

# PAN International Interventions at the GFC OEWG-1

**Jago Wadley, PAN UK, Chair of Advocacy Working Group - [GFC Implementation Arrangements](#)**

*June 24, 2025*

Thank you Madam Co-Chair,

My name is Jago Wadley, from Pesticide Action Network UK, and make this statement on behalf of PAN International.

Implementation Programmes are envisioned as critical tools to catalyse targeted action to deliver the outcomes our Framework is committed to.

We thank the IOMC and its Participating Organisations for accepting the invitation in Resolution V/8 to coordinate a range of IPs, and acknowledge its progress to date.

We also appreciate that IOMC proposes to integrate action on Issues of Concern as a cross cutting theme into all three IPs, and look forward to playing our part in assisting the success of this approach where relevant.

While national IPs are key to ensuring countries take targeted action, we are mindful of the equal importance of private sector action.

In this regard we appreciate IOMC's progress to date on developing its concept for a Global Programme under IP2, to facilitate and support private sector action to implement Target D6.

We also thank the IOMC and relevant participating organisations, including UNEP and WHO, for facilitating more targeted sector-specific convenings and discussions that hope to result in the design and development of Industry Sector Programmes by relevant stakeholders, for adoption at the International Conference in late 2026.

We are optimistic that initial multi-stakeholder progress evident in sectors such as Textiles and Health Care will encourage all stakeholders, including civil society, to take proactive collaborative initiative to develop these and other Industry Sector Programmes over the coming 18 months, and look forward to playing our role with all relevant partners.

Thank you Madame Co-Chair.

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**Susan Haffmans, PAN Germany, Chair of the HPPs Working Group - [Global Alliance on Highly Hazardous Pesticides](#)**

*June 25, 2025*

Thank you, Madam/Mr Chair/Co-Chair, for giving us the floor.

My name is Susan Haffmans, and I am from Pesticide Action Network Germany, speaking on behalf of PAN International.

The agreement by all stakeholders to establish a Global Alliance on HHPs was one of the big achievements of ICCM5, and demonstrates in a positive way the multi-stakeholder character of the Global Framework on Chemicals. By delivering on targets A7 and D5, the Global Alliance is a key element of the GFC and offers a unique opportunity to contribute to its success.

We remind ourselves that the Global Alliance was agreed because HHPs remain a major health and environmental concerns and also give rise to serious trans-generational health impacts; from polluting the unborn-child to causing cancers, and reproductive and developmental disorders severely impacting the lives of current and future generations, in what constitutes a fundamental human rights concern.

On Friday, the operational framework of the Global Alliance will be presented. PAN believes that agreeing on the framework will constitute an important step in kick-starting the Alliance. We are looking forward to countries and other stakeholders engaging, sharing their experiences, and collectively working together.

It is important, however, that the establishment of the Global Alliance, of its proposed governance bodies, and the development of its action plan are now proactively advanced against a clear timeline.

PAN therefore recommends that the session dedicated to the GAHHPs on Friday agrees to request that the Ad-hoc UN Task Force forms the Interim Steering Committee within one month of this meeting, and mandates that Steering Committee to manage membership applications and conduct the tasks necessary to ensure that action plan development is complete by the mid 2026. This would enable an established Alliance to report concrete progress to the first GFC International Conference next year, in line with Resolution V/11.

With the establishment of the GFC - For a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste, the world community agreed on setting the direction of global chemical management, to guide future policy on chemicals and waste around the world, including the most hazardous pesticides. In this, the Global Alliance will play a vital role. PAN acknowledges and supports the updated Operational Framework for the Global Alliance and its proposed governance structure and thanks the FAO and the other UN agencies making up the Ad-Hoc UN task force for this important progress.

Thank you, Madam/Mr Chair/Co-Chair.

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**Maimouna Diene, Coordinatrice, PAN Africa - [Issues of Concern](#)**

*June 25, 2025*

Je vous remercie, Madame/Monsieur le Président/Co-Chair, de me donner la parole.

Je m'appelle Maimouna Diene, directrice de Pesticide Action Network Africa, et je fais cette déclaration au nom du Pesticide Action Network International.

PAN approuve les recommandations provisoires indiquées dans le document GFC/OWEG.1/5, selon lequel le Groupe de travail à composition non limitée devrait inviter l'IOMC et les organisations participantes à produire un rapport sur les progrès accomplis dans le traitement des questions préoccupantes, conformément au paragraphe 4 de la résolution V/5.

En outre, nous exhortons le Groupe de travail à composition non limitée et les organisations Nations Unies à reconnaître que les mesures visant à traiter toutes les questions préoccupantes sont soit en cours, soit n'ont pas encore été engagées.

Les engagements importants qui existent en matière d'action – à travers des objectifs spécifiques du GFC, des résolutions ou des programmes de mise en œuvre prévus – restent pour la plupart embryonnaires, incomplets ou n'ont pas encore été mis en œuvre, et aucun n'a été suffisamment traité à ce jour.

Par exemple, en ce qui concerne les pesticides, l'adoption de l'objectif A7 du GFC sur les HHP et les plans de lancement de l'Alliance mondiale sur les HHP mandatée par la résolution V/11, bien que très positifs, n'ont pas encore porté leurs fruits. Tant que ces initiatives n'auront pas abouti à des progrès concrets pouvant être évalués, les HHP devraient rester une question préoccupante, comme le recommande le PNUE dans le document GFC/OWEG.1/5.

En outre, les indicateurs de la structure de mesurabilité du GFC n'ont pas encore déterminé comment les progrès réalisés sur les questions préoccupantes pertinentes, y compris les HHP, seront évalués.

Tant que les moyens de mesure et les rapports sur les progrès réalisés ne seront pas en place, il sera prématuré de déterminer si l'une des questions préoccupantes a été suffisamment traitée. Cela inclut également les perturbateurs endocriniens (EDC).

Sur cette base, PAN demande instamment que le Groupe de Travail à Composition non limitée et la première conférence internationale du GFC en 2026 maintiennent toutes les questions préoccupantes existantes.

Merci Madame/Monsieur le Président/Coprésident.

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**Jago Wadley, PAN UK, Chair of Advocacy Working Group - [Measurability Structure & Indicators](#)**

*June 25, 2025*

Thank you, Mr Co-Chair

My name is Jago Wadley, representing Pesticide Action Network UK, and I make this statement on behalf of Pesticide Action Network International.

PAN appreciates the role of relevant UN agencies and the GFC Secretariat in convening the Open Ended Ad Hoc Group on Measurability and Indicators (OEAHGMI) and its three workstreams, and thanks the subsidiary body's co-chairs for their work. Representatives of PAN regional groupings are members of all three workstreams.

PAN also supports the indicative criteria for indicators in GFC/OEAHGMI.4/2, which provide for the development of new indicators to address the absence of existing indicators for some key GFC targets.

We recommend that these criteria be adopted permanently.

We appreciate the work to identify gaps in the list of proposed existing indicators, and look forward to working with stakeholders in phase 2 of Workstream 2 to identify additional existing indicators, and/or develop new process and impact indicators for targets not currently catered for.

With regard to indicators for Targets A5, A7 and D5, PAN encourages the convening of phase 2 of Workstream 2 as soon as possible, and suggests a call for proposals should occur that might inform deliberation on a range of new process and impact indicators capable of capturing all components of these complex targets.

In line with paragraphs 4 and 7 of Resolution V/6, PAN also advises that indicator development for Target A7 on HHPs takes account of recommendations for technical cooperation and indicator cross-fertilization with relevant methodologies being developed by FAO and experts for Target 7 of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), which we have shared with relevant IOMC Participating Organizations.

Thank you, Mr Co-Chair

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**Jago Wadley, PAN UK, Chair of Advocacy Working Group - [Agenda Item 3 \(f\) – International Cooperation and Coordination](#)**

*June 25, 2025*

Thank you, Mr Co-Chair,

My name is Jago Wadley, representing Pesticide Action Network UK, and I make this statement on behalf of Pesticide Action Network International.

Firstly, we would like to wholly endorse the statement made by the Children and Youth Caucus and its recommendation for the GFC Secretariat to join the UN Environmental Management Group (EMG). Identifying and leveraging synergies with relevant international organisations, multilateral agreements, and policy instruments is critical to raising the profile and driving implementation of the GFC, and providing efficiencies that minimise the delivery burden for all stakeholders across multiple complementary frameworks.

With regard to pesticides, it is essential that synergies between the GFC and the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) of the Convention on Biological Diversity are prioritised. Reflecting this, in Paragraph 19 of [CBD Decision 16/35](#) on Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations, 196 Parties to the CBD invited the Secretariats of the GFC, the BRS Conventions, and the 3 Rio Conventions, as well as the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), to collaborate specifically on the implementation of GBF Target 7 on pollution.

Target 7 of the Global Biodiversity Framework commits the international community to at least halving the risk to biodiversity from pesticides and highly hazardous chemicals by 2030.

The synergies with GFC Target A7 in particular, and other GFC Targets, are undeniable and compelling. The implementation of GFC Target A7 to phase out Highly Hazardous Pesticides in agriculture is likely the most effective means for countries to deliver pesticide risk reductions mandated under the CBD commitment.

The adoption in February 2025 of the aggregated total applied toxicity (ATAT) methodology into the GBF Monitoring Framework only increases the relevance of GFC action on HHPs to the GBF.

PAN recommends that deliberations on [Working Document UNEP/GFC/OEWG.1/6](#) should result in the OEWG's official acknowledgement of and reciprocal commitment to the invitation for cross-framework collaboration on GBF Target 7 requested in CBD Decision 16/35.

This would support GFC implementation as much as, if not more than, it would the GBF, in line with paragraphs 4 and 7 of Resolution V/6, while also constituting a material contribution to the implementation of GFC Target E6.

We hope colleagues here will agree to recognise and reciprocate this invitation.

Thank you, Madam/Mr Co-Chair.

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**Dileep Jumar, PAN India - [Global Alliance on Highly Hazardous Pesticides \(V11\)](#)**  
*June 25, 2025*

Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair,

My name is Dileep Kumar, and I am from Pesticide Action Network India, a member of PAN Asia Pacific regional centre. I am presenting this statement on behalf of PAN AP.

We appreciate the effort of the alliance task force for advancing the work towards shaping the alliance, and we welcome the progress on establishing a Global Alliance on highly hazardous pesticides with the goal of taking effective measures to phase out highly hazardous pesticides.

Pesticides can persist in the environment for decades and pose a global threat to the entire ecological system upon which food production depends.

Owing to their inherent toxicity potential, Highly Hazardous pesticides cause food safety risks and environmental risks, leading to devastating, irreversible health risks for men, women, and children among different groups such as farmers, farm workers, and consumers.

Further, highly hazardous pesticides result in unintended pesticide poisonings and self-poisonings, with particularly high incidences in low and middle-income countries.

Therefore, effective measures are needed to catalyse the phase out of HHPs to prevent harm without delay.

We feel that the Global Alliance on highly hazardous pesticides is an important milestone in our collective efforts to eliminate the ongoing harm from HHPs to people and biodiversity. We look forward to continuing our constructive engagement and contributions towards achieving the objectives and ambitions of the Global Alliance on highly hazardous pesticides.

I thank you, Mr Co-Chair.

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**Dr. Tadesse Amera, PAN-International Co-coordinator**  
*June 27, 2025*

Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair, and Good afternoon, Colleagues:

PAN thanks the Government of Uruguay for hosting the OEWG in the wonderful, sometimes windy city of Punta Del Este.

We thank the GFC Secretariat and the IOMC and its Participating Organisations for their work in preparing for the OEWG, and in positively progressing various important elements of the GFC and its Resolutions since ICCM5.

We acknowledge that, while a very considerable amount of work is needed between now and IC-1, some very useful and important progress has been made at this meeting. In particular, we welcome the important milestone of progress to establish an Interim Steering Committee for the Global Alliance on HHPs in the coming months, through a consultative process which provides for the voluntary collaborative, constructive, and cooperative approach agreed by consensus at ICCM5.

Further, we appreciate the recognition of the need to close remaining gaps in the Measurability Structure between now and IC-1, and the important inputs of many stakeholders that we hope will help ensure the effective design and development of Implementation Programmes under the guidance of the IOMC.

PAN welcomes the opportunity to continue contributing to GFC implementation, and we thank all stakeholders for their joint enterprise in this goal.

Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair.