

# THE GLOBAL FRAMEWORK ON CHEMICALS

*For a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste*



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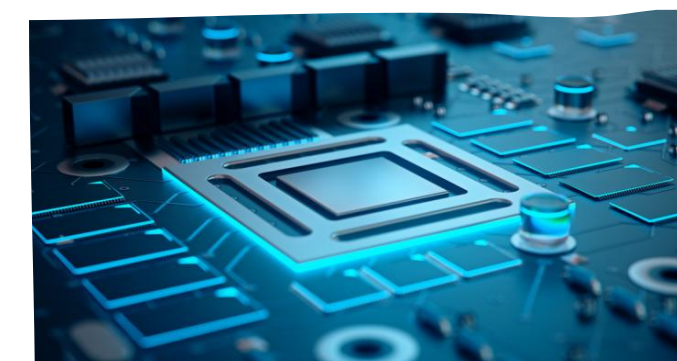


# The Global Framework on Chemicals - For a Planet Free of Harm From Chemicals and Waste

**Multisectoral and multistakeholder framework** for safe and sustainable management of chemicals and waste adopted at the Fifth meeting of International Conference on Chemicals Management in Bonn, Germany in September 2023.

**5** Strategic objectives

**28** Targets



# Five Strategic Objectives and Twenty-eight Targets



## Strategic objective A. (7 targets)

Legal frameworks, institutional mechanisms and capacities are in place to support and achieve the safe and sustainable management of chemicals throughout their life cycle.



## Strategic objective B. (7 targets)

Comprehensive and sufficient knowledge, data and information are generated, available and accessible to all to enable informed decisions and actions.



## Strategic objective C. (1 target)

Issues of concern are identified, prioritized, and addressed.



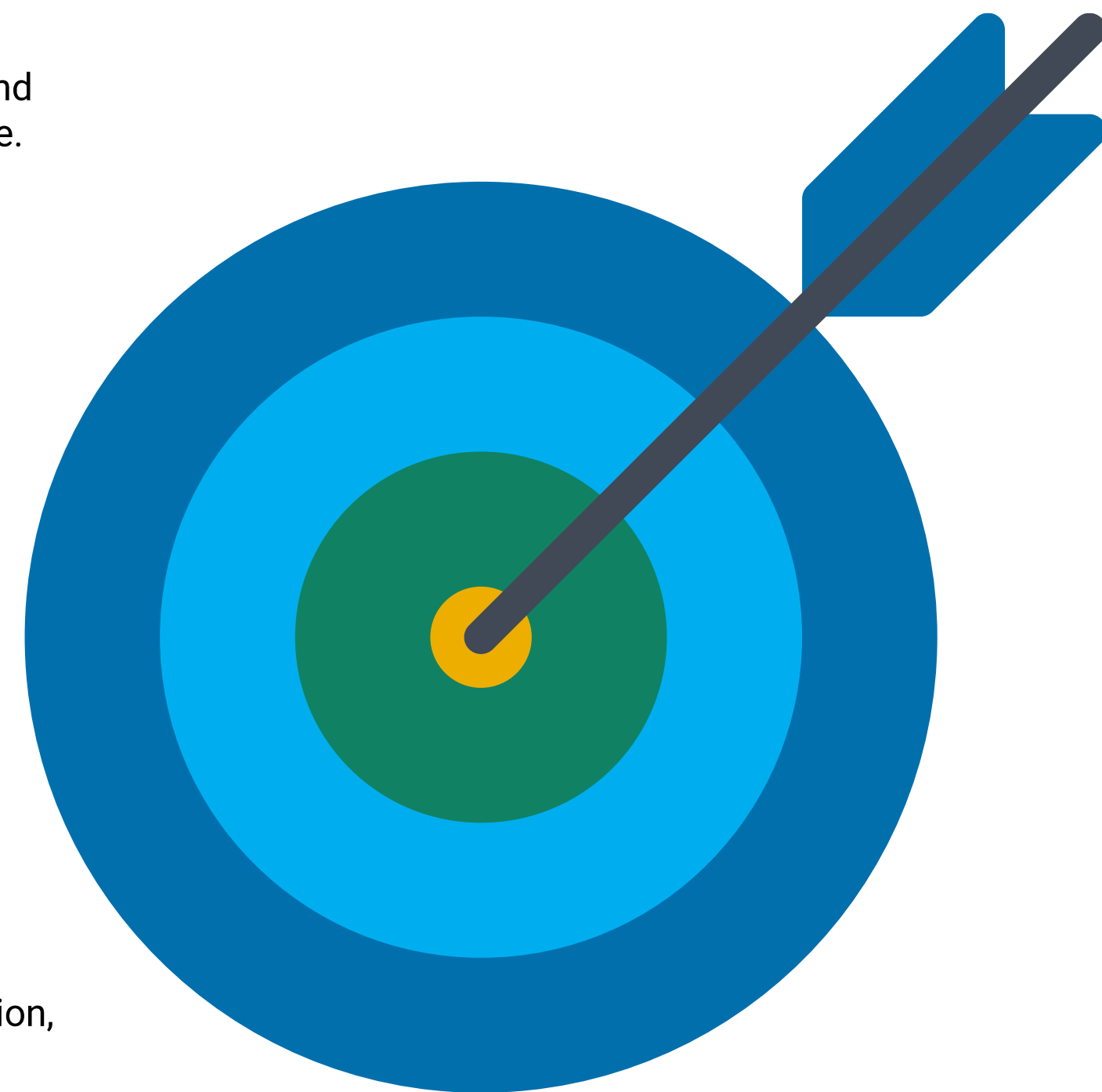
## Strategic objective D. (7 targets)

Safer alternatives and innovative and sustainable solutions in product value chains are in place so that benefits to human health and the environment are maximized and risks are prevented or, where prevention is not feasible, minimized.



## Strategic objective D. (6 targets)

Enhanced implementation occurs through increased and effective resource mobilization, partnerships, cooperation, capacity-building, and integration into all relevant decision-making processes.



# Electronics Sector Implementation Programme



## Strategic objective A and D. (8 targets) A3, D1, D2 D4

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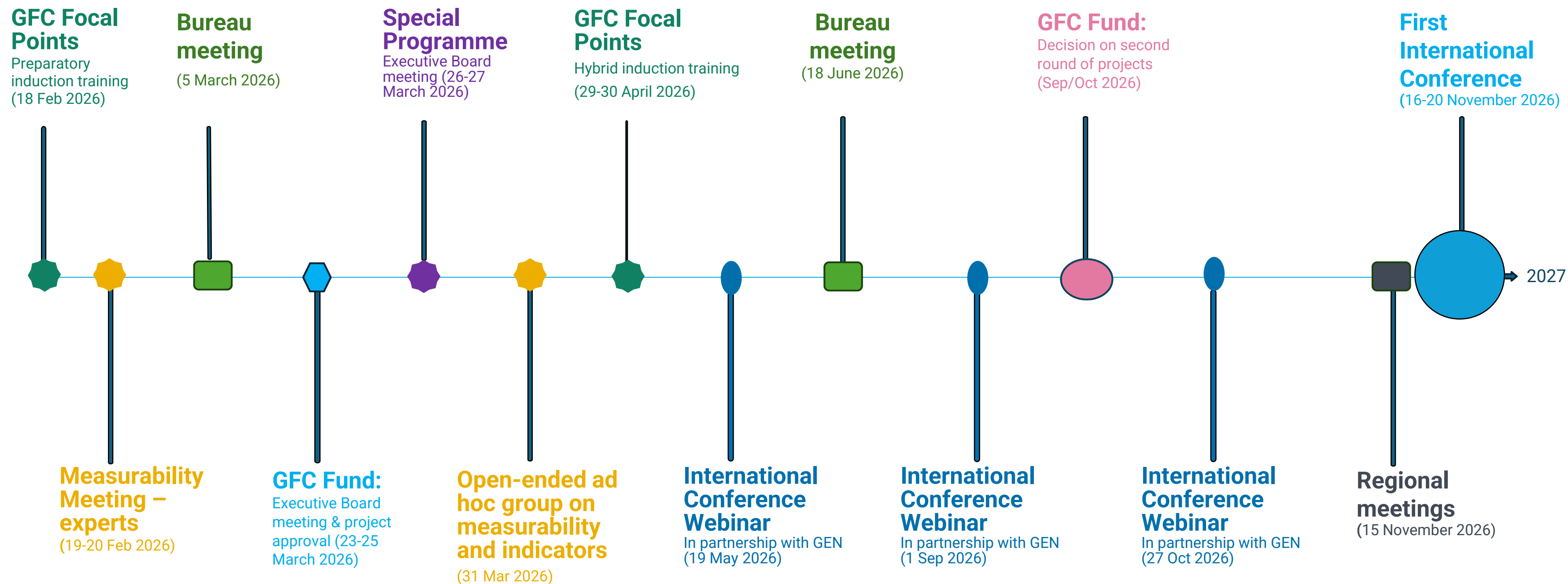


## Target D6

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.



# The Global Framework on Chemicals in 2026



# Framework Implementation Programmes

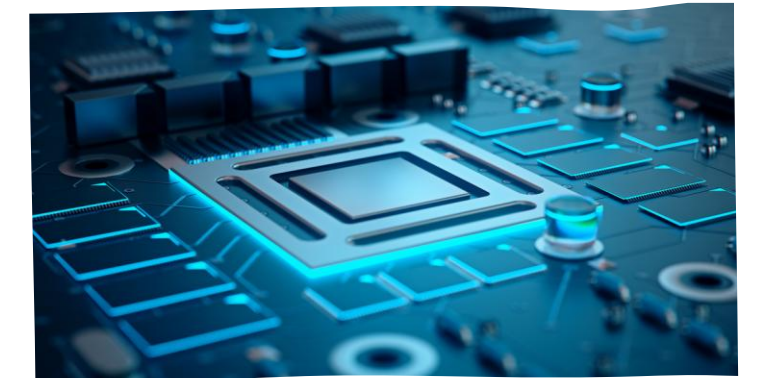
Programmes under development in partnership with Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals



## 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



# Integrating health and labour protection in chemicals management

## HEALTH

- ✓ The Framework reinforces global, regional and national health mandates by linking chemicals management to disease prevention and exposure control
- ✓ Aligns public health, environmental, and consumer product regulations to reduce population risk
- ✓ Engagement spans four action areas:

RISK  
REDUCTION



KNOWLEDGE AND  
EVIDENCE



INSTITUTIONAL  
CAPACITY



LEADERSHIP  
AND COORDINATION



## LABOUR

- ✓ The Framework highlights the need to ensure a safe and healthy working environment, by applying relevant international standards.
- ✓ Labour sector engagement in the Framework is anchored in the ILO Global Strategy on Occupational Safety and Health for 2024 to 2030.
- ✓ The Framework reinforces these commitments by addressing chemical risks in the world of work, linking occupational safety, health protection, and environmental sustainability.
- ✓ The Framework provides the platform for tripartite participation including workers, employers, and governments.

# The Global Framework on Chemicals Fund

Investing for a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste

“...supporting countries to put the Framework into action since 2023.”

The Fund established as part of the Global Framework on Chemicals at ICCM5.

September 2023

October 2024

Launched the first round of applications with a deadline of 31 January 2025.

Four regional projects have been approved, supporting eleven countries across Latin America and Africa.

May 2025

Launched the second round of applications with a concept note deadline of 15 December 2025.

September 2025

Decision on second round of projects

September /October 2026

The Global Framework on Chemicals - first International Conference

November 2026

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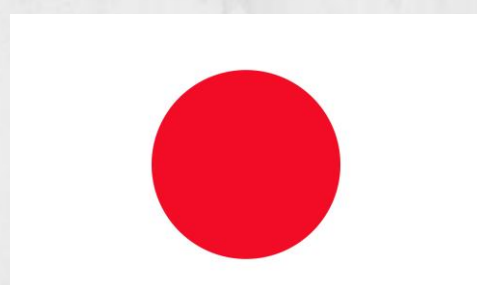
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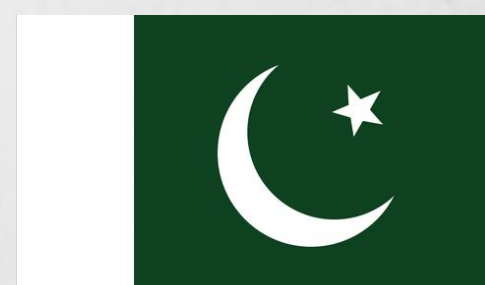
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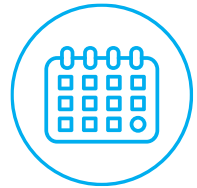
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# First International Conference Global Framework on Chemicals



16–20 November 2026 | Geneva, Switzerland

# 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.

# The Global Framework on Chemicals - first International Conference

## Why this conference matters

Chemicals and waste pollution continues to pose growing risks to human health, ecosystems, and economic development worldwide.

Three years after the adoption of the Global Framework on Chemicals, the First International conference provides a critical moment to take stock of progress, identify gaps, and mobilize action and investment for a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste.

## Why you should engage in the conference

- ✔ Shape the global agenda on safe and sustainable management of chemicals and waste
- ✔ Demonstrate your leadership and showcase innovation in your area of expertise
- ✔ Build cross-sectoral and global partnerships
- ✔ Align action and investment for a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste
- ✔ Lay the foundations for future regulations

## How you can get involved

- ✔ Explore partnership opportunities
- ✔ Sign up for updates
- ✔ Spread the word

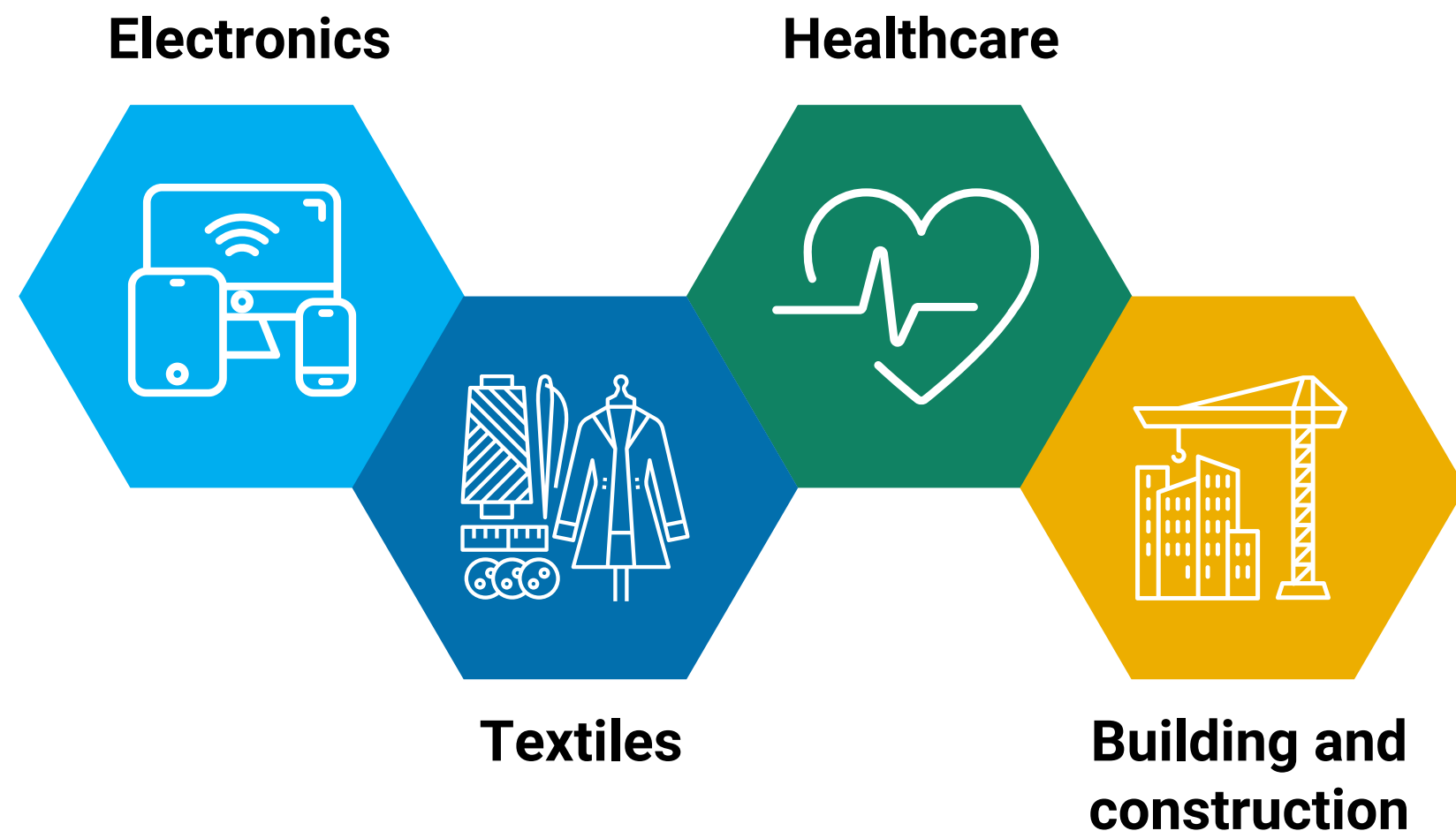
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# Framework Implementation Programmes

## Sector Programmes

We are currently developing the sector Implementation Programmes , in partnership with IOMC, primarily focusing on chemicals of concern, safer alternatives, transparency and disclosure, and traceability, with an emphasis on a life-cycle approach across value chains.



## Integration of Health and Labour



We are focusing on integrating chemicals management with public health and labour protection to reduce risks across society.



We are working to align health, environmental, consumer, and workplace standards for safer production and use of chemicals.



We are working to provide a global platform for coordinated action by governments, employers, and workers.



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

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