Turning GFC Ambitions into Action: Pilot Testing an Industry Self-Assessment Tool

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Information Note and Agenda

Context

The Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) relies on companies and industry sectors turning its strategic objectives and targets into practical action. To do this, companies and their associations need to understand what the GFC means for them, where they stand today, and what they can do to improve. An IOMC/GFC survey conducted in 2025 affirmed that an industry self-assessment tool could help them do exactly this. It would provide industry stakeholders with a simple way to learn about the GFC, assess progress, identify gaps and priorities, and encourage action. It would also help industry associations guide and support their members.

The tool could also help build an understanding of progress by industry associations and across industry sectors, without requiring detailed information from every individual company at the global level. It could link to and complement existing company sustainability reporting and help demonstrate progress to investors and other stakeholders. A pilot would allow the approach to be tested and improved with companies and industry associations before it is made more widely available. The aim is to provide a practical resource that industry stakeholders can use voluntarily to turn the GFC's ambitions into measurable action along value chains. It is not intended to establish a global reporting tool or a new reporting obligation for companies. The IOMC's role would be to catalyze and support this process.

About this webinar

Webinar #8 in the series of IOMC webinars on the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) Implementation Programmes (IPs) will introduce and discuss the purpose, potential value and proposed approach to develop and test an industry self-assessment tool in 2027 to support industry stakeholders along value chains to assess where they stand, and develop or strengthen strategies to implement the GFC as called for by Target D6. The tool is an activity under the proposed GFC implementation programme on “Industry engagement and action

along value chains" (IP2), which will be discussed at the First International Conference (IC-1: 16-20 November 2026, Geneva).

The webinar will cover a range of topics including the following:

- Building blocks and checklist questions to support industry implementation of the GFC
- Self-assessment methodology and maturity criteria
- Linking GFC self-assessments with corporate sustainability reporting
- Supporting information and digital platform
- Governance arrangements and activities for the 2027 pilot phase.

In order to ensure selection of a diverse spectrum of industry and other stakeholders in the pilot, stakeholders interested in participating are encouraged to contact the IOMC.

This webinar is part of continuing consultations with stakeholders regarding the proposals for GFC Implementation Programmes which will be considered at the First International Conference (IC-1: 16-20 November 2026, Geneva).

The webinar recording, presentations, and a short report will be posted online.

Provisional Programme

(1) Welcome and introduction – *5 minutes*

- Achim Halpaap, Senior Advisor, IOMC (moderator)
- Kay Williams, GFC Secretariat

(2) Introductory presentation: "GFC IP2 Building Blocks and Pilot Testing the Industry Self-Assessment Tool" - *10 minutes*

- Oliver Wootton, UNITAR

(3) Interactive panel: perspectives from stakeholders and experts - *25 minutes*

- Nicole Wenzel, BASF
- Rakesh Vazirani, Decarbonization & Cleaner Production Advisor
- Alessandra Azevedo, Projeto Hospitais Saudáveis / Health Care without Harm
- Ellen S. Goldberg, Clean Production Action
- Anja Klauk, German Environment Agency
- Aiden Choles, Unifi Value Frameworks
- Markos Ieridis, UNEP

(4) Discussion with webinar participants - *15 minutes*

(5) Summary of discussion and next steps - *5 minutes*

(6) Close of webinar

Background to the webinar series

The Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC), 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.

The IOMC initiated a series of webinars starting in 2024 as a contribution to the implementation of the Global Framework on Chemicals. The webinars are open to all interested stakeholders participating in the GFC, as well as other stakeholders active or interested in the chemicals and waste management area.

For more information:

- Global Framework on Chemicals: https://www.unep.org/global-framework-chemicals
- IOMC webinar series in support of GFC Implementation: https://iomcwebinars.org/gfc-implementation/
- IOMC and GFC IPs: https://iomc.info/support-for-gfc-implementation-programmes
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