



Inter-Organization Programme for the
Sound Management of Chemicals

WORKING TOGETHER TO
END CHEMICAL POLLUTION

Obtaining stakeholder input on suggestions by IOMC to inform the development of GFC Implementation Programmes

IOMC Webinar «*Developing GFC Implementation
Programmes*»

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Presentation Overview

(based on IOMC Discussion Document, August 2024, comments received by stakeholders, and insights from the September 2024 Berlin Forum on Chemicals and Sustainability)

- **Part 1: General considerations for developing GFC Implementation Programmes (1.5, 3.1)**
- **Part 2: Strengthening integrated national chemicals legislation and institutional capacities (Section 2.1)**
- **Part 3: Strengthening economic and industry sector engagement and action (Section 2.2)**
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- **Part 5: Next steps**



Part 1: General considerations for developing GFC Implementation Programmes

(Sections 1.5, 3.1)



GFC VI. Mechanisms to support implementation

A. Implementation programmes

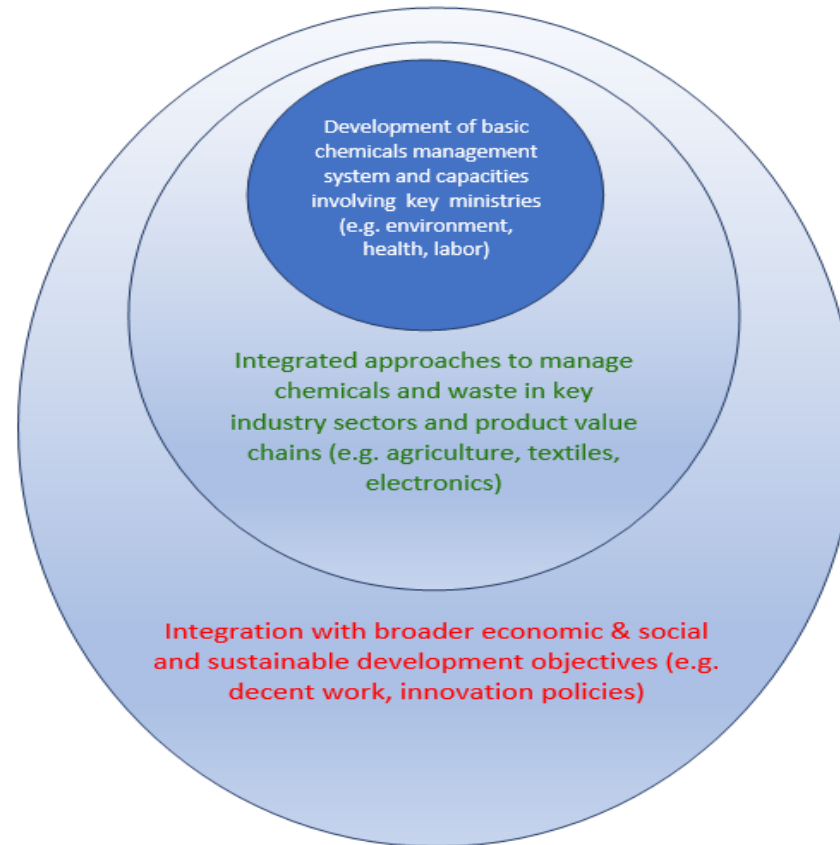
- **The International Conference may adopt programmes** to support the implementation of the Framework to achieve its “Strategic objectives and targets”
- Programmes should have their own focus and **engage relevant sectors and stakeholders**
- Programmes could include **actions that stakeholders intend 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**

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

Three dimensions of integrated chemicals and waste management



V/8: + addressing issues of concern, as appropriate.

Potential common features and value-added of GFC implementation programmes

- **Awareness raising:** Raising awareness of the GFC and targets by reaching out to relevant stakeholders
- **Multi-stakeholder engagement:** Engaging all GFC stakeholders, even if Programme targets a specific stakeholder group
- **Knowledge:** Identifying good practices and fostering knowledge-sharing
- **Coordination and collaboration:** Strengthening coordination and collaboration of stakeholder actions
- **Guidance:** Taking stock of guidance and technical support and filling gaps, as appropriate
- **Project development:** Technical support for developing project proposals
- **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

Possible common elements of GFC Programme TORs

1. Relevant GFC targets
2. Stakeholders encouraged to engage
3. Type of programmatic action, projects and activities encouraged
4. Linkages with other GFC implementation programmes and activities
5. Criteria for stakeholder participation
6. Governance arrangements (multi-stakeholder)
7. Knowledge-sharing (e.g. on front runner action, coordination, challenges, etc.)
8. Implementing mechanism/vehicles (e.g. alliance, partnerships, communities of practice)
9. Financing and resources considerations
10. Reporting back to the International Conference



Indicative questions to assess programme SUCCESS

Has a Programme been able to.....

- reach out to all, 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?**



Part 2: Strengthening integrated national chemicals legislation and institutional capacities

(Section 2.1)

Proposed Programme 1: Strengthening integrated national chemicals legislation and institutional capacities

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



Initial activities (under development and consideration)

- Concept paper on “Options for developing basic national chemicals legislation for industrial and consumer product chemicals”
- Development of legislative modules / building blocks to fill gaps and address emerging topics of interest

Possible topics: mutual acceptance of data, hazard classifications and assessment methods; streamlined risk assessment/management decision-making for industrial and consumer product chemicals; incentives for green and sustainable chemistry innovation; and cost recovery and sustainability of national systems.

- IOMC/GFC Survey to identify countries interested and committed to strengthen their national chemicals legislation and institutional capacities
- Identification of countries and organizations available to provide support (“match-making”)
- Development and dissemination of a tool to support countries in self assessing their national chemicals legislation and institutional capacities (“baseline and needs analysis”)
- Provide technical support to interested countries in developing project proposals



Programme 1: Consultative process/activities and development of draft Terms of Reference and Workplan

2024 Activities

- Development of a discussion document on a “GFC Implementation Programme on strengthening integrated national chemicals legislation and institutional capacities”; 3rd Q 2024
- Webinar on an “Implementation Programme on integrated national chemicals management legislation and institutional capacities” (*planned*)

2025 Activities

Back-to-back global workshops, 1st/2nd Q 2025

- “Strengthening legislation and institutional capacities for industrial chemicals and consumer product chemicals”
- “Developing a GFC Implementation Programme on strengthening integrated national chemicals legislation and institutional capacities: Mandate, TORs and Workplan”
- Submission of Inf Note to OEWG, June 2025



Discussion Questions

- Are the proposed initial activities valuable? What is missing?
- What can be done to raise awareness on the topic in developing countries?
- How can capacity development activities of IOMC POs, bilateral actors, NGOs and industry be identified and coordinated?



Part 3: Strengthening economic and industry sector engagement and action

(Section 2.2)

Proposed Programme 2:

Strengthening economic and industry sector engagement and action

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



Initial activities (under development and consideration)

- IOMC industry sector outreach survey, July 2024
- Fostering early engagement with selected industry sectors (i.e. Health Care, Textiles, Electronics, Construction, Pharmaceuticals, Finance and Investment)
- Overall guidance to support development of chemicals and waste strategies in economic and industry sectors (D 6)
- Identification of possible additional topics for guidance development (e.g. chemical footprint assessment, transparency on chemical information in the value chain)

Programme 2: Consultative process/activities and development of draft Terms of Reference and workplan

2024 Activities

- Development of a separate discussion document on an GFC Implementation Programme on “Strengthening economic and industry sector engagement and action”; 3rd Q 2024
- Webinar on an Implementation Programme on GFC Implementation Programme on “Strengthening economic and industry sector engagement and action” (*planned*)

2025 Activities

Back-to-back global workshops, 1st/2nd Q 2025

- “Developing a GFC Implementation Programme on strengthening economic and industry sector engagement and action: Mandate, TORs, workplan and strategy development guidance (Target D6)”
- “Identifying opportunities to engage institutional investors and strengthening disclosure & reporting standards for GFC implementation (Target D3)”
- Submission of Inf Note to OEWG, June 2025



Discussion questions

- Are the proposed initial activities valuable? What is missing?
- How can chemicals and waste management strategies developed by industry (Target D6) inform disclosure standards and investment choices of the financial sector/investors (Target D3)?
- How can momentum be nurtured in specific industry sectors to develop sector implementation programmes (health care, electronics, textile, private finance, etc.)
- Umbrella programme (guidance, knowledge-sharing, oversight) comprised of industry sector programmes?



Part 4: Linking with sustainable development decision-making processes

(Section 2.3)

Programme 3: Linking chemicals and waste management with sustainable development decision-making processes

Proposed focus

- Strategic Objective E of the GFC and Target E 6 *
- Other relevant Targets: A3, A6, A7, B4, B5, C1, D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, E1, E2

Initial activities (under preparation and consideration)

- Development of short primers on specific SD topics and targets

Possible Topics: national development planning; climate change; biodiversity; education; innovation; health care; and MEAs

- Exploring opportunities to develop a possible Programme on “Chemicals and Climate Change”

* 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)





Programme 3: Consultative process/activities and development of draft Terms of Reference and workplan

2024 Activities

- Dedicated follow-up webinar (*planned*)

2025 Activities

- Development of a discussion document on “Possible GFC Implementation Programme on integrating chemicals management in sustainable development decision-making processes”
- Inf document for OEWG, June 2025 to elicit feedback towards developing a mandate, TORs, and workplan



Discussion questions

- Are the proposed initial activities valuable? What is missing?
- How can momentum be nurtured to foster programmatic work on specific topics (e.g. development planning, climate change, education)
- Are there stakeholder champions ready to engage in the development of a Programme/workstream on the above topics?



Part 5: Next Steps

Milestones towards the 2026 International Conference

- Final comments on the concepts in the document by 15 October (received input will be posted on the webinar website)
- Follow-up webinars on the proposed programmes in 2024 / early 2025 (planned)
- Global multi-stakeholder workshops (draft mandates, TORs, and workplans)
 - > Integrated national chemicals management legislation and institutional capacities, 1st/ 2nd Q 2025
 - > Economic and industry sector engagement and action (including institutional investors/finance sector), 1st/2nd Q 2025
- Information document(s) for the OEWG, June 2025
- Refinement of draft mandates, draft TORs and workplans, 3rd/4th Q 2025
- Discussion on and possible adoption at the next International Conference, end of 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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