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Workstream on Transparency, Traceability, and Disclosure along Value Chains

Terms of Reference, workplan and latest activities

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About this document: This document contains the latest updates from the workstream, based on the Terms of Reference as agreed by the working group, including a list of initial activities and the workplan. Furthermore, detail is provided on the upcoming “landscape analysis” as well as an information webinar. An annex is provided with the latest list of members in the group.

Background

This thematic workstream on Transparency, Traceability, and Disclosure along Value Chains is proposed under the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) to support implementation efforts and improve the availability, accessibility, and interoperability of chemical information across global value chains. It is established as a “theme” under Implementation Programme 2: Strengthening Economic and Industry Sector Engagement and Action along Value Chains.

The proposed workstream brings together any interested stakeholder, such as governments, industry, standards bodies, intergovernmental organizations, civil society and workers’ groups¹ to accelerate progress toward transparent,

¹ For the purposes of these ToRs, this is understood to follow the language in fundamental ILO conventions: workers and their representatives, and workers’ organisations, and representative organisations of workers

interoperable, and harmonized chemical information flows along value chains and across product life cycles.

Proposing Stakeholders

This workstream is initiated with support from the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC), drawing on interest expressed by Member States, industry actors, NGOs, and technical experts during preparatory consultations for GFC implementation. As with other GFC thematic workstreams, participation is open to all stakeholders and relies on those willing to contribute expertise, time, and technical resources. UNITAR has offered to serve in a convenor role.

Building on existing work

Activities under this workstream will complement and align with previous and ongoing global efforts including:

- The **UNEP Global Framework for Digital Product Information Systems (DPIS)**
- **UNECE / ISO Digital Product Passport workstreams**
- The **UN Transparency Protocol (UNTP)**
- The **SAICM Chemicals in Products (CiP) Programme**
- and **other relevant conventions, agreements, principles or activities²**

Additionally, valuable experience of successful EU and industry-led initiatives on product traceability and hazard communication along the entire value chain will be analyzed and considered.

Global value chains increasingly demand compatible digital tools and harmonized standards to track chemicals (for example, to assess impact on human health and the environment), ensure regulatory compliance, enable reuse and recycling, protect workers and communities, and prevent regrettable substitution. This workstream addresses these needs by creating a shared knowledge base, considering the establishment of minimum standards, and promoting the adoption of interoperable models.

Objectives and Scope

The multistakeholder and multi-sector workstream aims to strengthen global practices on transparency, traceability and disclosure of chemical information by:

- Identifying user groups and their chemical information needs across sectors, regions, and value chain stages, including assessments of feasibility.

² For example, ILO Conventions 155, 170 and 187, BRS Conventions, Minamata Convention, Dubai Declaration, Rio Declaration and principles, and the Aarhus Convention, as well as other initiatives such as OECD work on business-to-business transparency guidelines and best practices on chemical data disclosure

- Raising awareness on information rights of all stakeholders that are already in existence
- Identify legislative tools and principles that would be needed or would enable transparency, traceability, and disclosure.
- Mapping and assessing existing tools, standards, and best practices, including digital systems, databases, disclosure frameworks, and industry platforms in various sectors, countries and regions.
- Developing minimum benchmarks and standards³ for transparency, traceability and disclosure in line with GFC targets.
- Supporting the further development and operationalization of UNEP's DPIS Framework, increasing coherence with regional models such as the EU ESPR, SCIP database, and emerging digital product passport schemes, and raising awareness on such activities
- Promoting interoperability and alignment with ISO, OECD, UNECE, and GFC processes, and respecting rights and duties delineated in all relevant global agreements.

An initial workplan and timeline for the workstream:

Pre-IC1 (November 2026)

a)	Assessment of user groups, user needs, best practices
b)	Agree working definitions of transparency, traceability and disclosure
c)	Define scope of work of the group
d)	Completed mapping report with recommendations.
e)	Report submitted as input to IC1

Post-IC1 (depending on work during 2026 and outcomes of IC1)

a)	Build consensus around minimum cross-sector transparency and traceability benchmarks (e.g., data fields, disclosure rules, verification, access levels).	Dec 2026-June 2027
b)	Minimum benchmarks endorsed by WG members.	June 2027-December 2027

³ Such benchmarks and standards should be fit-for-purpose and outcome-oriented. They should cover the information necessary to prevent concerns for human health, the environment, and safe recycling, while avoiding unnecessary burdens.

c)	Advancing Interoperability & DPIS Development	Jan 2027 – December 2027
d)	Submission to IC 2: Proposed benchmarks and recommendations	IC-2

Members and Governance

Participation is open to governments, industry, civil society, workers groups, academia, technical bodies, service providers and other stakeholders involved in work related to the workstream.

The workstream will:

- Be co-led by representatives selected by participating members, ensuring policy and technical balance.
- Be supported by the IOMC (UNITAR) in a convening role.
- Assign work, where relevant, to working groups, with designated co-chairs.
- Engage proactively and coordinate with other thematic areas and designated priority sectors, including those working all along the value chain
- Build on **voluntary time, expertise, and in-kind contributions**.

How to Get Involved

Stakeholders can join the workstream by filling out the expression of interest form and indicating their interest in contributing. Active participation – such as drafting, providing technical review, sharing case studies, or taking part in consultations – is expected.

Update on activities in 2026

Webinar:

On 5 October 2026, UNITAR is convening a webinar on Transparency, Traceability, and Disclosure along Value Chains, highlighting two, high-profile transparency tools; Digital Product Passports and Digital Material Passports. The webinar is open to all stakeholders, including other thematic workstreams and sectors. Information on the webinar will be made available on the relevant [IOMC webpage](#).

Landscape analysis:

Under a project funded by the German Government, UNITAR has committed to develop the “landscape analysis”, as a contribution to the theme and in line with the workplan. This will include an analysis of stakeholder needs, and a mapping and analysis of existing systems. Initial information is expected to be available in draft form by the time of the first International Conference and will be presented in relevant events.

Annex 1: Stakeholders who have requested membership of the working group

	Transparency, traceability, disclosure: database of contacts	
	Name	Agency/entity/company
1	Aditi Srivastava	UNEP
2	Alan Gomez	Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD)
3	Alexander Majer	Dow
4	Alexandra Caterbow	Health and Environment Justice Support
5	ALMEIDA Filipe	CEFIC
6	Andrea Redaelli	GLOBAMIND
7	Andreas Prevodnik	Swedish Society for Nature Conservation
8	Ann-Lise Mikolajczak	International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations
9	Anshuman P. Srivastava	<u>tbc</u>
10	Archana Datta	UNEP
11	Ascension Gonzalez	3M
12	Athena Zephyros	Environment Canada
13	Azeb Dagne	Ethiopian Environment Agency
14	Barbara Blaznik Marc	Chemicals Office of the Republic of Slovenia
15	Benjamin Warr	UNEP FI
16	Bernhard Frey	EFRAG
17	Bettina Heller	UNEP
18	Birgit Ahrens	German Environment Agency
19	Carmela Centeno	UNIDO
20	Caroline Boden	Mercu Investments
21	Cecilia Bianco	Taller Ecologista
22	Chikako SHINDO	Ministry of the Environment, Japan
23	Chinkie Pelino-Golle	Ecowaste coalition
24	Chrysanthi SOFOKLEOUS	CEFIC
25	Chuttoo Reeaz	ITUC Africa
26	Daneil Arrieta	Chevron Phillips Chemical
27	Danielle Morrison	ICMM

28	Davis, Raleigh	American Chemistry Council
29	Deidre Penfold	Chemical and Allied Industries' Association
30	Delena Indar	UNITAR
31	Edgardo Fontana	INTI (BCRC Argentina)
32	Edith-Cécile Kameni	IPEN Francophone Africa Hub
33	Elena Bonetti	UNICEF
34	Elitsa Dzhongova	<i>tbc</i>
35	Emiko Hase	Kao corporation
36	Eva Becker	German Environment Agency
37	Fabio Amorim	Clariant
38	Geovana Dotta	Brazilian Ministry of Environment
39	Gohar Khojayan	Armenian Women for Health and Healthy Environment (AWHHE)
40	Haosong Jiao	UNEP
41	Hitoshi Kako	Japan Chemical Industry Association
42	Iman Fadhil Nassar	Iraqi Ministry of Environment
43	Immanuela Badde	UNECE
44	Irina Talamoni	Jefatura de Gabinete de Ministros, Argentina (Cabinet of Ministers)
45	Jam Lorenzo	BAN Toxics
46	Jenny Holmqvist	Corteva Agriscience
47	Jessica Nicholls	ICMM
48	Jiaqi Wang	UN
49	Johanna Hausmann	WECF
50	Jorge Laguna Celis	UNEP
51	Julia Vit	Environment Canada
52	Julie Borland	Chemical and Allied Industries' Association of South Africa
53	Kavita Sachwani	UNEP FI
54	Kay Williams	GFC secretariat
55	Kohjiro Hashizume	Japan Chemical Industry Association
56	Koichi Ohno	National Institute for Environmental Studies, Japan
57	Laetitia Montero	UNEP
58	Larisa Ruoff	The Sustainability Group, Loring, Wolcott & Coolidge Trust

59	Larissa Van Der Feen	UNEP
60	Laura Fuentesserna	UNEP
61	Llorenc Mila I Canals	UNEP
62	Maria Carcamo	RAPAL Uruguay
63	Maria Delvin	Swedish Chemicals Agency
64	Maria Ruiz-Cuevas	CEFIC
65	Mariano Pineyrua	TraceSurfer
66	Mariella Noto	ZDHC
67	Mark Rossi	Independent
68	Mathieu Parent	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
69	Matthias Altmann	UNECE
70	Nannett Aust	German Environment Agency
71	Natálie Šelleová	Chemicals and Waste Youth Platform
72	Nathalie Buijs	The Public Waste Agency of Flanders (OVAM), Belgium
73	Nathan Hauch	Canadian Labour Congress
74	Niamh Leaman	Department of Food and Rural Affairs, UK
75	Nicholas Ball	The Dow Chemical Company
76	Nicole Wenzel	BASF SE
77	Niko Urho	Independent consultant
78	Olena Liakh	EFRAG
79	Olga Speranskaya	HEJSupport
80	Oliver WOOTTON	UNITAR
81	Olivia Chan	UNEP
82	Pedro Valderrama	Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores Directory, Mexico
83	Peggy Lefort	UNEP
84	Peter Fantke	Substitute
85	Pirah Siyal	<i>tbc</i>
86	Praveen Srivastava	Independent (Former Indian Forest Service Official)
87	Rachael Wakefield-Rann	Institute for Sustainable Futures University of Technology Sydney
88	Rachel CROSSLEY	BNP Paribas Asset Management
89	Rafael Eudes Ferreira	Aliança Resíduo Zero Brasil
90	Rafael Ponte	Consumers International

91	Rajeev Ranjan Mishra	United Nations Major group for Children & Youth
92	Raleigh Davis	American Chemistry Council
93	Rebecca Chudaska	UNEP
94	Rico Euripidou	groundWork, Friends of the Earth South Africa
95	Rory O'Neill	International Trade Union Confederation
96	Siilvana Martinez	Ministerio de Ambiente
97	Sofia Schlezak	UNITAR
98	Sophia Danenberg	Boeing
99	Steven De Regter	BASF
100	Taishi Kawamura	EX Research Institute Ltd.
101	Takashi Nishida	EX Research Institute Ltd.
102	Thamar Zijlstra	Global Reporting Initiative
103	Timo Unger	Hyundai
104	Tripti Arora	Toxicslink
105	Troy Martin	Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
106	Troy Martin	Environment Canada
107	Upendo Chanya	Assistant Commissioner for Inspection, Forensics and Inspection Officer, Prime Minister's Office, Tanzania
108	Yiliqi Yiliqi	Natural Resources Defense Council
109	Zuleica Nycz	Toxisphera
110	西村 杉雄	Japan Chemical Industry Association