From: **UNEP Chemicals Special Programme** <unepchemicalsspecialprogramme@un.org>
Subject: Newsflash – Global Framework on Chemicals Fund - Launch of the first round of applications
To: Dear Special Programme stakeholders,

On behalf of the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund, we are pleased to inform you the launch of its first round of applications, which began last week. Applications can be submitted until **31 January 2025.**UNEP has published a [press release](https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/press-release/new-fund-support-chemicals-and-waste-management-developing-economies) on this occasion.

The selected projects are expected to work on green and sustainable solutions and to channel actions to prevent and minimize harm from chemicals and waste in some of the world’s most disadvantaged countries.

Selected projects will receive between 300,000 to 800,000 USD for up to three years to support transformative change to prevent and minimize harm from chemicals and waste and to protect the environment and human health, including vulnerable groups and workers. Such projects will need to have co-financing and in-kind contributions of at least 25 per cent. Governments can apply for funding as well as civil society networks, subject to an agreement with the respective government.

**Application package available online**

Applicants can find all of the information regarding the Fund through the following [website](https://www.unep.org/global-framework-chemicals/global-framework-chemicals-fund).

* The **application forms** are available through this [page](https://www.unep.org/global-framework-chemicals/gfc-fund/applying-funding).
* The **guidance document** provides interested applicants with concise information about the Fund's strategic priorities and application eligibility. It is available in [English](https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/46317/GFC-Fund-Guidance-on-the-scope.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y), [French](https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/46317/GFC-Fund-Guidance-on-the-scope_FR.pdf?sequence=2&isAllowed=y)and [Spanish](https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/46317/GFC-Fund-Guidance-on-the-scope_SP.pdf?sequence=3&isAllowed=y).
* The **application guidelines** will help applicants complete the application documents. The application guidelines are available in [English](https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/46318/GFC-Fund-Application-guidelines.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y), [French](https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/46318/GFC-Fund-Application-guidelines_FR.pdf?sequence=2&isAllowed=y) and [Spanish](https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/46318/GFC-Fund-Application-guidelines_SP.pdf?sequence=3&isAllowed=y).

**Webinars at the end of the month**

The Global Framework on Chemicals Secretariat will be hosting 2 webinars which will support applicants in developing projects and applying for funding. As soon as the dates are confirmed, these webinars will be announced through the [website](https://www.unep.org/global-framework-chemicals).

For further information, please contact the Global Framework on Chemicals Secretariat at unep-gfc.fund@un.org.

With kind regards,

Special Programme Secretariat