

Fifth session of International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5)

Date	25 – 29 September 2023
Location	Bonn (Germany). Presided by Dr. Anita Breyer from Germany
Participants	About 110 governments, international organizations, representatives from health, labour and industry sectors, NGOs
Japanese delegation	Mr. Matsuzawa (Vice-minister for Global Environmental Affairs), Ms. Yoshikawa (Director of Environmental Health and Safety Division), etc.



Overview of the ICCM5

- Discussed the framework on a successor to the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management adopted in 2006.
- Adopted **“Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) – For a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste”** as a global voluntary framework to promote the sound management of chemicals and waste through a multi-stakeholder approach.
- Endorsed the high-level declaration (Bonn declaration) that demonstrates the political commitment to the sound management of chemicals and waste.

Overview of the Global Framework on Chemicals

- A framework to manage chemicals throughout their lifecycle (from production and product use to waste) by various stakeholders, including governments, IGOs, civil societies, industries, academia across different sectors (e.g., environment, economy, social, health, agriculture, labour).
- Defined five strategic objectives (legal and institutional capacity / knowledge, data and information / issues of concern / safer alternatives / integration into decision-making processes) and corresponding targets.
- Set up a mechanism to support implementation, identify issues of concern, and capacity-building.
- Highlighted the integrated approach to financing (mainstreaming, private-sector involvement and dedicated external financing).
- Decided to create a transparent and accessible online tool for reporting and the measurability framework to track the progress in the implementation.

Contribution of Japan

- Served as a moderator for an individual group to facilitate reaching consensus.
- Proposed a mechanism for taking stock of progress of the GFC and was duly incorporated into the framework.
- Chosen as an officer to serve as a regional focal point of the Asia and Pacific region until the ICCM6.