# 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



Creation of synergies with related initiatives



Building long-term capacity



No duplication with existing projects or programmes



Sustainable finance mechanism



Gender mainstreaming and safeguards



25 % co-financing and inkind contributions



Involvement of sectors and stakeholders



## **Funding strategy**

#### Who can apply for funding?

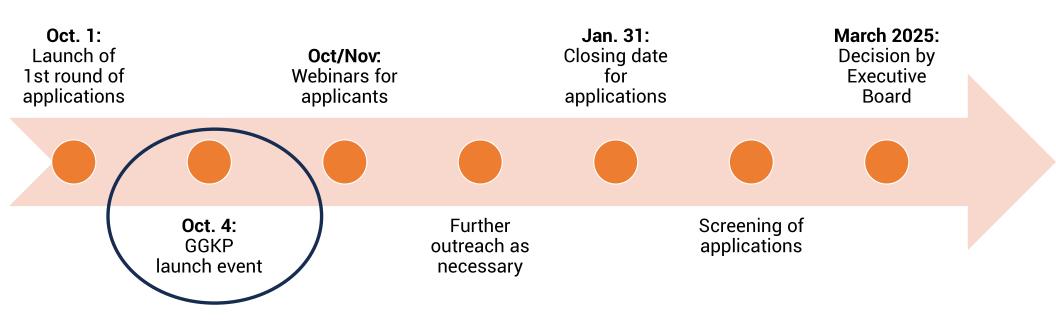
- Governments from developing countries, LDCs, SIDS and CEIT
- On an exceptional basis: civil society networks, subject to support by the national focal point
- The Fund is open to regional/multicountry applications

#### **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





#### **Further information**

- Find the application documents and further information on our website: <a href="https://www.unep.org/global-framework-chemicals/gfc-fund/">https://www.unep.org/global-framework-chemicals/gfc-fund/</a>
- 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



<u>Press release</u> and information on unep.org



Webinars & Outreach to stakeholder and focal point network



Social <u>media cards</u> 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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