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    - 17 - 21 June 2024
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  - **Ad Hoc Intersessional Open-ended Expert Groups Meeting**
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    - 4 - 5 Nov 2024
    - Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
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- **2025**
  - **2025 BRS COPs**
    - 28 April – 9 May 2025
    - Geneva
  - **Minamata COP-6**
    - 3-7 Nov 2025
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**Additional Events**
- **Basel Convention OEWG-14**
  - 24 - 28 June 2024
  - Geneva
- **Stockholm Convention POPRC.20**
  - 23 - 27 Sept 2024
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- **UNGA HL Meeting on AMR 2024**
  - 26 Sept 2024
  - New York
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A Planet Free of Harm From Chemicals and Waste

Geneve Environment Network
Chemicals and Waste Negotiations Briefing

Date: Tuesday 11 June 2024,
10:00-12:00 CET

Venue: International Environment House I,
Room 3

Kay Williams
Head - Global Framework on Chemicals Secretariat
We the ministers, heads of delegation, and stakeholder leaders, having gathered in Bonn, Germany, at the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5), to strengthen action to tackle the crisis of pollution from chemicals and waste.

A UNEP-administered Global Framework on Chemicals Fund time-limited, that allow multilateral, bilateral and private sector sources was established.
Bonn Declaration for a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste

United Nations entities and other relevant international organizations, including the International Labour Organization, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization, are invited to strengthen their role in generating reliable chemicals- and waste-related data, and to facilitate relevant action and collaboration based on scientific evidence.

The governing bodies of those organizations, in accordance with their respective mandates, are invited to strengthen their cooperation and coordination to support the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste, and to integrate its goals into their programmes of work and budgets.
The Framework covers the life cycle of chemicals, including in products and waste

- A vision for a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste for a safe, healthy and sustainable future.
- A scope which promotes initiatives to enhance the safe and sustainable management of chemicals and waste, takes due account of other chemicals and waste instruments that have been developed to date, and is flexible enough to take account of new instruments.
- Multi-stakeholder and multisectoral in nature.
5 strategic objectives

- Legal frameworks, institutional mechanisms and capacities are in place
- Comprehensive and sufficient knowledge, data and information are generated, available and accessible
- Issues of concern are identified, prioritized and addressed.
- Safer alternatives and innovative and sustainable solutions in product value chains are in place
- Enhanced implementation occurs through increased and effective resource mobilization, partnerships, cooperation, capacity-building
Multisectoral and Multistakeholder

The Framework confirms an integrated approach to financing: mainstreaming, private sector financing, and dedicated external financing.

28 Targets

**Target A1** - By 2030, Governments have adopted, and are implementing, and enforcing legal frameworks; and have established appropriate institutional capacity to prevent or where prevention is not feasible, minimize adverse effects from chemicals and waste as appropriate for their national circumstances.

**Target B1** – By 2035, comprehensive data and information on the properties of chemicals are generated and made available and accessible.

**Target B7** - By 2030, stakeholders generate, to the extent possible, and make available comprehensive and accessible monitoring and surveillance data and information on concentrations and potential exposure sources of chemicals in humans (disaggregated by sex, age, region, other demographic factors, and other relevant health determinants as feasible), other biota and environmental media.

**Target D1** – By 2030, companies consistently invest in and achieve innovations towards advancing sustainable chemistry and resource efficiency throughout the life cycle of chemicals.

**Target D2** – By 2035, Governments implement policies that encourage production using safer alternatives and sustainable approaches throughout the life cycle, including best available techniques, green procurement and circular economy approaches.

**Target D3** – By 2030, the private sector, including the finance sector, incorporates strategies and policies to implement the sound management of chemicals and waste in its finance approaches and business models and applies internationally recognized or equivalent reporting standards.
Target E1 – By 2035, Governments have mainstreamed the sound management of chemicals and waste through implementation in all relevant sectoral plans, budgets and development plans and development assistance policies and programmes.

Target E3 – Adequate, predictable and sustainable financial resources from all sources needed to support achieving the sound management of chemicals and waste are identified and mobilized in alignment with the vision, strategic objectives and targets of the Framework in all sectors by and for all stakeholders, including by leveraging private finance and promoting innovative and blended-finance schemes.

Target E4 – Funding gaps for the implementation of sound management of chemicals and waste are identified and considered for capacity-building, including through the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund.

Target E5 – By 2030, Governments have taken measures to put in place policies to internalize the costs of the sound management of chemicals and waste through different approaches.

Target E6 – By 2030, stakeholders identify and strengthen, as appropriate, synergies and linkages between chemicals and waste management and other key environmental, health and labour policies, such as those related to climate change solutions, biodiversity conservation, human rights protection, universal health coverage or primary health care.
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Follow-up to 2023 COPs

- Basel Convention COP-16, Rotterdam Convention COP-11, Stockholm Convention COP-11 on 1-12 May 2023
- 52 decisions adopted, including 8 joint decisions
- Meeting reports and calls for information available: [https://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/9316/](https://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/9316/)
- Ongoing calls for information include:
  - Collection of technical assistance needs, by 31 May 2024, see [https://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/4898/](https://www.brsmeas.org/tabid/4898/)
  - Information collection on enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention, by 30 June 2024, see [https://www.pic.int/tabid/9665/](https://www.pic.int/tabid/9665/)
Intersessional work

• Intersessional work as mandated by 2023 COPs is ongoing:
  o Subsidiary body meetings
  o Ad hoc subsidiary body meetings (small intersessional working groups, expert working groups, etc.)
  o Preparation of reports and other documents for 2025 COPs

• International cooperation activities (e.g. UNEA, plastic pollution INC, SPP, MC, MP)

• Technical assistance activities, including training workshops ongoing

• Partnership activities ongoing

• [www.basel.int](http://www.basel.int); [www.pic.int](http://www.pic.int); [www.pops.int](http://www.pops.int)
Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee

Assists Parties to comply with their obligations under the Convention; facilitates, promotes, monitors and aims to secure implementation and compliance

- Sixteenth meeting on 23-24 June and 29 June – 2 July 2024, Geneva
- Dialogues with BCRCs, representatives of the UN system and other organizations
- 13 specific submissions regarding individual Parties
- Review of general issues of implementation and compliance, e.g.:
  - Classification of compliance performance with national reporting
  - Scoping report on illegal traffic
  - Review of Parties’ legislative implementation of the Convention
  - Guidance on how to integrate implementation needs in Cooperation Framework processes
  - Enhanced cooperation with the Compliance Committee of the Rotterdam Convention
Rotterdam Convention
Chemical Review Committee

Reviews chemicals and pesticide formulations according to criteria and makes recommendations to the COP for listing in Annex III

- Twentieth meeting (CRC-20) to be held on 17-20 September 2024 in Rome
- To finalize draft decision guidance documents on chlorpyrifos and mercury → for consideration for listing at COP-12
- To review notifications of final regulatory action for 19 chemicals and 4 proposals for Severely Hazardous Pesticide Formulations
Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee

Assists individual Parties in resolving compliance difficulties and reviews systemic issues of general compliance

- Second meeting on 19-21 March 2024
  - 8 decisions adopted on specific submissions and systemic issues of general compliance
  - Meeting report available online
- **Call for information** to be sent to Parties shortly
- **Webinars** on CC-2 outcomes on **11 and 13 June 2024**
- Meeting suspended and to resume online later in 2024
Stockholm Convention Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

Reviews chemicals proposed for listing in Annex A, Annex B, and/or Annex C to the Convention, carries out other tasks mandated by the COP

Twentieth meeting (POPRC-20) to be held on 23-27 September 2024 in Rome

- To specify the chemical identity of long-chain perfluorocarboxylic acids, their salts and related compounds (PFCAs) and medium-chain chlorinated paraffins (MCCPs) and further strengthen the recommendations for their listing in Annex A with specific exemptions at COPs 2025
- To review the draft risk management evaluation for chlorpyrifos
- To consider a proposal to list polyhalogenated dibenzo-p-dioxins and dibenzofurans in Annex C
- To discuss activities undertaken on POPs in stockpiles, products and articles in use and in wastes
- To review progress made by Parties towards eliminating brominated diphenyl ethers
Preparations for the 2025 COPs

- 28 April to 9 May 2025, Geneva
- Preparatory meetings on 27 April 2025
- Includes a high-level segment
- Tentative schedule of work and arrangements for the high-level segment to be finalized at the joint bureaux meeting in November 2024
- Invitation letters (including on high-level segment): November 2024
- Nomination deadline: Mid January 2025
- Global chairs’ training: February 2025
- Regional preparatory meetings and briefing webinars to be held in March/April 2025
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14th meeting of the Open-ended Working Group to the Basel Convention
Tuesday, 25 to Friday, 28 June 2024

Briefing to Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva, June 2024
Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
Information for participants

• The Governments of Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Norway and Switzerland have kindly funded the participation of eligible Party delegates in the meeting
• 369 delegates registered from 130 Parties and 52 observer entities
• Back-to-back with the other BRS meetings:
  o 21-22 June: Annual joint meeting of BC-SC Regional Centres
  o 23-24 June: Sixteenth meeting of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC-16) (part I)
  o 29 June: Basel Convention COP Bureau meeting
  o 29 June -2 July: Sixteenth meeting of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee (ICC-16) (part II)
Overview

• OEWG-14 to take place from **25 to 28 June** in Geneva at CICG

• **Pre-meetings** (Bureau and regional meetings) scheduled for Monday, 24 June:

  - **Africa** 2 pm – 5 pm  Room B
  - **Asia-Pacific** 2 pm – 5 pm  Room C
  - **Eastern Europe** 2 pm – 5 pm  Room 11+12
  - **EU** 2 pm – 5 pm  Room E+F
  - **GRULAC** 2 pm – 5 pm  Room 4
  - **JUSSCANNZ** 2 pm – 5 pm  Room 3

• **Co-chairs:** Ms. Judith Torres (Uruguay) and Ms. Lendita Dika (North Macedonia)
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| 3–6 p.m.            | a. Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of waste lead-acid batteries and on other waste batteries;  
|                     | b. Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of used and waste pneumatic tyres;  
|                     | c. Legal, governance and enforcement matters:  
|                     | i. Providing further legal clarity:                                                       |                          |                                       | Item 6: Closure of the meeting.          |
|                     | a. Revised amendment proposals regarding Annex IV;                                         |                          |                                       |                                         |
|                     | b. Review of Annexes I and III;                                                            |                          |                                       |                                         |
|                     | (ii) Consultation with the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance:  
|                     | a. Review of information provided in tables 4 and 5 of national reports;                  |                          |                                       |                                         |
|                     | b. Guidance on how individual Parties can integrate action to address their needs under the Bospel Convention into their United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks; |                          |                                       |                                         |
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Expected outcomes for OEWG-14

- Midpoint review for intersessional work
- Progress work and discussions on strategic, technical and legal matters under the Basel Convention
- Adoption of decisions on most substantive matters
- Calls for information following the meeting
Further information

• Suggested basis for OEWG-14 work are documents **INF/1 and INF/2**: the scenario note and tentative schedule for the meeting
• OEWG-14 documents available on website of the meeting: [www.basel.int/OEWG.14](http://www.basel.int/OEWG.14)
• Additional information also available on: side events schedule, logistics note, greening the meeting
• Briefing webinars on 12 June (AM and PM)
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Snapshot of COP-5, ahead to COP-6

Marianne Bailey
Minamata Convention Secretariat

GEN Chemicals and Waste Negotiations Briefing, 11 June 2024
COP-5 in numbers

- 21 decisions adopted
- 115 Parties represented
- More than 800 participants and 900 online viewers
- 36 colleagues from extended MC Secretariat team

Fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury (COP-5)
- Decision MC-5/1: The effects of mercury pollution on Indigenous Peoples and on local communities
- Decision MC-5/2: Mercury supply sources and trade
- Decision MC-5/3: Study of the global supply, production, trade and use of mercury compounds
- Decision MC-5/4: Amendments to annexes A and B and the feasibility of mercury-free alternatives for manufacturing processes listed in annex B
- Decision MC-5/5: Preparation of a report on cosmetics listed in part I of annex A to the Minamata Convention on Mercury
- Decision MC-5/6: Information on the economic and technical feasibility of mercury-free catalysts in vinyl chloride monomer production
- Decision MC-5/7: Artisanal and small-scale gold mining
- Decision MC-5/8: Implementation of article 8: emissions of mercury
- Decision MC-5/9: Guidance on the best available techniques and best environmental practices to control releases from relevant sources
- Decision MC-5/10: Establishment of mercury waste thresholds
- Decision MC-5/11: Review of the financial mechanism of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
- Decision MC-5/12: Capacity-building, technical assistance and technology transfer
- Decision MC-5/13: National reporting pursuant to article 21 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
- Decision MC-5/14: First effectiveness evaluation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury
- Decision MC-5/15: Gender action plan
- Decision MC-5/16: Knowledge management
- Decision MC-5/18: Enhanced international cooperation and coordination
- Decision MC-5/19: Cooperation and coordination between the secretariats of the Minamata Convention and of the BRS Conventions
- Decision MC-5/20: Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2024–2025
- Decision MC-5/21: Dates and venue of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Indigenous Peoples, local communities engagement

Platform for Indigenous Peoples and for local communities
Minamata Convention | Platform for Indigenous Peoples and for local communities
Minamata Convention & the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

**Global Biodiversity Framework**

1. Reducing land- and sea-use change
2. Restoration of degraded ecosystems
3. Protect and conserve areas
4. Halting species extinctions and reducing extinction risk
5. Harvesting and trade of wild species
6. Managing invasive alien species
7. Reducing negative impact of pollution on biodiversity
8. Minimize impacts of climate change
9. Management of wild species
10. Agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries, and forests are sustainably managed
11. Restore, maintain and enhance nature’s contributions to people, including ecosystem functions and services
12. Urban blue and green spaces
13. Fair and equitable sharing of genetic resources and DSIs
14. Integrate biodiversity and its multiple values into policies, regulations, planning and development processes
15. Encourage and enable sustainable consumption choices
16. Strengthen capacity for, and implement biodiversity measures as set out in Article 8g
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18. Identify, and eliminate, phase out or reform incentives, including subsidies
19. Substantially and progressively increase the level of financial resources
20. Strengthen capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation
21. Ensure data, information and knowledge, are accessible to decision makers, practitioners and the public
22. Respecting rights and cultures of Indigenous peoples and local communities
23. Ensure gender equality

Target 7: Reduce pollution risks and the negative impact of pollution from all sources, by 2030, […] reducing the overall risk of highly hazardous chemicals by at least half...
Amendments

- COP-5 amendments on mercury-added products and industrial processes using mercury: EIF 25 April 2025

Meetings

- Implementation and Compliance Committee
- Effectiveness Evaluation Group (EEG) and Open-Ended Scientific Group

Reports

- Draft report on cosmetics listed in part I of annex A
- Draft guidance to assist Parties in identifying, managing and reducing mercury trade from primary mercury mining
- Draft update to the existing guidance on stocks
- Study of the global supply, production, trade and use of mercury compounds
- Supplemental guidance for ASGM – Indigenous Peoples, local communities, implementation reviews
- Study on progress made in relation to, and the needs of Parties for alternative technologies
- Draft roadmap on mutually supportive implementation of the Convention and the KMGBF

Submissions

- Challenges and measures for preventing the manufacture, import and export of mercury-added cosmetics - 30 June 2024
- Technically and economically feasible alternatives to the use of mercury and mercury compounds in vinyl chloride monomer production - March 2025
- Information for the development of supplemental guidance on the effective engagement and participation of Indigenous Peoples, local communities and other stakeholders in the development and implementation of NAPs - 30 June 2024
- Experience in using the BAT/BEP and inventory guidance on emissions and releases - 31 March 2025
- Experiences and challenges faced in the implementation of Article 3 on mercury supply sources and trade, and activities to combat illegal trade - March 2025
- Information regarding their waste management regulations and programmes - 31 October 2024
- Experiences and good practices related to carrying out priority activities of the gender action plan - 2025
Implementation support: Financial Mechanism

**GEF**

Minamata Convention Allocation
GEF-5 through GEF-8 (millions USD)

- GEF-5: 21
- GEF-6: 141
- GEF-7: 206
- GEF-8: 269

GEF-8 period: July 2022 – July 2026

Looking ahead to GEF-9

**SIP**

The Fourth Round of applications to the Specific International Programme opened on 24 April 2024.

Applications need to be submitted to the Secretariat, in English, by Wednesday, 31 July 2024.

*Application Guidelines* in English, French and Spanish
The United Nations Environment Assembly,

5. Requests the Executive Director to facilitate coordination between the Global Framework on Chemicals Fund, the Specific International Programme to Support Capacity-Building and Technical Assistance of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, and the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for implementation of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Minamata Convention and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, within the scope of their respective mandates, in order to enhance complementarity and avoid duplication;
Implementation Support: Training and Information

MINAMATA ONLINE
SEASON 4 - 2024

The fourth season of Minamata Online will feature webinars on implementation review and support and mercury science from March to November 2024.

Join us again: registration is available at the Minamata Convention website. http://www.minamataconvention.org

With funding support from the European Union, Switzerland, Sweden

Training on Mercury-added products and waste
- materials and recordings in six UN languages
- Products available now; waste coming soon

CLiKC! Training for customs and trade officials
- World Customs Organization Platform
- Coming soon

Season 4 is ongoing
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Supporting implementation of MEAs

74 countries have been supported in the development, review and update of the National Implementation Plans for the **Stockholm Convention**.

67 countries have been supported on Minamata Initial Assessments and 32 countries for National Action Plans for the **Minamata Convention on Mercury**.

**UNEP**, in collaboration with the **Basel Convention Secretariat** and other partners, has worked on addressing the issue of unsound management of lead-acid battery waste in several countries (**Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Tanzania**).
Supporting implementation of MEAs: UNEP/GEF POPs Global Monitoring Plan Projects

30 POPs analyzed in over 900 samples of air, water, human milk and matrices of national interest in 42 countries.

Over 50,000 data points generated.

Training in 27 national laboratories.

Over 20 years of human milk data covering 82 countries globally.

289 laboratories participated in the interlaboratory assessments with 228 submitted results.

Data generation to support the effectiveness evaluation of the Stockholm Convention.

Capacity building in countries.
Implementing UNEA resolutions

Resolution 3/9 - Eliminating Exposure to Lead Paint and Promoting Environmentally Sound Management of Waste Lead-Acid Batteries:

✓ Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (GAELP) - voluntary partnership formed by the UNEP and WHO to prevent exposure to lead through promoting the phase-out of paints containing lead.

✓ 94 countries have adopted laws regulating lead in paint (out of which more than 20 supported by GAELP).

✓ 36 small and medium enterprises (SMEs) have completed pilots on lead paint reformulation, demonstrating lead paint reformulation is entirely possible.

✓ Guidance documents, factsheets, laboratory database and tools, as well as model legislation supporting the enactment of the lead paint laws were developed and are available on the GAELP webpage.

Resolution 5/7 - Sound management of chemicals and waste

Update of the 2012 EDCs State of the Science:

✓ Work ongoing in cooperation with WHO

✓ Call for expression of interest in the EDC expert group open until 28 June

Issues of concern:

✓ Global consultation process in 2023 (inc. call for written inputs and global consultation meeting, close to 200 pax exchanged views)

✓ Summary of views made available to UNEA-6 (advance unedited)
## Key findings

### INSIGHTS AND CONCLUSIONS FROM STAKEHOLDERS

- Further International Action is needed to address the 19 IoC
- Chemicals disproportionately impact at-risk populations
- Need to enhance Transparency and Information Access
- Education, awareness-raising, and knowledge-sharing critical
- Need for holistic and integrated solutions

### METALS AND METALLOIDS – STAKEHOLDERS CALLS FOR

- Legally binding instrument e.g. Minamata Convention and initiatives e.g. Global Mercury Partnership.
- More transparency on uses and releases
- Expanding the remit of existing instruments

### PESTICIDES – STAKEHOLDERS CALLS FOR

- International Action on HHPs, glyphosate, and neonicotinoids due to their impacts, though some disputed evidence of harm
- Recognition of their economic, commercial and societal importance
- Improving labelling requirements
- Addressing regulatory concerns on HHP export

### PHARMACEUTICALS – STAKEHOLDERS CALLS FOR

- Addressing EPPPs as a rapidly-growing problem due to increasing use and environmental impacts
- More coordinated international response

### CHEMICALS IN PRODUCTS - STAKEHOLDERS CALLS FOR

- Addressing lack of knowledge on product chemical content and GHS implementation
- Recognizing risk to children
- Potential solutions through new and forthcoming instrument

### LOOKING FORWARD: OPTIONS FOR NEXT STEPS

- Call upon new instruments and build on existing ones
- Several factors to be considered
- Holistic and coordinated approach, linking with other global agendas and international forums
Implementing UNEA resolutions

Resolution 6/9 – Sound management of chemicals and Waste:

✓ UNEP, together with IOMC Partner Organizations, is supporting the development of implementation programmes as well as the development of a measurability structure for the Global Framework on Chemicals

✓ UNEP is to prepare a report building on existing measures and initiatives to address lead, cadmium, arsenic, and organotins

Resolution 6/11 - Highly Hazardous Pesticides:

✓ UNEP is working very closely with FAO, WHO, ILO and UNDP to operationalize the Global Alliance on Highly Hazardous Pesticides.

✓ Promoting the Guidelines on Alternatives to Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs)
PGA Appoints Co-facilitators

Barbados | Malta

Scope & Modalities Resolution A/Res/78/269

Multi-stakeholder hearing

Inter-governmental Negotiations

1st Reading – 30 May 2024
2nd reading - 13 June 2024
3rd reading – 10 July 2024
4th reading – 23 July 2024
Under Silence: 2 Aug 2024

WHA 77 – DG Round Table on AMR

G7, Italy

Theme: ‘Investing in the present and securing our future together: accelerating multisectoral global, regional and national actions to address antimicrobial resistance’

Theme: ‘From declaration to implementation’

79th UNGA HLM on AMR

4th Ministerial Conference

G20, Brazil

2024 United Nations High-Level meeting on AMR
Quadripartite PREPARATORY roadmap

2023

Oct
25 Mar
15 May
31 May

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02 Aug
26 Sept
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Welcome and Introduction
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Q&A

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