collaborative efforts towards more sustainable supply chains.
2. Initiate the engagement and convene potential future Programme Advisory Group (PAG) members, and to facilitate in-depth discussions on thematic topics relevant to the programme.
3. Generate awareness with OFPs and National Focal Points on the operational and administrative expectations, including holding the first Project Steering Committee for the global coordination child project (closed session).

### Target participants:

**Project country government representatives** (as previously nominated during PPG): Cambodia, India, Mongolia, Pakistan, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru and Trinidad & Tobago.

**Implementing Agencies:** United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and Food and Agriculture Organization on the United Nations (FAO).

**Other key stakeholders:** Executing agencies (EAs), project managers (if known) sister & cousin projects, Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), co-financing partners, global industry actors and other relevant stakeholders, including private sector, civil organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), development banks and research institutes.

## Draft Summary Agenda

Date	Activities	Attendance
<b>Arrivals Day</b> <i>Sunday 8 Dec</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arrivals</li> </ul>	
<b>Meeting Day 1</b> <i>Monday 9 Dec</i>	<p><b><u>Morning Session</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Registrations</li> <li>- High-level launch – Opening session               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o GEF Secretariat</li> <li>o Cambodia Minister of Environment</li> <li>o UNEP regional director/Deputy regional director.</li> <li>o Overview of the programme.</li> <li>o Panel discussion</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>Afternoon Session</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Site visits (Construction location and/or Fashion location)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Evening</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cocktail mixer &amp; networking event</li> </ul>	Open to all participants
<b>Meeting Day 2</b> <i>Tuesday 10 Dec</i>	<p><b><u>Morning Session</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Global project presentation.</li> <li>- Child project presentations.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Afternoon Session</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thematic sessions (e.g., Finance, Policy, Innovation)</li> <li>- Programme Advisory Group discussion</li> </ul>	Open to all participants
<b>Meeting Day 3</b> <i>Wednesday 11 Dec</i>	<p><b><u>Morning Session</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thematic sessions continue (e.g. Global Project (e.g., M&amp;E and Indicators, Communications, Branding, KM))</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Afternoon Session</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parallel session: Project Steering Committee</li> <li>- Parallel session: EA training– Session on Integrated programme and or Branding.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Closed sessions</u></b></p> IAs, National Focal points, GEF sec EAs

## Draft Annotated Agenda

Date & Time	Activity	Details
Arrivals Day Sunday, 8 Dec		Arrivals to Siem Reap
<b>Meeting Day 1</b> <b>Monday, 9 Dec. 9:00 - 12:00</b>		
<b>8:00 - 9:00</b> <b>Welcome coffee and registration</b>		
9:00-9:05	National Anthem	All Participants
9:05-9:15	Welcoming Remarks	Importance of integrated program, environmental challenges, and expected impacts. - GEF Secretariat: (Anil / Astrid).
9:15 – 10:15	Opening Remarks & key notes	Opening speech and overview of the IP significance.  - UNEP Asia Pacific Deputy Regional Director - Chip Mong Insee Cement Corporation - Ixalab – Trace Surfer - Cambodia Minister of the Ministry of Environment
<b>10:15-10:45</b> <b>Photo Session and Coffee Break</b>		
10:45-11:05	Programme Overview	IP's objectives, scope, and expected outcomes - UNEP-GEF Unit : Eloise Touni.  Presentation on linkages between the two sectors and cross cutting themes - Moderator: Apoorva Arya
11:05-12:00	Expert Panel Discussion	Panel discussion on challenges and opportunities related to the program with 3 or 4 key stakeholders and experts, moderated by launch moderator: Apoorva Arya  - Shun Wei Fang Zhi Ke Ji Co., LTD (Fashion Sector) - Ecobrick (Construction Sector) - South Africa InTex project: Zubeida Zwavel, Center for African Resource Efficiency and Sustainability.
12:00 – 12:15		Q&A
<b>12:15 - 13:15</b> <b>Lunch</b>		
13:15 - 18:00	Site visits	Site visits to Fashion and construction location in the Siem Reap area  - Fashion Site Visit: Lotus Farm by Samatao - Construction Site Visit: Ecobrick
<b>Cocktail Reception</b>		
<b>Tuesday, 10 Dec</b> <b>Meeting Day 2: 9:00 - 17:30</b>		
<b>8:30 - 9:00</b> <b>Welcome Coffee</b>		
9:00 - 9:10	Recap of Day 1	Recap from day 1 - UNEP-GEF Unit: Eloise Touni
9:10 - 9:30	Overview of Global coordination Project	Presentation of the global coordination project and opportunities for engagement. - UNEP-KRU: Tapiwa Nxele  Interactive Q&A session with live commenting & word clouds, e.g. Menti

9:30 – 11:00	Child project posters / booths	8 booth & poster presentations by each child project. Topics: objectives, intervention materials, challenges of each Child Project. - IA's and EA's
<b>10:30-11:00</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>		
11:00 - 11:15	Q&A session	Moderator recap - Apoorva Arya  Interactive session collecting reactions and project expectations.
11:15 - 12:05	National priorities sessions – all child projects	Eight short 5-minute interventions on national priorities and added value of the IP. - National Focal points / OFPs.  Last 10 minutes of Q&A.
<b>12:05 - 13:05</b> <b>Lunch</b>		
13:05- 13:45	Panel discussion	Panels discussion introducing perspectives on the topics of the thematic breakout groups. 3 Panellists (to become breakout group leads)  A. Access to finance from commercial and development banks for supporting sustainable practices. International Finance Corporation (IFC) / Asian Development Bank (ADB) (TBC) B. Suitable solutions for harmful materials and processes TraceSurfer/ MIT (TBC) C. Creating enabling environments to support responsible innovation. University of Queensland / IClay - Policy mapping regional project in Africa
13:45 - 15:15	Rotating Thematic Breakout Sessions	Breakouts: (30 mins x 3 rotations) A. Circular Economy & Finance B. Alternative materials C. Policy and Regulatory Frameworks
<b>15:15 - 15:45</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>		
15:45 - 16:30	Thematic Breakout Session Reporting Back	Reporting back of key points from each breakout session.
16:30 - 17:15	Programme Advisory Group	Discuss roles, responsibilities, and participation opportunities in the advisory group. - UNEP-KRU: Ludovic Bernaudat
17:15 - 17:30	Day 2 Closing Remarks and Next Steps	Summary, takeaways, and call to action for the program's success. - GEF Secretariat: (Anil / Astrid). - UNEP-GEF Unit: Eloise Touni
<b>Wednesday, 11 Dec</b> <b>Closed Session: National Focal Points, GEF Sec, and IAs + EAs</b>		
<b>8:30 - 9:00</b> <b>Welcome Coffee</b>		
9:00 - 9:10	Recap of Past Few Days	Stocktaking of the previous days' discussions and presentations. - UNEP-GEF Unit: Eloise Touni

<b>9:10 - 9:50</b>	Global Project Overview	Coordination presentation covering communication strategies, branding, and Knowledge Management. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNEP-KRU: Tapi Nxele</li> </ul>
<b>9:50 - 10:45</b>	Implementation Plan, Timeline, and M&E Frameworks	Operational session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of the implementation plan,</li> <li>- Risks and grievance mechanisms</li> <li>- M&amp;E frameworks (programme level reporting, annual report, harmonizing mid-term reporting and TE) with open discussion on milestones, administrative procedures indicators, and integration with broader objectives.</li> </ul>
<b>10:45 - 11:15</b> <b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>11:15 - 12:00</b>	Alternative Approaches to Learning and Communication	Discussion on digital platforms, storytelling, participatory learning, and social media engagement.
<b>12:00 - 13:00</b>	Interactive Discussion: Addressing Issues as an Integrated Programme	Open discussion on key issues and synergies noted over the past days. Inputs from GEF sec, OFPs and Governments on expectations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interactive Digital Narratives: Hartmut Koenitz</li> <li>- Social media (TBC)</li> </ul>
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b> <b>Lunch</b>		
<b>14:00 - 17:30</b>	Project Steering Committee Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recap project document.</li> <li>- Theory of change</li> <li>- Approval of the PAG TORs</li> <li>- Approval of Consultant TORs</li> <li>- Approval of Annual Workplan &amp; Budget</li> </ul>
<b>14:00 - 17:30</b>	Parallel EAs training session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reporting timetable</li> <li>- M&amp;E frameworks and expectations</li> <li>- Lessons learned from past project</li> </ul>