

CropLife International Statement on the Global Chemicals Outlook II Policymaker Summary

Background:

Today (March 11) the United Nations Environment Programme published a summary for policymakers and synthesis report of the [Global Chemicals Outlook II: From Legacies to Innovative Solutions – Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). The report finds that while progress has been made towards the sound management of chemicals and waste, efforts must be increased to ensure effective management of chemicals in line with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The full Global Chemicals Outlook II will be launched in April.

Statement:

Pesticides are a critical tool to help farmers around the world protect their crops, ensure their livelihoods and provide food to a growing population. But more must be done, by all stakeholders, to ensure the safe and responsible use of pesticides, especially in low income countries.

CropLife International welcomes the GCO-II document which calls for a range of actions to help meet the global goals – including improved capacity building, lifecycle approaches, hazard and risk management, and use of science in policymaking – all of which sit at the heart of CropLife International’s global activities.

For example, in addition to member company efforts, the global CropLife network has developed more than 300 partnerships to [train 4 million farmers](#) in integrated pest management and responsible use of pesticides since 2005. Plastic container management is another focus, where 780 tons of plastic were collected across 58 countries in 2017.

Find more about CropLife International’s contributions to the sound management of pesticides [here](#).