

Launch of the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund – First round of applications

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Overview of the Fund

- The **Fund** was established as part of the Global Framework on Chemicals and the Bonn Declaration.
- Its overall purpose is to support countries in implementing the Global Framework.
- The first round of applications was **launched on 1 October 2024** and applications can be submitted until 31 January 2025.

Governance mechanism - Executive Board



- The Fund is governed by an Executive Board, representing all UN regions as well as donors and contributors
- The Fund has received contributions and pledges of **approx. 27 million USD**



Strategic priorities of the Fund

- **Strengthen national and regional capacities** for the implementation of the GFC by promoting the development, implementation and enforcement of enhanced national policies, strategies and regulatory frameworks
- Implement programmes that promote the safe and sustainable management of chemicals and waste **in economic and industrial sectors along value chains.**
- Promote policies that enable countries to **unlock and secure funding** for managing chemicals and waste
- Integrating sound chemicals and waste management in sustainable development decision-making processes, supporting approaches that enhance **cooperation and coordination** among those responsible for implementing international instruments or programmes
- Address **issues of concern** as well as **cross-cutting themes.**

Minimum criteria for applications



Alignment with the GFC vision, objectives and targets



Building long-term capacity



Sustainable finance mechanism



25 % co-financing and in-kind contributions



Creation of synergies with related initiatives



No duplication with existing projects or programmes



Gender mainstreaming and safeguards



Involvement of sectors and stakeholders

Funding strategy

Who can apply for funding?

- **Governments** from developing countries, LDCs, SIDS and CEIT
- On an exceptional basis: **civil society networks**, subject to support by the national focal point
- The Fund is open to **regional/multi-country** applications

Funding amount

- **US\$300,000 - US\$800,000** per project proposal
- Projects will run for 3 years
- Each project should try to achieve **25% co-financing** including in-kind contributions

Timeline and next steps

Oct. 1:
Launch of
1st round of
applications

Oct/Nov:
Webinars for
applicants

Jan. 31:
Closing date
for
applications

March 2025:
Decision by
Executive
Board

Oct. 4:
GGKP
launch event

Further
outreach as
necessary

Screening of
applications

Further information

- Find the **application documents and further information** on our website: <https://www.unep.org/global-framework-chemicals/gfc-fund/>
- We have developed **application guidelines** ([English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)) to support the development of project proposals
- Join our in-depth webinars in a few weeks!

Question 1



Impactful projects: The Fund aims to support impactful projects with sustainable outcomes. What projects would provide the biggest impact for your country/region and to meet the strategic objectives of the Framework?

Discuss

Communication



[Press release](#) and information on unep.org



Webinars & Outreach to stakeholder and focal point network



Social [media cards](#) available in 7 languages

Question 2

Communication: 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 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?

Discuss

Question 3



Types of training: 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?

Discuss

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