Information Note

High-Level Dialogue
18 November – 19 November 2026

A. Objectives and outcome

1. The objectives of the High-Level Dialogue are to:
   - Strengthen political leadership and shared ownership of Framework implementation;
   - Identify priority actions that can accelerate progress towards the Framework's Strategic Objectives and targets;
   - Promote collaboration across governments, industry, finance and civil society to address shared implementation challenges;
   - Identify enabling policies, partnerships and investment approaches capable of scaling practical solutions; and
   - Build greater alignment on where collective efforts should be concentrated over the coming years.

2. The expected outcome of the Dialogue will be a clear understanding of the urgency, opportunities and shared responsibility for advancing implementation of the Framework and will produce a concise document highlighting priority areas, as well as where political attention, cooperation and acceleration are required.

3. Guided by the Conference themes of Tracking Progress, Accelerating Action and Investing for Impact, discussions will focus on acting together for a better future by identifying practical pathways that can deliver measurable progress before the next International Conference.

4. The outcome document will consist of a key discussions, priorities and key messages emerging from both days of the High-Level Dialogue and be reported back to the next Plenary. The outcome document will also be included in the Conference meeting report and translated into the six(6) UN languages.

B. Programme overview and settings

5. The Dialogue will take place over two half days on Wednesday 18 November and Thursday 19 November 2026.

6. The full Programme may be found on the Conference Website. Participants are encouraged to consult the Conference website regularly for the latest programme, and relevant updates.

7. The venue for the themed conversations of the High-Level Dialogue will be held at the following venue: International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), 17 rue de Varembé, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland.

8. The afternoon of Wednesday 18 November, 15:00 – 18:00 will feature three sequential thematic conversations in Plenary Room A. Through moderated conversations, the sessions will explore differing perspectives, identify areas of convergence and highlight practical pathways for accelerating progress.

9. Specially invited high-level Governmental and non-Governmental representatives will be ushered to their seats between 14:30 - 14:45 on Wednesday 18 November. There will be one seat available behind each High-Level representative for a supporting member of their delegation.*

10. All participants are requested to be seated by 14:50. There will be free seating for Conference participants who are not high-level representatives. Spillover rooms will be made available.*

11. All registered participants of the Conference may attend on Wednesday 18 November to observe the discussions. However, only high-level representatives will be provided the opportunity to intervene from the floor.

12. There will be 15 minutes following each themed conversation for interventions or questions from the high-level representatives in the audience. High-level representatives will be asked to raise their nameplates to indicate they wish to contribute or ask a question.

13. The moderator will select representatives to make their interventions based on order of requested intervention and taking into considerations such as stakeholder balance. Each high-level representative is requested to keep their question or intervention to one to two minutes at a maximum.*

14. The open session of the High-Level Dialogue (Wednesday 18 November) will be livestreamed. Please refer to the conference website for the live-streaming link.*

15. The venue for the closed roundtable session will be the **InterContinental Hotel, Chemin du Petit-Saconnex 7, 1209 Geneva.**

16. The morning of Thursday 19 November will occur in a closed setting and include multisectoral roundtables where participants will share leadership experiences, identify priorities for action, opportunities for collaboration and practical solutions that reflect different regional and sectoral realities.

17. *Access to the closed session on Thursday will be limited to the invited high-level representatives only. Where capacity permits, one interpreter can accompany the delegate, however, due to capacity, no technical advisors or accompanying officials will be in the closed session.*

18. Delegates may be assigned to roundtables in advance, taking into account language preferences and the need for balanced regional and stakeholder representation.

19. Participation in these roundtables is limited to one designated high-level representative per country. A separate room will be available for accompanying delegation members who wish to remain on site.*

20. Each roundtable on Thursday 19 November 2026 will be assigned a facilitator and notetaker who will ensure that the table discussions are captured accurately for reporting back at the end of the session.

21. To promote interactive dialogue during the sessions, there will be ***no*** statements during the conversations/open plenary session or roundtable discussions of the High-Level Dialogue. However, formal statements are invited for posting on the International Conference website. Statements may be submitted to gfc-submissions@un.org with the subject title: "**High-Level Dialogue Statement - country/organization.**" Kindly ensure that your country or organization is indicated in the file. Such statements must be submitted in a pdf format. Kindly refer to the International Conference website for further details.

22. Any changes to arrangements for the High-Level Dialogue will also be communicated directly to registered high-level delegates where necessary using the email address used for registration.

C. High-level dinner

23. The International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) is kindly hosting a dinner at 18:30 on the evening of 18 November 2026 at **Restaurant, Vieux Bois, École Hôtelière de Genève, Avenue de la Paix 12, 1202 Geneva.**

24. Invitations to the dinner have been distributed separately prior to the Conference in a digital format.*

25. A shuttle will be provided for High-Level representatives from the CICG to the external venue at 18:30.

D. VIP Space for meetings*

26. A space will be available for use in the CICG for high-level representatives on 18 November 2026. To request the use of a room for meetings, please contact Nadya.omar@un.org with delena.indar@unitar.org in copy from 15 November 2026.*

E. Accessibility

27. Participants requiring accessibility arrangements are requested to inform the Secretariat in advance via unep-gfc.secretariat@un.org.

F. Interpretation

28. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in plenary on Wednesday 18 November 2026 for all six UN languages.

29. The language used on Thursday 19 November 2026 will be English with no interpretation available. Roundtables may be organized according to language preferences. A whisper interpreter is permitted, where required and must also be registered using the International Conference link, or High-Level Dialogue registration link, with a letter of nomination.

G. Photography

30. Conference photographers may be present Wednesday 18 November 2026.

31. High-level photo: A group photo of high-level delegates will be taken on Thursday 19 November 2026.

H. Online registration

32. Participation to the High-Level Dialogue is open to Ministers, Vice-Ministers or their equivalent, Ambassadors, as well as C-suite and senior leaders from non-Governmental organizations.

33. High-level representatives are requested to register using a special INDICO link for the High-Level Dialogue, even if a Note Verbale or letters have been submitted to the Secretariat.

34. If the nominated representative is not the specially invited individual, a letter of nomination is required alongside registration.

I. Accreditation*

35. All governmental high-level representatives should produce their ID, badge that was received via email and credential documents, signed by the Minister of Foreign affairs or Head of State is required. The original hard copy of the credential documents should be emailed before the International Conference to unep-gfc.secretariat@un.org and presented to the registration desk upon arrival.

36. High-level Dialogue representatives who are intending to attend plenary sessions and/or any other event during the International Conference will be required to provide their ID, badge that was received via email, and the following:
37. **For governmental representatives:** credentials, signed by the Minister of Foreign affairs or Head of State or by the competent authority, for a regional economic integration organization.
38. **For representatives of intergovernmental organizations:** documents identifying the name of the entity submitted by a responsible representative of the entity, that shows the name(s) of the designated representative(s)
39. **For representatives from non-governmental organizations including private sector participants:** documents identifying the name of the entity, the names of the designated representatives and a statement describing the organization's activities, expertise, and responsibilities, and explaining how these are consistent with the purpose and objectives of the Global Framework on Chemicals.

40. Other high-level representatives who are attending only the High-Level Dialogue will need to present their ID and ticket/badge relating to the High-Level Dialogue that they received by email.

J. On-site registration, badge-issuance and security*

41. Badge issuance for the High-Level Dialogue will open from Tuesday 17 November 2026 from 13:00.

42. High-level delegates will be issued a special VIP badge, which will permit them to access the CICG on Wednesday 18 November only.*

43. All high-level representatives must present themselves at registration for their badge issuance. Assistants will **not** be able to collect badges on behalf of any high-level representative.*

44. Presentation of one of the following identification documents will be required:
    - Valid national passport issued by a government recognized by the United Nations;
    - Valid national ID card issued by a Schengen State.

45. Security checks will be carried out upon badge issuance for all high-level represenatives.*

46. Bags and suitcases will need to be scanned, regardless of having a VIP badge.*

47. Any additional security personnel of High-Level representatives must also be registered to permit access to the venue. No weapons of any type will be permitted in the CICG.

48. Participants are expected to always wear their badges visibly at all times and in all areas.

49. Delegates wishing to attend any sessions, plenary or otherwise, beyond the High-Level Dialogue are required to register using the Conference registration link.

K. Financial support

50. Financial assistance to help defray the cost of one minister or their equivalent to attend the High-Level Dialogue will be made available to developing countries and countries with economies upon request for the period of the High-Level Dialogue.

51. For eligible high-level delegates, full Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for up to 3 days covering the period between November 18 and 19 2026 will be provided based on the relevant itinerary. Participants and/or their Governments will be responsible for meeting other travel costs, including flights.

52. The Secretariat will liaise with representatives on information that may be required as payment will be made via bank transfer upon travel completion and proof of travel.

L. Visa

53. It is the responsibility of each participant to apply for the required visa. Visas must be obtained prior to arrival. UNEP does not guarantee visa issuance.

M. Medical and travel insurance

54. The United Nations does not cover medical or life insurance of participants. Medical costs incurred in Geneva will be borne by the participant. It is, therefore, strongly recommended that participants arrange their own travel health insurance that covers both health and accident prior to departure from the country of residence. The United Nations Environment Programme will not be responsible for travel or health insurance coverage.

55. The local emergency number is 112.

56. The following local hospital/medical centre in the proximity of the meeting venue open 24 hours a day: Emergency Adults Hôpitaux Universitaires, Rue Gabrielle-Perret-Gentil 2, 1205 Genève.

N. Accommodation, transportation and electricity.

57. Participants are responsible for making their own arrangements for accommodation and transportation.

58. Most participants may find it convenient to arrive at the Geneva airport, which is well connected by a modern transportation system that includes trains, buses, and taxis.

59. The residential voltage in Geneva is 230V/50Hz. Plug types are C and J.

O. Contact details

60. For additional questions, please contact the Global Framework on Chemicals Secretariat at unep-gfc.secretariat@un.org. For urgent matters, please copy delena.indar@unitar.org and erdenesukh.otgonbayar@un.org.*

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All amended lines have been marked with an asterisk (*).