

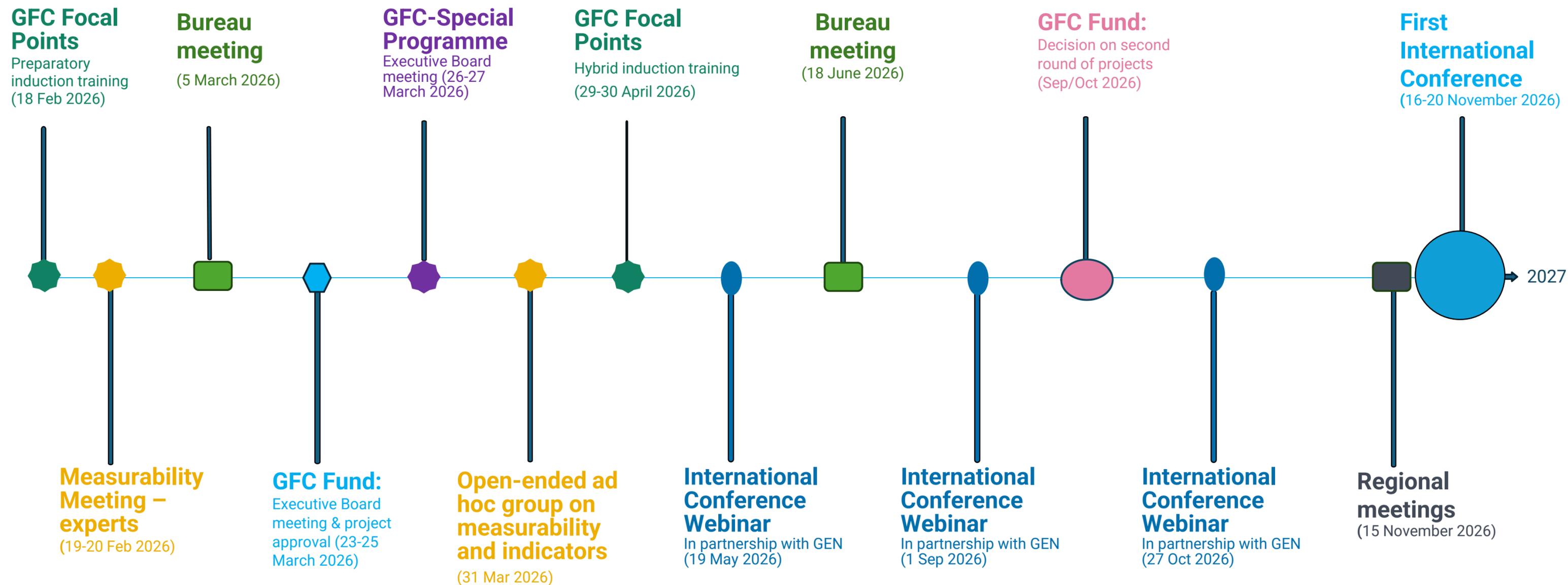
THE GLOBAL FRAMEWORK ON CHEMICALS

For a Planet Free of Harm From Chemicals and Waste

March 2026



The Global Framework on Chemical in 2026



The Global Framework on Chemicals - First International Conference



Date

16 -20 November 2026*



Location

Geneva International Conference Center, Geneva, Switzerland



Desired outcomes

- (i) Adopt indicators and track progress
- (ii) Identify and accelerate actions
- (iii) Increase investment



Audience

Governments, industry, companies, and non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations including high-level segment



Desired outcomes | The First International Conference



Desired outcomes

01

Adopt indicators and track progress

We will adopt the indicators under measurability framework; take stock through existing IOMC indicators; collate information through stakeholder reporting and mining data; agree on high level indicators of health and environmental burden; and provide an analysis for each target.

02

Identify and accelerate actions

We will identify where action is needed; agree on new and existing issues of concern; showcase front runner businesses; share best practices; integrate occupational health and safety; advance international standards; re-energize political commitments; build collaborations and promote youth initiatives.

03

Increase Investment

We will agree on core Implementation programmes including their ToRs and workplans across textiles, electronics, building and construction, health care services, and labour sectors. We will invest in focal points and alliances, secure investors; increase pledges and commitments; and scale up finance.

Issues of Concern | Global Framework on Chemicals

An issue of concern is a chemical-related problem at any stage of a chemical's life cycle that is not widely recognized or adequately addressed, or is newly identified by science, and that could harm human health or the environment and may require international action.

Issues of concern identified under SAICM*

- Lead in paint
- Chemicals in products
- Hazardous substance within the life cycle of electrical and electronic products
- Nanotechnology and manufactured nanomaterials
- Endocrine-disrupting chemicals
- Environmentally persistent pharmaceutical pollutants
- Perfluorinated chemicals and the transition to safer alternatives
- Highly hazardous pesticides

Global Framework on Chemicals is accepting nominations for new issues of concerns

To submit an issue of concern, download and complete the form and template on the [website](#) and send them to unep-gfc.secretariat@un.org no later than the **31 May 2026**



*To be decided upon at the first International conference as stated in resolution V/5

Existing Issues of Concern – how might they be addressed?

Global implementation programmes

 Legal frameworks and institutional capacities for chemicals management

 Economic and industry sector engagement and action for the safe and sustainable chemicals management

Sector programmes

 Electronics

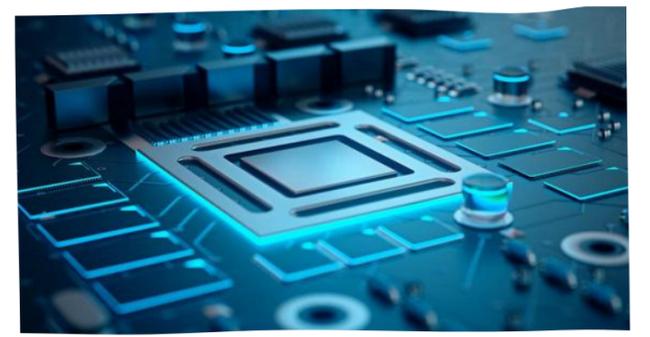
 Textiles

 Healthcare

 Building and construction

Global Alliances such as the one on Highly Hazardous Pesticides

Global Forums such as the Global Forum on the Environment dedicated to Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)



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Newly nominated Issues of Concern should have:

- Why the Framework is best placed to advance the issue
- Relevant funding source
- Comprehensive work plan
- Multistakeholder approach

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Thank you for your part in creating a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste.

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