

Notes of the German GFC Focal Point Hans-Christian Stolzenberg (German Environment Agency UBA, [International Chemicals Management](#)) with regard to GFC implementation (due to technical issues, kindly declaimed by Steffi Richter from BMUV):

- High Ambition as Germany hosted ICCM5 and understands its particular responsibility with a chemicals industry still on rank four worldwide
- Operationalisation of relevant GFC elements on national level AND including international development cooperation
- UBA's very broad expertise in most environmental, sustainability and chemicals management fields is very useful here
- National Focal Points also focus on “facilitating communication and coordination at the national, regional and international levels, disseminate information, develop a network or a mechanism for coordinating national views that includes consultations with all relevant sectors and stakeholders” etc.
- Holistic and integrative approach of the GFC requires quite some preparation
- Just two examples for illustration:
 - 1) UBA in close cooperation with BMUV is going to launch a project focusing on the basic idea to develop – in consultation with all relevant stakeholders a national GFC implementation roadmap, complemented by sector roadmaps, at first in particular relevant sectors like Agriculture and safe nutrition, Environment & Health, Innovation for a sustainable transformation of industry, and Development cooperation
 - 2) Quite aptly, the German Government's cabinet of all ministers decided in July this year a “Transformation Report Toxic-free Environment” ([in German](#)); as part of the Sustainability Strategy for Germany, it contains prominent sections on the GFC, connecting it well with other transformative measures on international, European, and national levels. To cut 30 pages short and very much in the spirit of the GFC, a State Secretaries discussion emphasised the need for a broad, global and integrated approach to tackle the global pollution crisis.
- Further efforts needed to translate these considerations and roadmap planning into effective actions on the ground

- Finally, what could/would this mean for people like many of you, engaging so vividly in business and innovation?
 - (1) Familiarize yourself with the GFC and use reference to it, where it serves your interest, and where your business serves the GFC objectives and targets
 - (2) Connect, cooperate and establish networks, where this helps to raise a strong voice for your joint interests
 - (3) Seek exchange and cooperation with other stakeholders of your sector to find truly sustainable solutions
 - (4) Contact your National and sectorial GFC Focal Points to engage them in beneficial coordination and consultation activities