

# First meeting of the ad-hoc open ended group on measurability and indicators Segment 2

Online

13 May 2024, 2:00 p.m. to 4:30  
p.m. (CEST)



# Provisional Agenda

1. Opening and welcome
2. Organisational matters
  - a. Adoption of the agenda
  - b. Organization of work.
3. Presentation and discussion on the concept note by co-chairs
4. Workplan and timetable for subsequent meetings
5. Next steps
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# Organisational matters

- It is anticipated that this group will convene every quarter for 2-3 hours to advance its objectives.
- The meeting will be conducted in English only.
- Working documents are available on the meeting webpage at:  
<https://www.chemicalsframework.org/page/open-ended-ad-hoc-group-measurability-and-indicators>

### **3. Presentation and discussion of the concept note by the co-chairs**

# Expected outcomes and proposed approach to conduct the work

## 1. Development of indicators:

- Develop a proposal for a comprehensive set of indicators.
- Measure progress in the implementation of the Framework and evaluate the impact on sound chemicals and waste management.

## 2. Use of existing and new indicators:

- **Existing indicators:** Consider those identified by the IOMC among others.
- **Additional indicators:** Identify needs for new indicators, whether existing, under development, or to be developed.

## 3. Facilitation of reporting and monitoring:

- Propose methods to enhance the reporting and monitoring of progress and impact.
- Contribute to assessing progress towards achieving the Framework's Vision.



# Proposed approach to develop a set of indicators

## Annex III Measurability structure

Para 3 All indicators in the measurability structure will be either from a list of readily available existing indicators or new indicators. They will meet the following criteria:

- Relevance and/or meaningfulness to the Framework;
- Availability of data to create a baseline and to assess progress;
- Have a designated custodian;
- Allow for regular updating to help ensure sustainability of the measurement;
- Allow for easy access to data and enable stakeholder participation in data collection;
- Data comparability through standardized methodologies.

# Proposed approach to develop a set of indicators

Three main workstreams of the group

## Workstream 1

- **Assessment of existing indicators identified in document SAICM/IP.4/INF/39/Rev.1**

## Workstream 2

- **Development of additional indicators needed to complete the measurability structure**

## Workstream 3

- **Identification and assessment of thematic and sector-specific indicators**

# Workstream 1 Assessment of Existing Indicators

## Objective:

Assess the relevance of existing indicators from document SAICM/IP.4/INF/39/Rev.1 considering the Framework's measurability structure.

### 1. Reviewing existing indicators:

- Analyze the 63 indicators selected in the report.
- Assess relevance against Annex III criteria and identify applicability across multiple targets.

### 2. Exploring additional indicators:

- Examine the broader list of 279 indicators for potential relevance to the Framework.

### 3. Gap analysis:

- Identify gaps and partially covered targets.
- Inform development of new indicators in Workstream 2.

### Follow up steps:

- Begin work promptly
- Present progress at the second meeting
- Conclude by the third meeting (November 2024)

# Workstream 2 Development of additional indicators

## Objective:

Develop a comprehensive set of indicators to bridge gaps and complete the Framework's measurability structure.

## Part 1 High-Level Indicators:

### 1. Adjustment consideration:

- Consider the need for any adjustments concerning the "global burden of disease attributable to chemicals and waste."
- Ensure alignment with Target B7 and Resolution V/10.
- Evaluate existing data and monitoring systems related to the "global environmental burden attributable to chemicals and waste."

### 2. Applicability assessment:

- Use resources such as PRTR (Pollutant Release and Transfer Register) and global monitoring plans to define elements necessary for high-level indicators.

### Follow up steps:

- Start immediate actions with stakeholders to develop and refine these indicators.
- Timeline: Present outcomes at the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) in June 2025.

# Workstream 2 Development of additional indicators

## *Part II* **Headline, process, and impact indicators:**

### 1. Indicator identification:

- Identify specific headline, process, and impact indicators using insights from Workstreams 1 and 3.

### 2. Progress tracking:

- Pinpoint process indicators that can measure progress across multiple targets.

### 3. Framework element inclusion:

- Deliberate on integrating Framework elements such as Issues of Concern, implementation programmes, and capacity building into the measurability structure.

### 4. Cross-cutting indicators:

- Develop cross-cutting indicators (e.g., gender, finance) to address overarching themes.

Timeline: Discuss these indicators at the OEWG meeting in June 2025.



# Workstream 3 Identification & Assessment of Thematic and Sector-Specific Work

## Objective:

Conduct an analysis to identify and evaluate targets and indicators linked to specific economic sectors and themes relevant to the Framework.

### 1. Thematic & sectoral analysis:

- Focus on linkages between chemicals and waste pollution with themes like climate change, biodiversity loss, labor, health, trade, finance, and sustainable chemistry.
- Examine relevant economic sectors.

### 2. Follow up steps:

- Scoping exercise: Secretariat to start analyzing results and propose a path forward.
- Timeline: Present findings at the third meeting (November 2024) and report progress at the second meeting (August 2024).

# Proposed approach for additional work

## Operationalizing measurability structure:

- Facilitate the reporting and monitoring of progress and impact.
- Assess progress towards the framework's vision.
- Conduct and present an analysis of collected data.
- Ensure interoperability and compatibility with other systems and future updates.

## 2. Leveraging technology:

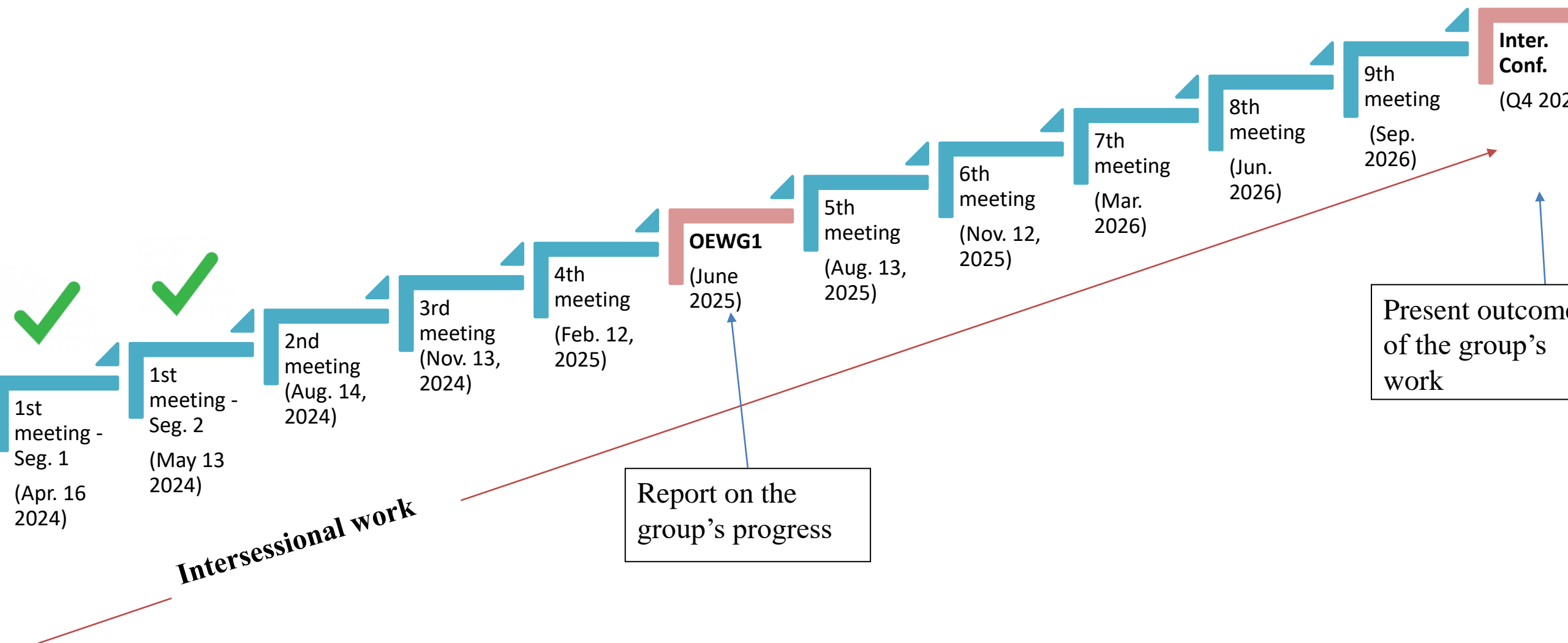
- Utilize Artificial Intelligence for data harvesting, mainstreaming, and enhancing measurability.
- Employ other advanced techniques to support data collection and analysis.

## 3. Further recommendations:

- Propose recommendations for additional work and required elements to ensure comprehensive measurability.

## **4. Workplan and timetable for subsequent meetings**

# Schedule of the work of the group



*Note-The exact dates indicated are tentative and will be confirmed prior the sessions.*

# Timeline for the proposed approach and any additional work required

- Workstream 1- Conclude work by November 2024
- Workstream 2:
  - High Level Indicators- Outcomes to be presented at OEWG June 2025
  - Headline, Process And Impact indicators- Work to be developed based on the findings from Workstreams 1 and 3
- Workstream 3- Conclude work by November 2024
- Proposed additional work- When Workstream 1 and/or 3 is completed.



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## 1. Meeting agreements

- Next meeting date

## 2. Main deliverables and areas of work

## 3. Working modalities

- Meetings will be conducted in English.
- Request written submissions from leads two 2 weeks in advance- will be uploaded to the website.
- Send any other submissions from relevant stakeholders to the Secretariat ([unep-gfc.secretariat@un.org](mailto:unep-gfc.secretariat@un.org)) Deadlines will be notified to participants.
- All Meeting Reports and relevant documentation will be uploaded to the website.
- Works of the teams done intersessionally will be conducted separately with Secretariat support as requested.
- Secretariat will compile information of participants in each workstream and liaise accordingly with team leads.

## 6. Any other business

# 7. Closure of the meeting

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