



Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Health and Environment

August 27, 2025

Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: Invitation to the Webinar on the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) for the Asia-Pacific Region hosted by the Asia-Pacific Regional Focal Point of the GFC and the Thematic Working Group on Chemical, Waste, and Health (TWG-CWH)

Ministry of the Environment, Japan, as the Asia-Pacific regional focal point of the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) and Ministry of Public Health, Thailand, as the chair of the Thematic Working Group on Chemical, Waste, and Health (TWG-CWH) at the Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Health and Environment (APRFHE), are pleased to announce an upcoming seminar on the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC). This seminar is designed to provide the concerned officers who are in charge of chemical, waste and health issues in the region with the latest information and valuable insight about the GFC. The webinar is scheduled on 22nd September 2025, Monday, at 16:00 – 17:30 (UTC+7, Bangkok time).

You are invited to register online by using the following link¹:

Title: GFC for the Asia-Pacific Region (Language: English)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/kF4QEO3cQWCx8X80A0CIIQ#/registration>

Agenda (Time in UTC+7)

Time	Agenda	Speaker
16:00 – 16:05	Opening Remarks	Aisha Humera Moriani, President of the Bureau of the GFC, Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination, Pakistan Aurus Kongphanich, Chair of the TWG-CWH, Ministry of Public Health, Thailand
16:05 – 16:35	Outline of the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste	Kay Williams, Head of the Global Framework on Chemicals Secretariat

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16:35 – 17:05	Introduction of Issues of Concerns discussed under the GFC	Dr. Zhanyun Wang, Chemicals Specialist, United Nations Environment Programme
17:05 – 17:25	Questions and Answers, and Discussion	All participants
17:25 – 17:30	Closing Remarks	Kay Williams, Head of the GFC Secretariat Koki Takaki, Asia-Pacific Regional Focal Point of the GFC, Ministry of the Environment, Japan

If you have any question, please contact Ms. Chikako Shindo at Ministry of the Environment Japan at the following email address: ehs@env.go.jp.

About Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC)

The Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) – For a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste - is a new framework that succeeds the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) adopted at the Fifth International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5) in September 2023. The Framework presents a comprehensive plan with five strategic objectives and 28 targets to guide countries and stakeholders in jointly addressing the lifecycle of chemicals, including products and waste.

The framework aims to prevent or, where prevention is not feasible, minimize harm from chemicals and waste to protect the environment and human health. This is a voluntary framework for the management of chemicals throughout their life cycles by multi-stakeholders (Governments, inter-governmental organizations, civil society, industries, academia, etc.) in multi-sectors (agriculture, environment, health, education, finance, development, construction, labor, etc.).

About the Thematic Working Group on Chemical, Waste and Health (TWG-CWH)

The 10th High-Level Officials Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Health and Environment (APRFHE), the secretariat of which is co-organized by regional offices of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), was held in September 2019, and it was agreed that the Thematic Working Group on Chemical, Waste and Health (TWG-CWH) was co-chaired by Japan and Thailand from 2020 to 2024, and is now solely chaired by Thailand from 2025.

Since August 2022, we have organized five webinars under the TWG-CWH to help strengthen regional partnership to address chemicals and health issues.

With our best regards,

Ministry of the Environment of Japan, Asia-Pacific Regional Focal Point of the GFC

Ministry of Public Health of Thailand, Chair of the TWG-CWH

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