

Developing GFC Implementation Programmes: obtaining stakeholder feedback on initial IOMC suggestions for national systems, industry engagement, and sustainable development linkages

30 September 2024 | 13:00-14:30 (CEST) | via Zoom

IOMC Webinar Series in support of GFC Implementation (webinar #2)

English, French, and Spanish interpretation available

Programme and Information Note

Background

The <u>Global Framework on Chemicals</u>, 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.

Webinar format and objectives

Following the first "Global Stakeholder Dialogue on GFC Implementation Programmes" (webinar #1, 3 July 2024), this second webinar seeks initial stakeholder input on the proposals featured in the IOMC discussion note "Development of GFC implementation programmes: national systems, industry engagement, and sustainable development linkages".

The document features general considerations for GFC programme development, as well as suggestions for three programme topics referred to in the GFC: national systems, industry engagement, and sustainable development linkages. Later in 2024 dedicated webinars may be held on the three programme topics in order to generate further input.

During the webinar, the IOMC will present the ideas contained in the document, which was circulated to GFC stakeholders with a request to provide input by 30 Septembers 2024.

Questions for participants

During the webinar, participants have an opportunity to provide feedback, ask questions, share ideas, and help further develop the suggestions contained in the discussion document.

You are encouraged to provide input in the following ways:

- Short verbal contributions during the webinar.
- Written contributions using the webinar chat function.
- By email or by leaving a comment on the <u>IP webinars website</u>.

We want to hear the views of all participants!

Given time constraints, the webinar will <u>not</u> 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.

After the webinar

The webinar recording, presentations, and a short report will be posted on the webinar website.

Provisional Programme (tbc)

- 13:00 Welcome and introduction to webinar topic and format: IOMC Chair (Bob Diderich, OECD)
- 13:05 Remarks: Kay Williams (Head of the GFC Secretariat)
- 13:10 Input and discussion on general considerations (20 min)
 - Cross-cutting elements and features of GFC implementation programmes (Section 1.5)
 - Developing draft TORs using a common structure (Section 3.1)
- 13:30 Input and discussion on specific programme topics:
 - 13:30 Strengthening integrated national systems and capacities (Section 2.1)
 - 13:45 Strengthening economic and industry sector engagement and action (Section 2.2)
 - 14:00 Linking with sustainable development decision-making processes (Section 2.3)
- 14:15 Summary of discussion and next steps: Jorge Ocaña, UNITAR
- 14:30 Close of webinar

For more information:

- Global Framework on Chemicals: https://www.chemicalsframework.org/
- IOMC webinar series in support of GFC Implementation: https://iomcwebinars.org/current-webinar-series/
- IOMC and the GFC: https://partnership.who.int/iomc/global-framework-on-chemicals
- IOMC Secretariat: <u>kruegerj@who.int</u> www.iomc.info

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