



Inter-Organization Programme for the
Sound Management of Chemicals

**WORKING TOGETHER TO
END CHEMICAL POLLUTION**






Reflections by the IOMC to inform stakeholder consultations on the development of GFC Implementation Programmes

IOMC Webinar «*Global Dialogue on GFC
Implementation Programmes*»

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Strategic Objectives of the Global Chemicals Framework: For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste

	<p>A. Legal frameworks, institutional mechanisms and capacities are in place to support and achieve the safe and sustainable management of chemicals throughout their life cycle.</p>	<p>Targets A1-A7</p>
	<p>B. Comprehensive and sufficient knowledge, data and information are generated, available and accessible to all to enable informed decisions and actions.</p>	<p>Targets B1-B7</p>
	<p>C. Issues of concern are identified, prioritized and addressed</p>	<p>Target C1</p>
	<p>D. Safer alternatives and innovative and sustainable solutions in product value chains are in place so that benefits to human health and the environment are maximized and risks are prevented or, where prevention is not feasible, minimized.</p>	<p>Targets D1- D7</p>
	<p>E. Enhanced implementation occurs through increased and effective resource mobilization, partnerships, cooperation, capacity-building, and integration into all relevant decision-making processes.</p>	<p>Targets E1-E6</p>





Key challenge addressed in today's Global Dialogue:

How can GFC Implementation Programmes be designed to create value-added for stakeholders and accelerate progress to achieve the Strategic Objectives and Targets of the GFC?

N.B. the webinar today does not address the range of other GFC implementation actions by stakeholders, including those of IOMC Participating Organizations.



Presentation Overview

- Part 1: References in the GFC to Implementation Programmes
- Part 2: Proposed common Programme features and success indicators
- Part 3: Initial considerations on Implementation Programme topics referenced in the GFC



Part 1: References in the GFC to Implementation Programmes



GFC VI. Mechanisms to support implementation

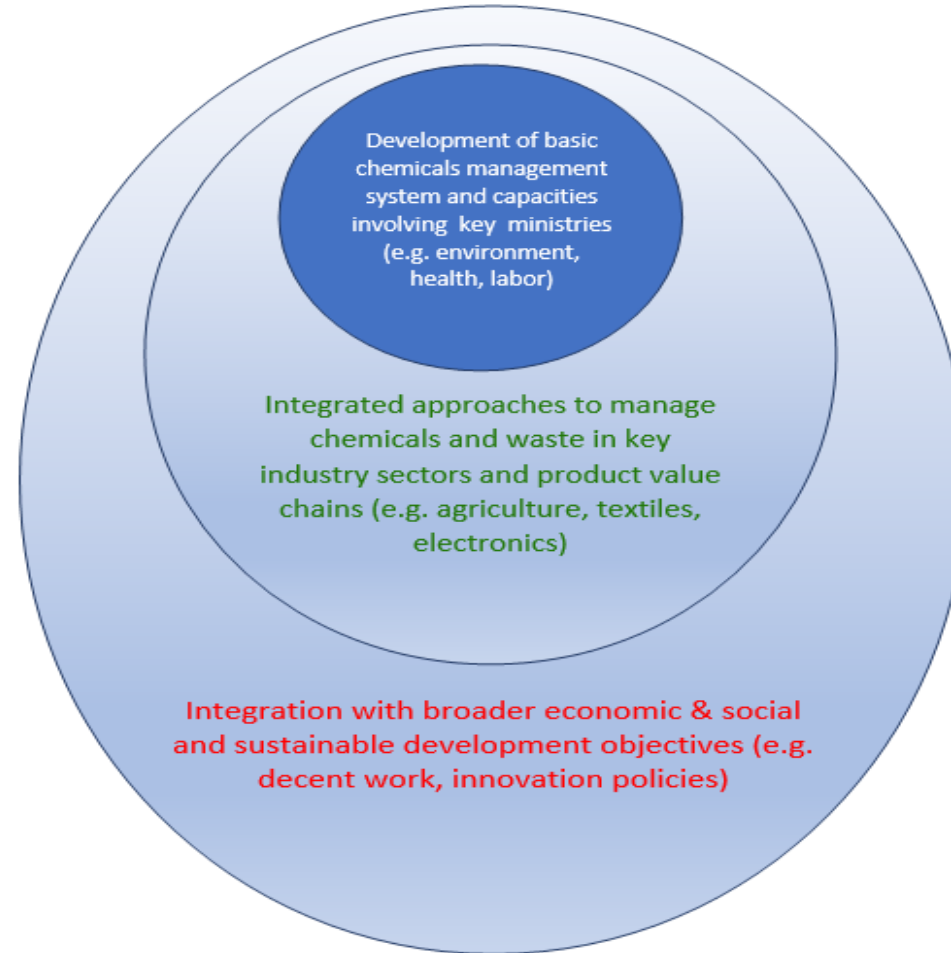
A. Implementation programmes

- **The International Conference may adopt programmes** to support the implementation of the Framework to achieve its “Strategic objectives and targets”
- Programmes should have their own focus and engage relevant sectors and stakeholders
- Programmes could include actions that stakeholders intend to initiate or contribute to meet the relevant targets
- **Programmes should have mandates, terms of reference, workplans** and/or other mechanisms
- Participation in Programmes open to all relevant stakeholders and sectors
- The International Conference may establish ad hoc working groups to provide guidance and mobilize engagement.

ICCM 5 Resolution V/8 on “Implementation arrangements”

- Urges Governments, intergovernmental organizations, civil society and the private sector to comprehensively implement the GFC
- **Invites the IOMC, governments, and stakeholders “to collaborate on, and develop proposals for implementation programmes (...)”**
- Proposals should address **“respective mandates, terms of reference, workplans and other mechanisms”**
- Possible adoption at the next International Conference (2026) should **not delay immediate stakeholder action**
- Reference to the value and dimensions of **integrated chemicals and waste management**

Three dimensions of integrated chemicals and waste management





V/8: Areas of work for Implementation Programmes to be considered

- Developing integrated **national chemicals and waste management systems and capacities** at the national and regional levels;
- Integrating sound chemicals and waste management in **economic and industrial sectors along value chains**;
- Integrating sound chemicals and waste management in **sustainable development decision-making processes**, as appropriate; and
- Addressing **issues of concern**, as appropriate.



Part 2: Proposed common Programme features and success indicators



Potential features and value-added of GFC implementation programmes

- **Awareness:** Raising awareness of the GFC and targets by reaching out to relevant stakeholders
- **Knowledge:** Identifying good practices and fostering knowledge-sharing
- **Collaboration:** Strengthening collaboration and coordination of stakeholder actions
- **Guidance:** Taking stock of guidance and technical support and filling gaps, as appropriate
- **Finance:** Helping to access financial and technical support (e.g. through matchmaking/twinning initiatives)
- **Analysis:** Assessing progress to reach respective targets, identify challenges and foster solutions



Indicative questions to assess programme SUCCESS

Has a Programme been able to.....

- reach out to and engage new stakeholders?
- catalyze new implementing activities by stakeholders?
- identify and widely share good implementation practices?
- coordinate and create synergies in implementation activities?
- provide access to and/or mobilize additional resources for implementation?
- identify implementation bottlenecks and solutions?

Ultimate indicator: How has an Implementation Programme accelerated collaboration and progress to achieve the specific GFC Targets?



Possible common elements of Programme TORs

- Relevant GFC strategic objective, targets, and indicators
- Stakeholders concerned and encouraged to engage
- Type of action and activities encouraged and included
- Knowledge-sharing mechanism (e.g. on front runner action, coordination, challenges, etc.)
- Implementing mechanism/vehicles (e.g. alliances, partnerships, communities of practice)
- Resources considerations
- Reporting back to the International Conference
- Any other relevant aspect



Part 3: Initial IOMC considerations for
Implementation Programmes topics
referenced in the GFC

Programme 1: Strengthening national systems and capacities *Initial Reflections and possible activities*

Proposed focus

- GFC Strategic Objective A and Target A1 (legal frameworks and institutional capacity)
- Other targets: A2, A3, A5, A6, A7, B1, B2, B3, B4, B6, D2, D4, D7, E2, E3, E5, E6



Preparatory IOMC activities

- Development of a tool for countries to undertake a self-assessment regarding their national chemicals legislation (baseline and needs analysis)
- Concept paper/guideline on options to develop sustainable basic chemicals legislation & and development of model legislation modules / building blocks

Consultative process/activities

- Dedicated follow-up webinar on National Systems and Capacities, 3rd Q 2024
- Global expert and knowledge sharing workshop on sustainable chemicals legislation, 1st Q 2025
- Global workshop on an IP on national systems and capacities (Mandate, TORs, etc.), 1st Q 2025



Questions for consultation

- What are innovative policy models, approaches and good practices to inform country action to promulgate chemicals management legislation and systems that are financially sustainable?
- How can knowledge-sharing of good practices, partnership development and coordination be fostered, including through south-south, north-south and triangular collaboration?
- How can countries participating in an Implementation Programme be assisted to access support and financing, e.g. from GFCF, bilateral sources, industry, etc.
- How can capacity development activities of IOMC POs, bilateral actors, NGOs and industry be coordinated and their effectiveness be ensured?

Proposed Programme 2:

Strengthening economic and industry sector engagement and action

Initial Reflections and possible activities

Proposed focus

- GFC Strategic Objective D: Targets D6 & D3 (Sustainable chemical and waste management strategies in major economic and industry sectors & Private and finance sector strategies)
- Other Targets: A3, A4, A7, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6, B7, D1, D4, D7, E2, E3, E6



Preparatory IOMC technical activities

- IOMC industry outreach survey, July 2024
- Fostering early engagement with economic and industry sectors (i.e. Health care, Textiles, Electronics, Construction, Agriculture, Pharmaceuticals, Finance and Investment)
- Guidance to support chemicals and waste strategies in economic and industry sectors (D 6 and D3)

Consultative process

- Dedicated follow-up webinar, 3rd Q 2024
- Global workshop on an IP addressing industry (Mandate, TORs etc.), 1st/2nd Q 2025
- Back-to-back dialogue with industry leaders and associations, 1st/2nd Q 2025



Questions for consultation

- What are incentives for industry stakeholders to engage in GFC Implementation Programmes. How can they be effectively mobilized, including in developing regions?
- How can chemicals and waste management strategies developed by industry (Targets D6) inform investment choices of the financial sector/investors (Target D3)?
- How can chemicals of concerns and green and sustainable chemistry solutions be brought into sector strategies?
- Which other stakeholders need to be engaged to promote a high level of ambition and sustainability of industry strategies?
- How can momentum for effective partnerships be generated within and across industry sectors?
- What are monitoring parameters to enable assessment of industry sector performance over time?

Proposed Programme 3: Linking chemicals and waste management with sustainable development decision-making processes *Initial reflections and possible related activities*

Proposed focus

- Strategic Objective E of the GFC and Target E 6 (By 2030, stakeholders identify and strengthen, linkages between chemicals and waste management and other key policies (e.g. climate change, biodiversity, human rights protection, primary health care))
- Other relevant Targets: A3, A6, A7, B4, B5, C1, D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, E1, E2

Preparatory IOMC technical activities

- Development of short primers on specific SD topics and targets
- Topics considered for primers include: national development planning; climate change; biodiversity; pollution, education policies; innovation policies; universal health coverage; and MEAs

Consultative process

- Dedicated follow-up webinar, 3rd/4th Q 2024
- Development of a discussion document on “Possible GFC Implementation Programme on integrating chemicals management in sustainable development decision-making processes”
- Document could feed into OEWG in June 2025 and elicit feedback towards developing a mandate, TORs, and workplans in 2025/2026





Questions for consultation

- What are priority sustainable development processes (international and national) that can benefit from mainstreaming chemicals and waste management considerations?
- For the identified sustainable development decision-making processes, how can chemicals and waste management objectives be integrated into their relevant programmes, projects, and financing?
- Who are the thought leaders and stakeholder champions ready to engage in innovative action at the international and national levels?



Milestones towards the 2026 International Conference

- Webinars on three IOMC proposed programmes and other related topics, 2024
- 3rd Berlin Forum on Chemicals and Sustainability - Implementing the Global Framework on Chemicals, 5-6 September 2024 – online” (German BMUV, co-hosted by IOMC)
- Global workshops on two proposed Programmes 1 & 2 (draft mandate, draft TORs and workplans) 1st and 2nd Q 2025 (tbc)
- Information document(s) for the OEWG, June 2025
- Refinement of draft mandate, draft TORs and workplans, 3rd/4th 2025
- Discussion on and possible adoption at the next Conference, 2026

“The IOMC vision is to shape a sustainable future through coordinated global action to achieve the sound lifecycle management of chemicals and waste for healthy lives and the environment.”

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