

# STRATEGIC APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT: HIGH AMBITION ALLIANCE

## Why is this important?

Chemicals are widely produced and used throughout the world and their production and use is increasing. Many of these chemicals have hazardous properties and can travel long distances through transboundary pathways into the OSPAR Maritime Area. The concept of a High Ambition Alliance (HAA) was inspired by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Its objective is to enhance awareness, ensure commitments and promote ambitious, sound management of chemicals and waste action at all levels. Its membership comprises committed, national ministries, as well as senior representatives from intergovernmental organisations, industry, and civil society.

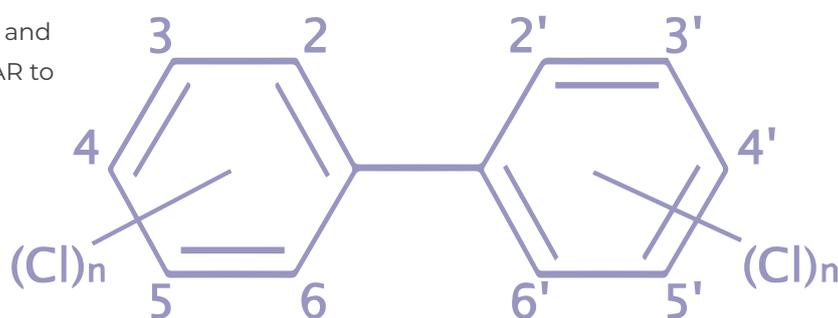
## What is OSPAR doing?

The OSPAR Convention requires Contracting Parties to take all possible steps to prevent and eliminate pollution from land-based sources through concerted action at national, regional, and global levels. It therefore makes sense for OSPAR to support international initiatives to improve the management of chemicals and waste at the global level. OSPAR's membership of the HAA will signal that OSPAR has high ambitions in the management of hazardous substances both in the OSPAR Maritime Area and globally, and that international cooperation is valued.

## How will this benefit the North-East Atlantic?

### Membership will:

- Further strengthen the multilateral and bilateral cooperation with International Governmental Organisations and competent bodies for the benefit of an effective conservation of the North-East Atlantic;
- Contribute to the delivery of the UN Sustainable Development Goals; and
- Strengthen cooperative work to meet common challenges related to the implementation of OSPAR objectives with the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans.



For more information on OSPAR's membership of the HAA please visit the [OSPAR website](http://www.ospar.org)

