

Global Stakeholder Dialogue on GFC Implementation Programmes

convened by the IOMC

3 July 2024 | **14:00-15:30 (CEST)** | **via Zoom**

IOMC Webinar Series in support of GFC Implementation (webinar #1)

Programme and Information Note

Background

The [Global Framework on Chemicals](#), adopted by the ICCM5 in Bonn, Germany in 2023, provides a vision for a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste, for a safe, healthy and sustainable future.

The Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC) is committed to supporting the implementation of the GFC and has accepted the invitation in [ICCM5 Resolution V/8](#) to work together with stakeholders in developing mandates, terms of reference, and workplans for possible “Implementation Programmes” (IPs) for consideration by the first International Conference in 2026. Specific topics that can be addressed by IPs are mentioned in the Resolution:

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

Dialogue format and objectives

The dialogue will be held in the form of a webinar, the first in a series of webinars on topics related to GFC implementation. The objective of this first dialogue is to canvass views and start a discussion with all stakeholders on (1) the nature of IPs to foster a shared vision, and (2) the method of collaboration regarding the development, design, and formulation of IPs and the steps and activities we need to take in the inter-sessional period. IOMC will make a short presentation based on previous work at ICCM-5 and earlier to provide some ideas for reflection.

The webinar will be conducted in English only.

Questions for participants

In order to structure the discussion, we are asking you to address three questions:

- (1) For your organization, what is your vision of IPs? What would be their structure and important features? What are the potential benefits and value added? What would determine success?
- (2) How would you like to be engaged and contribute to the development of IPs? What would create your organization's "ownership" of the stakeholder process and results? Which concepts and activities do you propose? Which areas and questions interest you most?
- (3) Which stakeholder activities and consultations should we pursue (including further webinars) and when? On which topics? What progress should we have achieved by mid-2025?

Please focus your verbal contributions only to these three questions. We would like to hear from as many webinar participants as possible.

Given time constraints, the webinar will not entertain general questions about the GFC or topics that are unrelated to the objectives of the webinar. We may forward such questions to the relevant organizations. Please understand that the webinar may not be able to address all questions or comments. But we will make every effort to reply after the webinar and/or raise any unanswered issues at subsequent webinars.

We want to hear the views of all participants!

You are encouraged to provide input in the following ways:

- Verbal contributions during the webinar: the time limit is one minute; your contribution must address one of the three questions above.
- Written contributions using the webinar chat function.
- By email or by leaving a comment on the IP webinars website.

After the webinar

We will collect as many views as possible during this webinar. These contributions will be used as input for a concept paper on IPs, which IOMC will circulate shortly after the first webinar. The concept paper can then provide a basis for continued and deeper, more concrete discussions about IPs - we aim to hold the second webinar and provide an opportunity for feedback before the end of July 2024. Further webinars are also envisaged during the second half of 2024.

Provisional Programme (tbc)

14:00 Welcome: IOMC Chair (Johannes Heister, World Bank)

14:03 Opening remarks: Kay Williams (Head of the GFC Secretariat)

14:07 Introduction to topic and format: Johannes Heister (World Bank)

14:10 Introductory presentation by IOMC (Achim Halpaap, advisor to IOMC)

14:25 Input from stakeholders: moderated by Manal Azzi (ILO)

15:25 Summary of discussion and next steps: IOMC Vice-Chair (Jorge Ocaña, UNITAR)

15:30 Close of webinar

For more information:

- Global Framework on Chemicals: <https://www.chemicalsframework.org/>
- IOMC and the GFC: <https://partnership.who.int/iomc/global-framework-on-chemicals>
- IOMC webinar series in support of GFC Implementation:
<https://chemicalsandwaste.wixsite.com/iomcwebinar>
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