

For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste

3rd Berlin Forum on Chemicals and Sustainability – Implementing the Global Framework on Chemicals

5-6 September 2024 - online

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The event will consist of two half-day segments, featuring High-Level Multi-Stakeholder Dialogues among Ministers, heads of IGOs, private sector CEOs, and directors of civil society organisations as well as leading academics from relevant sectors such as environment, health, labour, agriculture, economy, and others.

Sessions can include keynote speeches, senior expert presentations, statements, panel discussions, interactions with the audience, and closing reflections (in varying order).

Day 1 – September 5

Time (CEST)	Agenda Item
13:00 – 13:07	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary, BRS Conventions Secretariat, and co-moderator Minu Hemmati
13:07 – 13:13	Opening Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Environment Minister Steffi Lemke, Germany
13:13 - 13:20	Keynote Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Axel van Trotsenburg, Senior Managing Director, World Bank Group
13:20 – 13:25	Introductory remarks by moderators
13:25 - 14:00 (approx.)	Setting the Scene A high-level “Setting the Scene Panel” will present perspectives on GFC implementation by heads of participating organisations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC), and possibly other high-level decision-makers. The panel will focus on the importance of fostering multi-sectoral commitment and collaboration in GFC implementation in key sectors that are responsible for and/or are particularly affected by chemical pollution, and therefore play an important role in achieving change. <u>Session Kick off:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Johannes Heister, World Bank, Chair of IOMC

	<p><u>IOMC Video Statements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inger Andersen, Under Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) • Achim Steiner, Under Secretary-General of the United Nations and Administrator of the UN Development Programme (UNDP) • Gilbert F. Hounqbo, Director-General, International Labour Organisation <p><u>IOMC Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikhil Seth, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director, UNITAR • Fabrizia Lapecorella , Deputy Secretary General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development • Ciyong Zou, Deputy Director General and Managing Director, Directorate of Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Industrial Development, UNIDO
14:00 - 15:00	<p><i>Session 1: Creating Linkages and Engaging with other Sustainable Development Fora to Enhance GFC Implementation</i></p> <p>Chemistry and chemical products affect many aspects of our economies, societies, environment, and well-being. Identifying opportunities and managing possible adverse effects of chemicals, and dealing with potential trade-offs along value chains, requires awareness and action by decision-makers in various fora dealing with sustainable development. Strategic objective E of the GFC calls for addressing these links. This session will highlight the crucial role that sound chemicals management plays in addressing key environment and sustainable development issues, such as climate change, biodiversity loss, plastic pollution, and broader sustainable development goals, such as gender equality, health, and education. Specific examples and opportunities will be featured to forge links, create synergies and promote collaboration.</p> <p>Keynote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Health Minister Karl Lauterbach, Germany (video message) <p>Interactive element - questions to the audience: tbd</p> <p>Statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yutaka Matsuzawa Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Japan (video message) • Bernice Swarts, Deputy Minister Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment, Republic of South Africa • Camila Zepeda, Director General for Global Affairs at Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs (video message)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agnieszka Dudra, Head of Bureau for Chemical Substances, Poland • Rachel Irving, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, UK • Noura Hamladji, Deputy Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (video message) • Sherika Whitelocke-Ballingsingh, Poison Information Coordinator for the Caribbean Poison Information Network, Jamaica • Stefania Giannini, UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Education (video message) <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerstin Stendahl, Special Envoy on Climate and Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland • Tadesse Amera, Executive Director of PAN-Ethiopia and Co-Coordinator of PAN-International • Shannon Lisa, Global Focal Point, Chemicals and Waste Youth Platform • Joel Tickner, Professor of Public Health, UMass Lowell and Executive Director, Change Chemistry <p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miriam Diamond, STAP GEF
15:00 – 15:10	Break
15:10 – 16:10	<p><i>Session 2: Strengthening Legal Frameworks, Institutional Mechanisms and Capacities</i></p> <p>About 100 countries, many of them in the Global South, still lack basic and effective legal and institutional frameworks for the sound management of chemicals. Addressing these gaps is the intention of strategic objectives A and E of the GFC. This session will take a critical look at why progress on putting in place basic capacities has been lacking and what type of fresh thinking and approaches may be needed to fill prevalent gaps. Topics may include possible model legal approaches to support interested countries, ways to induce policy shifts towards pollution prevention, and scaling up coordinated international funding and support for capacity development.</p> <p>Senior expert presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Raine, Deputy Director, Environmental Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Le Viet Thang, Deputy Chief of Administrative Office on behalf of-Phung Manh Ngoc, Director General of the Vietnam Chemicals Agency <p>Interactive element - questions to the audience: tbd</p> <p>Statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment, Egypt (video message) • Iziaq Adekunle Salako, Minister of State for Environment, Nigeria • Mike Elton Mposha, Minister of Green Economy and Environment, Zambia • Katrin Schneeberger, Director of the Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland • Hartwig Wendt, Global Head Corporate Product Stewardship, Bayer <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Carreau, Director General of the Safe Environments Directorate, Health Canada • Sylvie Lemoine, Deputy Director General of Cefic, ICCA • Liam O’Brien, Assistant Secretary, Australian Council of Trade Unions • Hanna-Andrea Rother, Head of Division of Environmental Health, School of Public Health, University of Cape Town <p>Closing remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Neira, Director of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health, WHO
16:10 – 16:15	<p>Closing of day 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iftikhar-ul-Hassan Shah Gilani, GFC Presidency, Pakistan

Day 2 – September 6

Time (CEST)	Agenda Item
13:00 – 13:10	<p>Welcome and opening by moderator</p> <p>Opening Day 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anita Breyer, ICCM5 President
13:10 – 14:10	<p><i>Session 3: Transforming Product Value and Supply Chains: Taking Stock of and Scaling-up Sustainable Solutions by Industry and Other Stakeholders</i></p> <p>Chemical production and use along value chains is growing globally, with chemicals continuously released into the environment in significant quantities. Under strategic objective D of the GFC, major economic and industry sectors are called upon to develop and implement, by 2030, sustainable chemical and waste management strategies that identify priority chemicals of concern, as well as standards and measures that reduce their impact and, where feasible, reduce their use and consumption along value chains. This session brings together high-level decision-makers from industry and other stakeholder groups to present and review relevant industry initiatives and identify opportunities for leveraging and scaling up action throughout value chains.</p> <p>Keynotes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne-Sofie Bäcker, Executive Director, ChemSec • Mark Rossi, Executive Director Clean Production Action <p>Interactive element - questions to the audience: tbd</p> <p>Statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Kayser, Senior Vice President BASF • Ismahane Remonnay, Global Head of Prospective and Partnerships and Coordinator of the Veolia Chemical Transition Pathway Program, Veolia • Susan Wilburn, Senior Sustainability Consultant, formerly Health Care without Harm • Melissa Nguyen, Vizient • Lydia Lin, Regions Director ZDHC <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyler Gillard, Chief Strategy Officer, Responsible Business Alliance • Harold Pauwels, Director Standards, Global Reporting Initiative • Therese Lilliebladh, Chemicals Leader, IKEA

	<p>Input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marco Mensink, Director General, CEFIC, ICCA <p>Closing remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jorge Ocana, Manager Chemicals and Waste Management Programme, UNITAR
14:10 – 14:15	Break
14:15 – 15:15	<p><i>Session 4: Strengthening Innovative Financing for GFC Implementation: Exploring Novel Business Models and the Role of Financial Investors</i></p> <p>Transitioning towards the safe and sustainable management of chemicals requires significant reallocation of financial resources and strategic investments. In the Bonn Declaration, all stakeholders showed their commitment to financial support, including from domestic sources, regional and international development cooperation and assistance, existing funds and mechanisms (i.e. the new GFCF, GEF, etc.), as well as from the private sector and philanthropy. In the finance sector, adopting a proactive approach to chemicals management is essential for reducing litigation risks, addressing regulatory complexities and maintaining a strong reputation.</p> <p>Keynotes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Damania, Chief Economist, Sustainable Development Practice Group World Bank (video message) • Eric Usher, Head of UNEP Finance Initiative <p>Interactive element - questions to the audience</p> <p>Deep Dive: Blended Finance Equity and Funds KfW Development Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie Lindemann-Kohrs, Director / Global Head Equity and Funds KfW Development Bank <p>Panel discussion – How to shift financial flows?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claude Gascon, Director of Strategy and Operations, GEF • Karianne Lancee, Head of SI Portfolio Integration at UBS Asset Management • Yoko Watanabe, Director for Environment, Asian Development Bank <p>Statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valentine Uwamariya, Minister of Environment, Rwanda

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eve Bazaiba Masudi, Minister for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Democratic Republic of Congo • Rachel Crossley, Head of Stewardship, Europe Sustainability Centre at BNP Paribas Asset Management <p>Closing reflections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Stone, Deputy Director, Economy and Industry Division, UNEP
15:15 – 15:20	<p><i>Reflections from the GFC Secretariat</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kay Williams, Head of the GFC Secretariat, Chemicals and Health Branch, UNEP
15:20 – 15:40	<p><i>Closing Session: Mobilizing Further Commitment for GFC Implementation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, WHO (Video Statement) • Catherine Russell, Executive Director UNICEF (Video Statement) • Shri Bhupender Yadav, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India (Video Statement) • Maisa Rojas, Minister of Environment, Chile (Video Statement) • Adalberto Maluf, National Secretary of Urban Environment and Environmental Quality, Brazil (Video Statement) • Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
15:40 – 15:50	<p>Closing reflections by host</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Secretary Christiane Rohleder, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection