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A woman wearing a white hard hat and a high-visibility vest stands in front of a large stack of orange and blue shipping containers. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the woman in the foreground.

Chemical Leasing



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Chemical Leasing – a performance-based business model developed by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) with support from the Austrian government, to promote sustainable chemicals management. Instead of selling chemicals by volume, suppliers sell the function or service that the chemical provides, such as cleaning or coating

The approach encourages more efficient use of chemicals, reducing waste and environmental impact



www.chemicalleasing.org



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Launched in 2004 with support from the Austrian government, UNIDO's Global Chemical Leasing Programme, it aligns with several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including promoting sustainable industrialization and fostering innovation.

The initiative has gained international recognition and support, with countries like Germany, Switzerland, Peru, and Sri Lanka joining the effort.

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UNIDO's Global Chemical Leasing Programme contributes to the [UN Sustainable Development Agenda 2030](#) and addresses in particular SDG 9, “Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation”, which is embedded in the UNIDO mandate.

It also relates directly to the SDGs 3, 6, 12 and 13.

The initiative was designed fully in line with SAICM principles, aiming to contribute to the Circular Economy movement.





Today, more than twenty years later, there is no doubt that the performance-based business model, Chemical Leasing, can build the **business case for sustainable chemical management by creating win-win situations for business partners and the environment.**

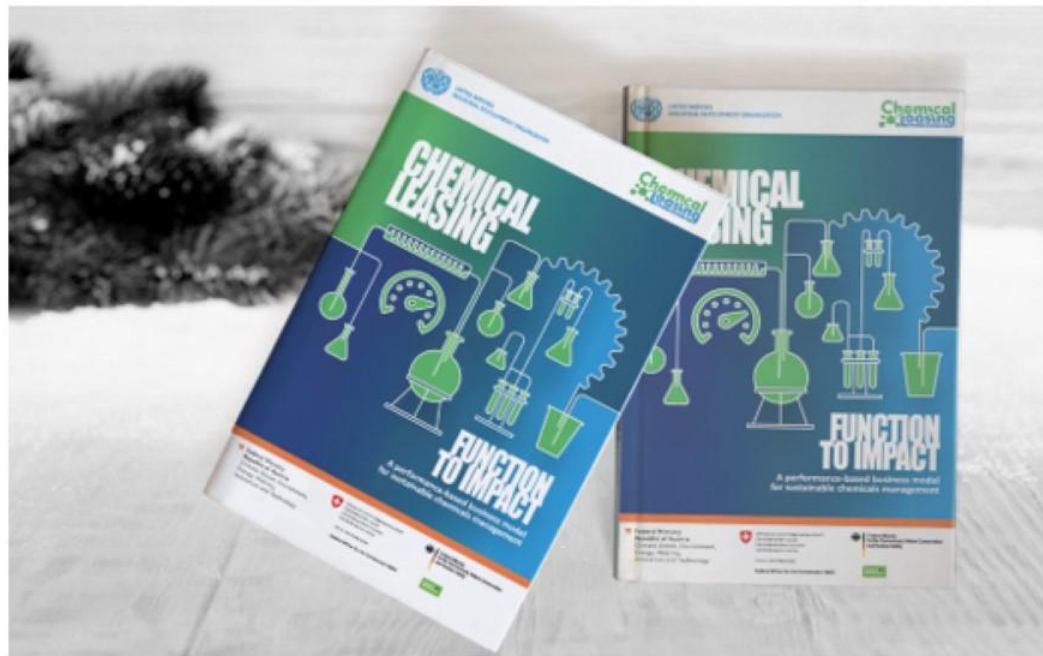
Built on strong cooperation between partners and based on mutual trust, chemical leasing

- increases the efficient use of chemicals
- reduces the risks to human health brought about by their use,
- improves the economic and environmental performance of participating companies and ultimately
- enhances business performance.





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Chemical Leasing book

In 2020, UNIDO, together with its partners from the Austrian, Germany and Swiss governments, published the book: “Chemical Leasing: Function to Impact”.

This publication is a unique collection of insights, best practices and real examples of how the private sector, society at large, and the environment can benefit from the sustainable business approach, Chemical Leasing.

<https://chemicalleasing.org/book2020>



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Global Chemical Leasing Award

Launched in 2009 with partners support, aiming to acknowledge best practices and inspiring companies and individuals around the globe to apply the Chemical Leasing business concept.

The Global Chemical Leasing Award was in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2018 and 2021 by UNIDO with the direct support of the Austrian, German and Swiss governments.

The sixth Global Chemical Leasing Award was held on 13 March 2025.

[Award Winner | Chemicalleasingaward](#)





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Thank you for your attention !

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