

Global Framework on Chemicals Initial Exchange on the Development of Industry Sector Implementation Programmes: Health Care Sector

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Agenda

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The impact of chemicals, waste and pollution on human health

Requests the WHO to advocate for a multisectoral, multi-stakeholder approach to addressing pollution, *including the health sector both as a contributor* to pollution as well as in its work to identify, prevent, mitigate and treat the health impacts of pollution’

Why a GFC implementation program in the health sector ?



- The health sector represents 10% of the global economy.
- 5 % of global GHG emissions, of which
- 70 % of the health sector emissions come from the supply chain.
- Plastics comprise 30% of all healthcare wastes (70% in some settings)
- The production, packaging, transportation, use, and disposal of medical products is a major contributor not only to climate change, but also to chemical contamination, resource depletion, biodiversity loss, antimicrobial resistance, and air and water pollution.
- First Do No Harm

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- Identify and prioritize key actions to achieve climate resilient, low carbon and environmentally sustainable health care and supply chains for implementation by health systems, international organizations and the private sector.
- Document and disseminate case studies, lessons learnt and good practices from country and partner experiences in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and chemicals of concern, including plastics from the health supply chain.
- Contribute to the development of a roadmap and key steps for the possible content of an implementation programme for the health sector as a key economic sector in the Global Framework on Chemicals for a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste.

Possible Health Sector implementation ToR overall objectives



Taking into account target D6 and other industry relevant targets, the following overall programme objectives and guiding principles:

- Data and information on chemicals along health supply supply chains is available, traceable, and transparent to all stakeholders
- Harm to health and health product manufacturing workers, the public, and the environment from hazardous chemicals is avoided
- Compliance with national and international obligations is met, and exceeded
- Chemicals of concern are identified and replaced with safer alternatives
- An ongoing commitment to performance improvement and transparent reporting is upheld
- Policy and regulatory alignment to address barriers and enable and accelerate innovations and other objectives is achieved.

Climate resilient and environmentally sustainable implementation in the health sector



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