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IOMC Webinar Report

Global Stakeholder Dialogue Regarding GFC Implementation Programmes

Convened by the IOMC

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Introduction

The Global Framework on Chemicals, adopted by the ICCM-5 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 strongly committed to playing an important role in supporting the implementation of the GFC and has accepted the invitation in ICCM5 Resolution V/8 to develop “Implementation Programmes” (IPs) for consideration by the first International Conference in 2026, to be done in close collaboration with stakeholders.¹

The “Global Stakeholder Dialogue on GFC Implementation Programmes,” was the first in a series of webinars on topics related to GFC implementation. This webinar was intended as an initial discussion with all interested stakeholders to consider how to collaborate on the development, design, and formulation of specific implementation programmes and to identify what steps and activities are needed now in the inter-sessional period.

The webinar’s main objective was to collect as many comments from participants as possible, including ideas about the vision for the Implementation Programmes and how the GFC community can work together to develop them going forward to the OWEG next June and ultimately the next International Conference in 2026 and beyond.

The webinar included opening remarks and an introductory session on the GFC, a series of reflections by the IOMC to inform stakeholder consultations, and an open session for stakeholders' input. The discussion was focused on three groups of 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?

The webinar was moderated by the IOMC Chair, Johannes Heister (World Bank).

¹ <https://partnership.who.int/iomc/global-framework-on-chemicals>

Agenda

| Time | Session | Speaker/Moderator |
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| 14:00 | Welcome | Johannes Heister (IOMC Chair, World Bank) |
| 14:03 | Opening remarks | Kay Williams (Head of the GFC Secretariat) |
| 14:07 | Introduction to topic and format | Johannes Heister (IOMC Chair, World Bank) |
| 14:10 | Introductory presentation by IOMC | Achim Halpaap (Advisor to IOMC) |
| 14:25 | Input from stakeholders | Moderator: Manal Azzi (Team Lead, ILO) |
| 15:25 | Summary of discussion and next steps | Jorge Ocaña (IOMC Vice-Chair, UNITAR) |
| 15:30 | Close of webinar | |

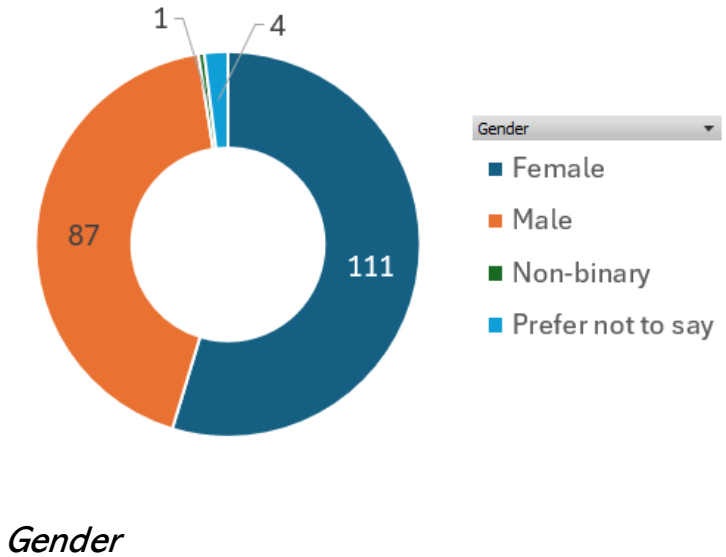
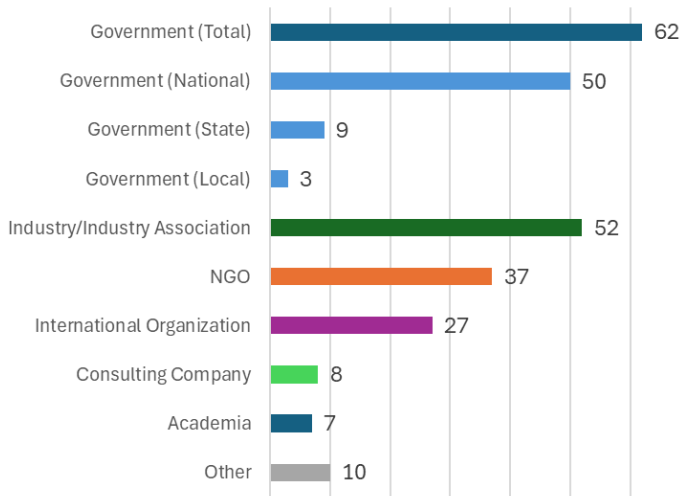
Available resources

- [Flyer](#)
- [Webinar programme and information note](#)
- [Presentation - Reflections by the IOMC](#)
- [Presentation - Global Framework on Chemicals](#)
- [Webinar #1 Satisfaction Survey](#)
- [Recording](#)

Attendance breakdown and representation

A total of **203 participants** in the webinar.

Sectors

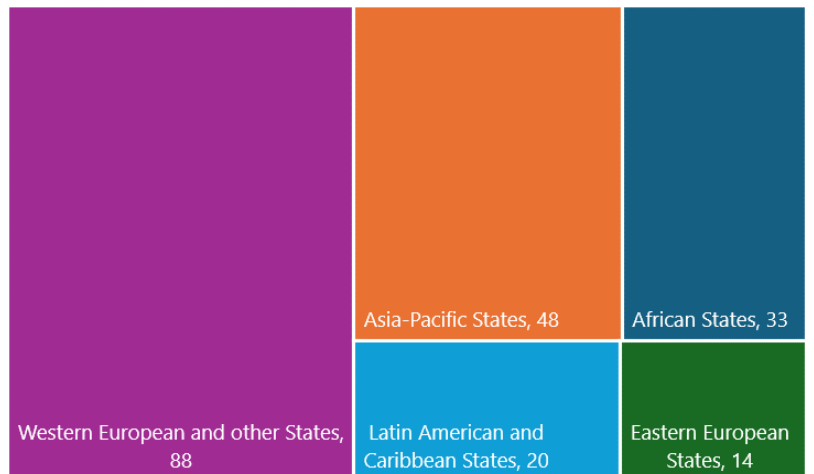


Satisfaction Survey Results

- Webinar rated as “Excellent”.
- Speakers presented the information: extremely well.
- 100% suggested to continue with same methodology (short presentations and space for stakeholders’ input).

Important takeaway: “Collaboration among stakeholders and various sectors (...) will improve policy making and implementation (...)”.

Regions



Key Messages

A range of very useful comments and suggestions were provided, both about the overall vision and approach that implementation programmes (IPs) might take, as well as for some of the specific work areas, sectors, and topics that might be focused on going forward. Participants highlighted, in particular:

- the importance of inclusivity and global outreach, as well as education
- the need to recall the lessons from SAICM, work that has already been done, best practices, etc
- to consider how best to address issues of concern
- to consider “front runner” or “pilot” sectors, such as textiles and others
- to consider short-term vs long-term impact and scalability
- make attempts to engage a broad range of stakeholders, including new ones, with specific roles for women and youth
- to consider how to coordinate between implementation programmes, not only in isolation – the need for coherency and complementarity

Most importantly, the willingness and interest of stakeholders to work together to develop these programmes is very welcome by IOMC and indeed will be crucial to their success. These are not IOMC programmes, they are implementation programmes for all stakeholders.

Next steps:

- The IOMC will use the views provided during the webinar as input for a draft discussion paper on IPs, which IOMC will circulate after the webinar with a request for comments, including to national focal points. This draft discussion paper can provide a basis for continued, deeper, and more concrete discussions about IPs in subsequent sessions.
- IOMC will be sure to emphasise processes that are inclusive, multi-sectoral, and multi-stakeholder in developing implementation programmes.
- The IOMC will make every effort to consider any unanswered issues at subsequent webinars.