

Global Framework on Chemicals

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The Bonn Declaration

Global Framework on Chemicals Fund



5 Strategic Objectives



28 Targets



Multisectoral & Multistakeholder

“We the ministers, heads of delegation, and stakeholder leaders, having gathered in Bonn, Germany, at the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5) to strengthen action to tackle the crisis of pollution from chemicals and waste . . .”

A UNEP-administered Global Framework on Chemicals Fund made possible through multilateral, bilateral, and private-sector sources was established

Introduction to the Global Framework on Chemicals (the Framework)

- A global initiative dedicated to the safe management of chemicals and waste.
- Adopted in September 2023 at the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management in Bonn, Germany.
- Builds on the legacy of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM).



Significance of the Framework

- Provides a collaborative framework for countries and diverse stakeholders to address global chemical and waste challenges and enhance environmental safety.
- Works in tandem with other landmark international agreements to address the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution.
- Supports countries in meeting their chemical management goals through a dedicated Global Framework on Chemicals Fund and other financial instruments.



Multi-sectoral & Multi-stakeholder Approach of the Framework

Collaboration is Key:

- The Framework emphasizes partnerships between governments, NGOs, industries, and civil society.
- Encourages shared responsibility and joint initiatives for managing chemicals.
- Facilitates knowledge exchange and collective action.

Outcome:

- Stronger, more unified efforts to achieve a vision for a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste



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Participants at the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5) in Bonn, Germany, where the Global Framework on Chemicals was adopted.

The Framework's Leadership

- Managed operationally by the GFC Secretariat.
- Hosted within the UNEP.
- Guided by a [Bureau](#) of 15 board members.
- Advised by an Open-Ended Working Group.
- Supported by National Focal Points.
- Fueled by GFC partners and supporters working within and outside the chemicals and waste sectors.

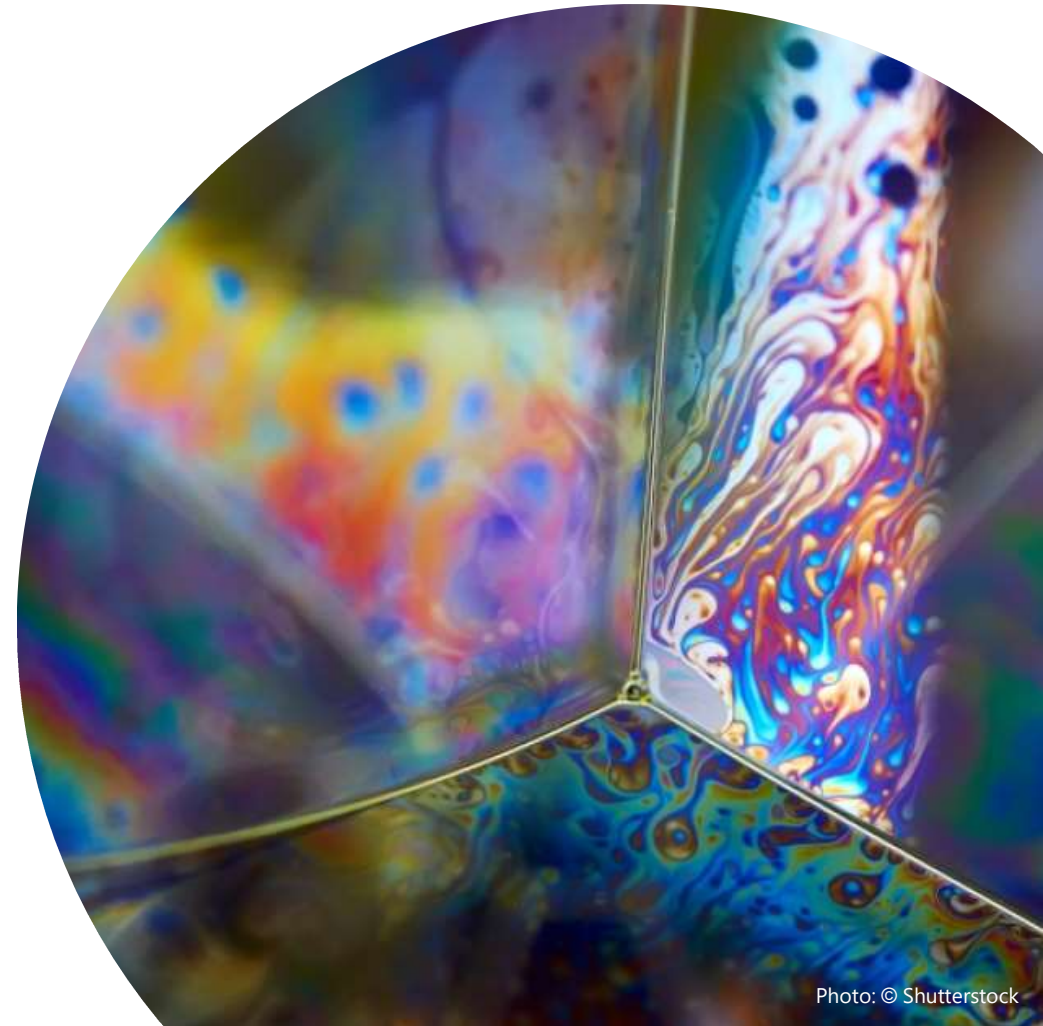


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A

Legal frameworks, institutional mechanisms, and capacities are in place.

B

Comprehensive and sufficient knowledge, data, and information are generated, available, and accessible.

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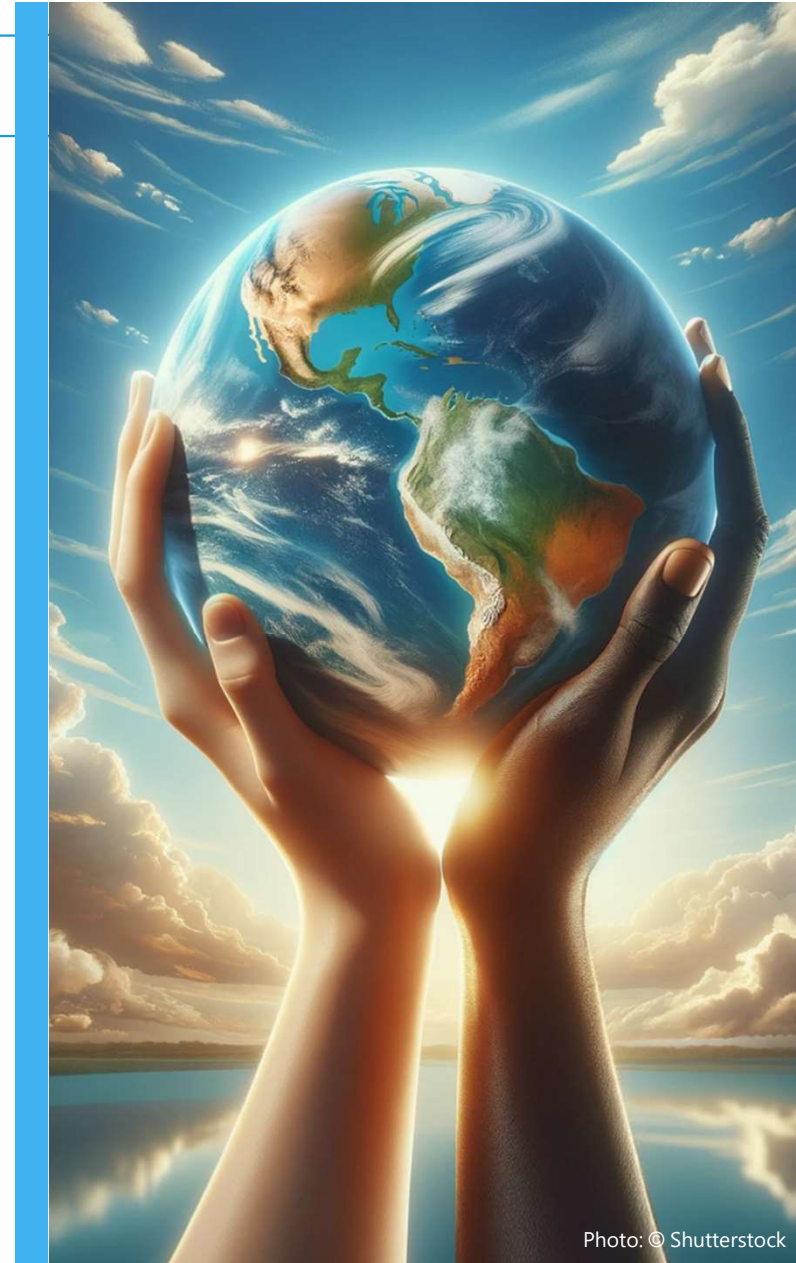
Issues of concern are identified, prioritized, and addressed.

D

Safer alternatives and innovative and sustainable solutions in product value chains are in place.

E

Enhanced implementation occurs through increased and effective resource mobilization, partnerships, cooperation, and capacity-building.



28 Targets to be Achieved by 2030 or 2035

Sample Targets:

Target A1: By 2030, Governments have adopted, and are implementing, and **enforcing legal frameworks**; and have established **appropriate institutional capacity** to prevent or where prevention is not feasible, **minimize adverse effects from chemicals and waste** as appropriate for their national circumstances.

Target A3: By 2030, companies implement measures identified to prevent or, where prevention is not feasible, minimize adverse effects from **chemicals throughout their life cycle**.

Target A4: By 2030, stakeholders have effectively **prevented all illegal trade** and traffic of chemicals and waste.

Target B1: By 2035, **comprehensive data** and information on the properties of chemicals are generated and made available and accessible.

Target B5: By 2030, educational, training and **public awareness programmes** on chemical safety, sustainability, safer alternatives and the benefits of reducing chemicals and waste risks have been developed and implemented, taking into consideration **a gender-responsive approach**.

Target B6: By 2030, all Governments have implemented the **Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)** in all relevant sectors as appropriate for their national circumstances.

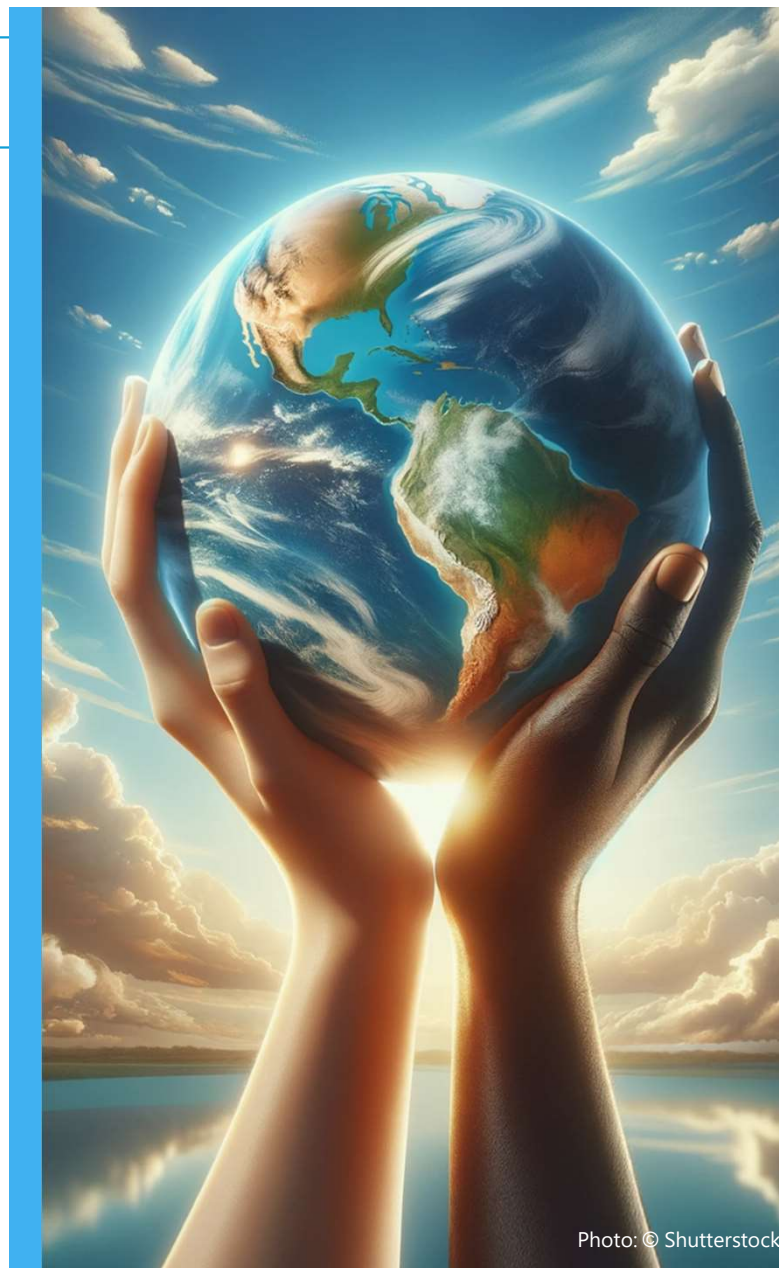


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Sample of 28 Targets to be Achieved by 2030 or 2035, cont.

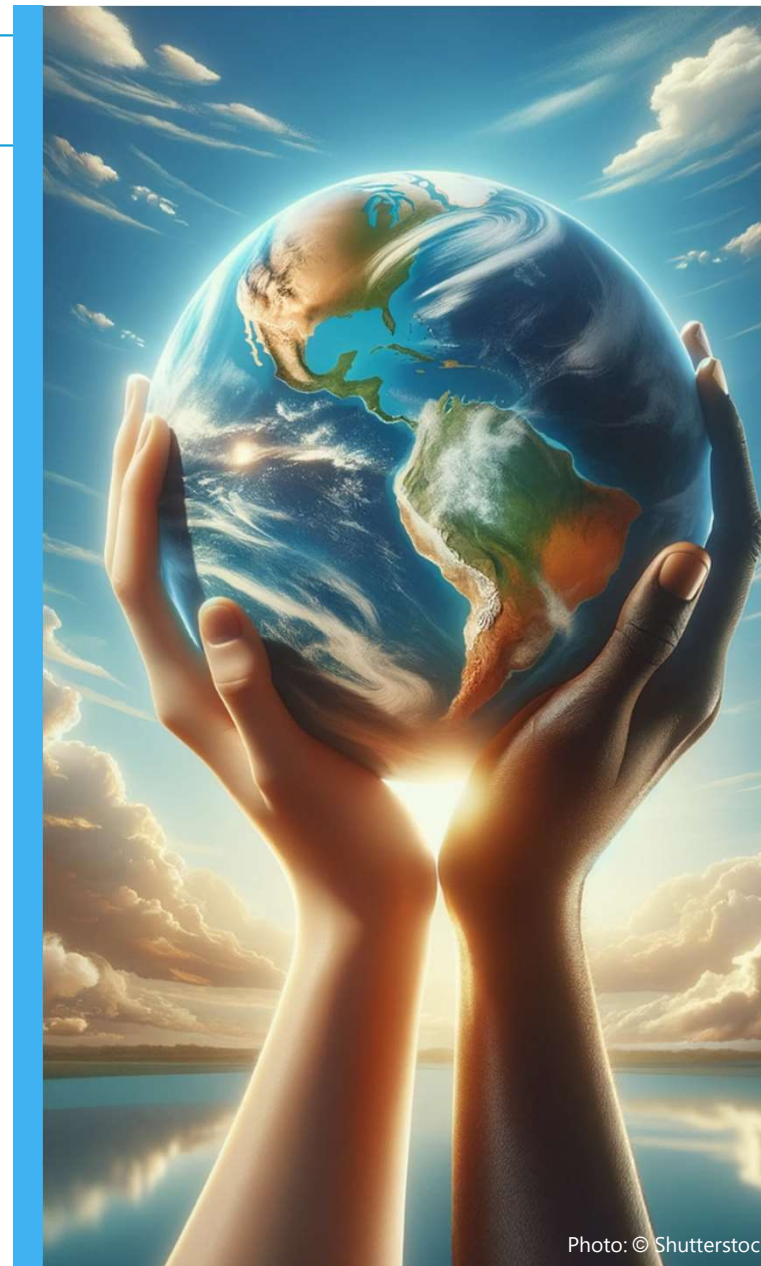
Target D1: By 2030, companies consistently invest in and achieve **innovations** towards **advancing sustainable chemistry** and resource efficiency throughout the life cycle of chemicals.

Target D3: By 2030, the private sector, including the finance sector, incorporates strategies and policies to implement the sound management of chemicals and waste in its **finance approaches** and **business models** and applies internationally recognized or equivalent reporting standards.

Target D5: By 2030, Governments implement policies and programmes to increase support to safer and more **sustainable agricultural practices**, including agroecology, integrated pest management and the use of **non-chemical alternatives**, as appropriate.

Target E2: By 2030, **partnerships and networks** among sectors and stakeholders are strengthened to achieve the sound management of chemicals and waste.

Target E6: By 2030, stakeholders identify and strengthen, as appropriate, synergies and linkages between chemicals and waste management and other key environmental, **health and labour** policies, such as those related to **climate change solutions**, **biodiversity conservation**, human rights protection, universal health coverage or primary health care.



Supports global goals

The Framework aligns with other milestone international agreements that address the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution.

- **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF):** Adopted in December 2022, the GBF calls for urgent action to halt biodiversity loss and sustainably manage ecosystems.
- **Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm (BRS) conventions:** BRS conventions aim to protect human health and the environment from hazardous chemicals and waste.
- **Sustainable Development Goals:** Adopted by the United Nations in 2015, these set of 17 goals are intended to address the world's most urgent problems.



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The Global Framework on Chemicals Fund

- Aims to build the long-term capacity of eligible countries for the safe and sustainable management of chemicals and waste.
- Launched with an initial USD \$27 million.
- Provides USD \$300,000 to US\$800,000 for up to 3 years.
- Eligible entities include governments from developing countries, small island developing states, and countries with economies in transition. Civil society networks may apply, subject to an agreement with the respective government.
- Supported by contributions from countries and the private sector.
- Administered by the GFC Secretariat.
- First call for projects opened on October 1, 2024. [View info here.](#)



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Framework Implementation Programmes

With support from the IOMC, the Framework will launch implementation programmes to tackle the world's most urgent chemicals and waste management challenges

Implementation programmes may focus on:

- Developing integrated chemicals and waste management systems at national and regional levels.
- Incorporating chemicals and waste management best practices into industrial sectors.
- Embedding sustainable chemicals management into key decision-making processes.
- Addressing other issues of concern raised by current and future GFC stakeholders.



Current Activities of Note

- Creating a Gender Action Plan.
- Developing a robust measurability and indicators plan.
- Producing a report on interlinkages with biodiversity.
- Growing the capacity of National Focal Points.
- Assessing the existing financial and investment flows of the Framework.
- Planning for the meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group set for June 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Working to build strategic relationships and publicize the Framework.

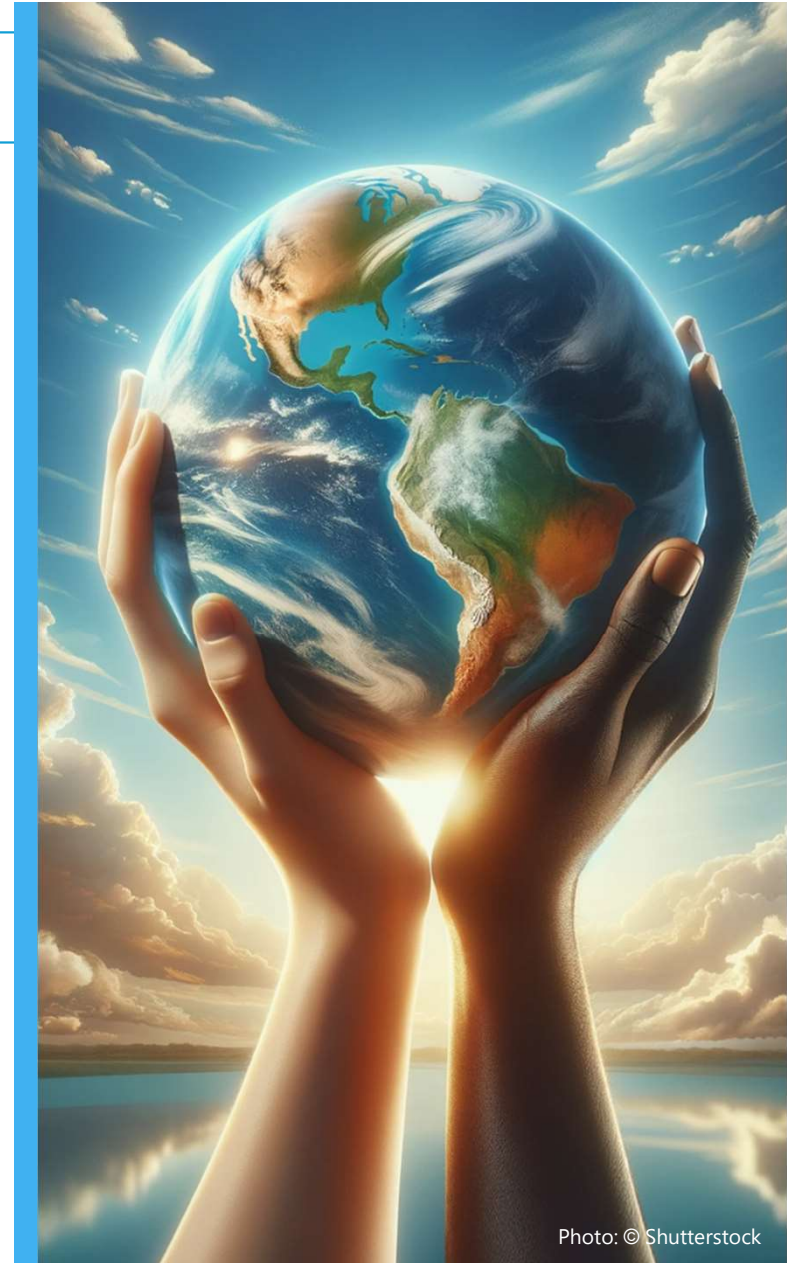
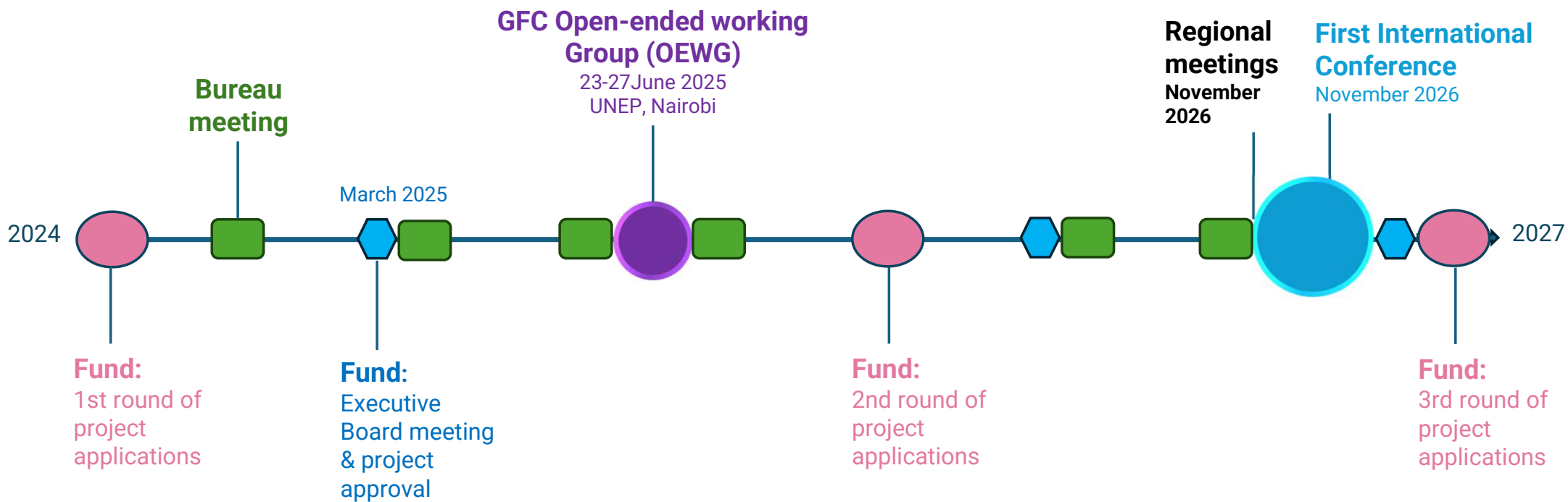


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Road to the First Conference



Fund:
1st round of
project
applications

Fund:
Executive
Board meeting
& project
approval

Fund:
2nd round of
project
applications

Fund:
3rd round of
project
applications

Application
period:
01/10/2024 –
31/01/2025



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**Thank you for your part in creating
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