

Regional consultations on GFC Implementation Programmes: Proposals for the First International Conference (IC-1)

*IOMC Webinar Series in support of GFC Implementation (webinar #7)
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| Asia Pacific | 5 May 2026 | 8:00 – 9:30 CEST | English only |
| Africa, Central & Eastern Europe | 6 May 2026 | 10:00 – 11:30 CEST | English, French, & Russian translation |
| Latin America and the Caribbean | 7 May 2026 | 16:00 – 17:30 CEST | English & Spanish translation |

* Stakeholders are invited to participate in the webinar that fits their location/time zone *

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Information Note and Agenda

About this webinar

Webinar #7 in the series of IOMC [webinars](#) on the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) Implementation Programmes (IPs) focusses on the draft terms of reference and workplans for two proposed programmes:

- (1) *Strengthening Legal Frameworks and Institutional Capacities for Chemicals Management, and*
- (2) *Strengthening Economic and Industry Sector Engagement and Action for the Sound Management of Chemicals along Value Chains.*

Activities that are supporting a third work area on *Integrating Chemicals and Waste Issues in Sustainable Development Decision-making* will also be presented.

This webinar is a follow-up to the [5th webinar](#) held in November 2025 which provided an update on the work on the Implementation Programmes (IPs).

These regional webinars are part of continuing consultations with stakeholders regarding the proposals for GFC Implementation Programmes which need to be submitted in June 2026 for consideration of the [First International Conference](#) (IC-1: 16-20 November 2026, Geneva).

Provisional Programme

(1) Welcome and introduction: onward to the first International Conference (IC-1) – 10 minutes

- Hilda Van der Veen, IOMC Chair (UNDP)
- Kay Williams (GFC Secretariat)

(2) Overview of the Implementation Programmes (IPs) and cross-cutting work - 15 minutes

- Bob Diderich, OECD

(3) Strengthening Legal Frameworks and Institutional Capacities for Chemicals Management (“IP1”) – 15 minutes

- Bob Diderich, OECD

(4) Strengthening Economic and Industry Sector Engagement and Action for the Sound Management of Chemicals along Value Chains (“IP2”) – 15 minutes

- Achim Halpaap, Senior Advisor, IOMC

(5) Integrating Chemicals and Waste Issues in Sustainable Development Decision-making – 10 minutes

- Oliver Wootton, UNITAR

(6) Reflections from the World of Work – 5 minutes

- Halshka Graczyk, ILO

(7) Summary of discussion and next steps

- Jorge Ocaña, UNITAR
- Kay Williams, GFC Secretariat

(8) Close of webinar

Input by participants

Following each presentation, participants will have an opportunity to provide feedback, ask questions, and share ideas.

Participants are encouraged to provide input in the following ways:

- Short verbal contributions during the webinar.
- Written contributions using the webinar chat function.
- Written contributions by email.

We want to hear the views of all participants!

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. For information on the GFC, please refer to the [GFC website](#).

Please understand that the webinar may not be able to address all questions or comments. However, organizers and presenters will make every effort to reply after the webinar and/or raise any unanswered issues at subsequent webinars.

The webinar recording, presentations, and a short report will be posted on the [webinar website](#).

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](#) 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/current-webinar-series/>
- IOMC and GFC IPs: <https://iomc.info/support-for-gfc-implementation-programmes>
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