

## Chemicals and Waste Management Community of Practice (CoP) Discussion 1 Guide

<b>Title</b>	Launch of the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund – first round of applications
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	4 October 2024, 14:00 – 15:30 (UTC+2)
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The Global Framework on Chemicals Fund aims to support countries in implementing the Global Framework on Chemicals to build the long-term capacity for the safe and sustainable management of chemicals and waste. This will be achieved by financing projects and programmes that will support transformative change to prevent, or where prevention is not feasible, minimize harm from chemicals and waste to protect the environment and human health, including vulnerable groups and workers. All funded activities will have a clear, defined, and measurable impact.

The first round of applications will be launched on 1 October 2024. The Fund provides financial support of 300,000 to 800,000 USD for an implementation period of up to three years. Governments from developing countries, Small Island Developing States and countries with economies in transition can apply for funding as well as civil society networks, subject to an agreement with the respective government. The Fund also encourages regional or multi-country applications.

### Discussion Questions

	<b>Impactful projects:</b> The Fund aims to support impactful projects with sustainable outcomes.
<b>Q1</b>	What projects would provide the biggest impact for your country/region and to meet the strategic objectives of the Framework?
<b>Q2</b>	<b>Communication:</b> The Fund is a new funding mechanism that aims to complement existing funds such as the Special Programme or the Global Environment Facility (GEF). It targets governments from developing countries, Small Island Developing States and countries with

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	economies in transition as well as civil society networks. What can be done to raise awareness for the Fund and to reach this target group?
Q3	<b>Types of training:</b> Implementing a project comes with many tasks such as project development, management, monitoring, evaluation and reporting as well as budget management. What type of training could be addressed towards applicants in designing and delivering a Fund project?

## Presenter



**Rebecca Chudaska**, Associate Expert, Global Framework on Chemicals Secretariat

Rebecca works as an Associate Expert at UNEP's Global Framework on Chemicals Secretariat. She is involved in launching the first round of applications for the Fund and will support its further implementation.

Previously, Rebecca worked as a policy advisor for GIZ, providing policy advice to the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, specifically on the National Sustainable Development Strategy, SDG governance mechanisms, SDG budgeting and regulatory impact assessments.

Rebecca holds a master's degree in environmental sciences from Wageningen University where she focused on international development and integrated water resources management as well as a first degree from Leuphana University, focusing on environmental chemistry.



**Santos Virgilio**, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Environment, Angola

Santos currently works as a senior technical advisor in the Ministry of Environment in Angola. His main programme of work focuses on pollution, chemicals and waste related issues.

In his current function, he is a member of the Global Framework on Chemical's Bureau as well as a co-chair of the Executive Board of the respective Fund. He spent most of his career in chemicals management and served as a national and regional focal point on several chemical conventions and agreements for the past years. Santos is an expert for implementing chemicals management in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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## Facilitator



### **Kay Williams, Head of the Global Framework on Chemicals Secretariat**

Kay currently works with the United Nations Environment Programme as Head of the Global Framework on Chemicals secretariat, based in Geneva, Switzerland.

The majority of her career was spent at the UK Department of Food, Environment and Rural Affairs where she was latterly the Head of International Chemicals, Pesticides and Hazardous Wastes hub. She was a lead negotiator for the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Basel Convention on Hazardous Wastes in addition to the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management - SAICM.

Externally, she has chaired the Chemicals and Biotechnology Committee of the Environmental Health and Safety programme at the OECD; co-chaired the UNEP Special Programme Executive Board in addition to playing an active role in the UN Beyond 2020 intersessional process to develop the new Global Framework on Chemicals.

Kay has a PhD from Imperial College, London and began her career carrying out applied research at the Central Science Laboratory before moving to Government policy in 1999. She has held a wide variety of policy posts ranging from the Common Agricultural Policy through to sustainable procurement.

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