

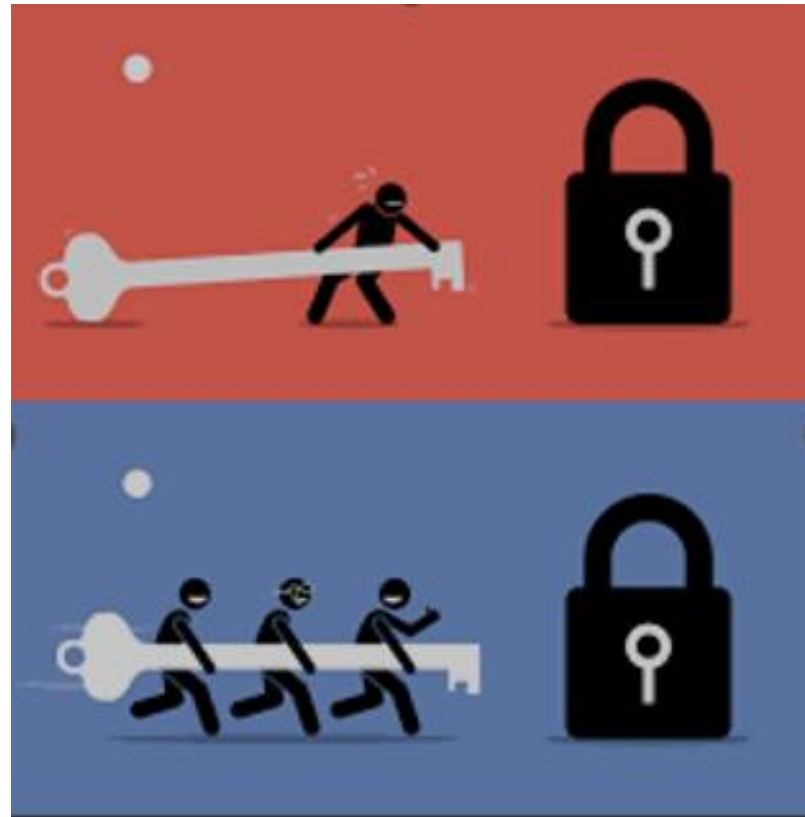
# **Global Framework on Chemicals Implementation Programme:**

## **Strengthening National Chemicals Legislation and Institutional Capacities**

Introduction to the IOMC discussion document (**UNEP/GFC/OEWG.1/INF/11**) and breakout groups

Multi-stakeholder expert meeting and workshop  
Punta del Este, Uruguay, 23 June 2025

# Complementing negotiations with intersessional collaboration....





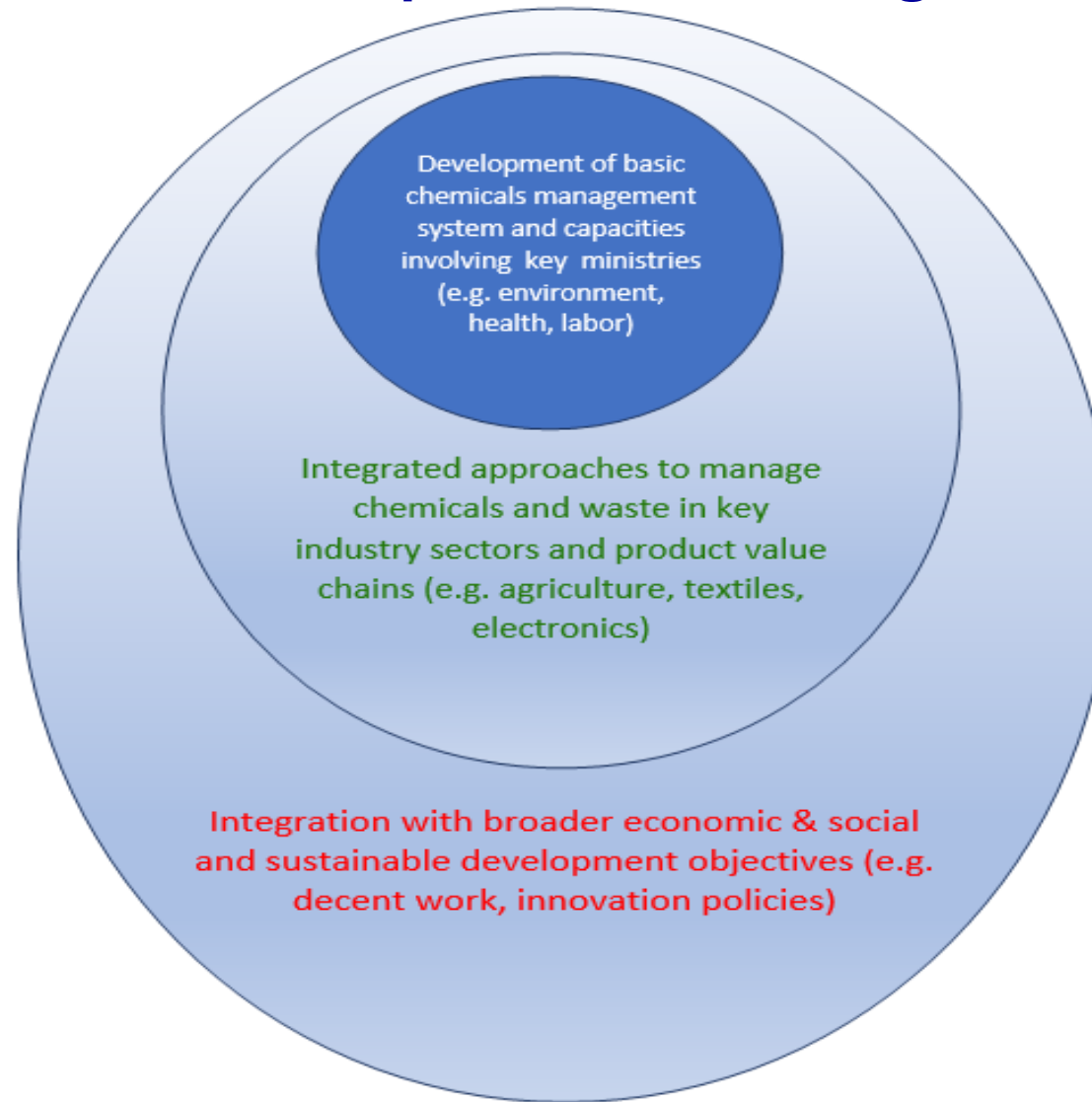
## GFC text on implementation programmes (para 24)

- **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.

# Main targets relevant for Strengthening National Chemicals Legislation and Institutional Capacities

- **Target A1** – By 2030, Governments have adopted and are implementing and enforcing legal frameworks, and have established appropriate institutional capacity to prevent or, where prevention is not feasible, minimize adverse effects from chemicals and waste as appropriate for their national circumstances.
- **Target A2** – By 2030, intergovernmental stakeholders develop guidelines to support the needs of interested Governments and relevant stakeholders to implement effective chemicals and waste management strategies, building on, among other things, updates of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals toolbox for decision-making in chemicals management.
- **Target A3** – By 2030, companies implement measures identified to prevent or, where prevention is not feasible, minimize adverse effects from chemicals throughout their life cycle.
- **Target A4** – By 2030, stakeholders have effectively prevented all illegal trade and traffic of chemicals and waste.





**How can a possible GFC Implementation  
Programme focusing Strategic Objective A be  
designed to create value-added for stakeholders  
and accelerate progress to achieve the Strategic  
Objective and Targets of the GFC?**



# Proposed TOR for the Implementation Programme(s)

- Proposing stakeholders
- Programme rationale
- Objectives and scope
- Stakeholder initiatives and actions falling under the Programme
- Programme structure and components
- Stakeholder participation in the Programme
- Governance
- Knowledge sharing
- Finance considerations
- Synergies with other Implementation Programmes
- Monitoring, analysis, and feedback to the International Conference





# Proposed Programme Objectives/Results

High-level ambition, long-term

- Foster knowledge sharing of stakeholder initiative to strengthen legislation and institution capacities
- Foster a strategic approach to chemicals management and related chemicals legislation
- Develop and promote innovative effective legislative approaches that work in country with limited resources
- Foster results-based projects and collaboration among stakeholders
- Fill gaps concerning chemicals legislation between developed and developing countries



# Proposed Programme Components

- Proposal that the GFC Implementation Programme comprises two main components:
  1. A **global programme component** focusing on outreach, guidance, knowledge-sharing, collaboration oversight, and cross-cutting issues
  2. A **stakeholder driven component** comprising stakeholder initiatives and activities to strengthen chemicals legislation and institutional capacities

# Components of the Implementation Programme

## Global Programme Component and Activities

- Outreach
- Access to Guidance
- Knowledge-sharing
- Access to financing
- Cross-cutting issues
- Analysis and feedback

The diagram illustrates the relationship between the Global Programme Component and Stakeholder Initiatives. A central orange box lists the components and activities of the Global Programme. A horizontal line separates this from a green box at the bottom representing stakeholder initiatives. Four arrows point upwards from the stakeholder initiatives towards the global programme components, indicating that these initiatives feed into or support the global programme.

## Stakeholder Initiatives and Activities



# Which type of stakeholder initiatives can contribute to the Programme?

- Strengthening of legislation or standards to promulgate classification and labelling compatible with the GHS.
- Strengthening of legislation to generate knowledge about hazardous chemicals and regulate chemical risks throughout the life cycle.
- Strengthening of institutional capacity to manage chemicals, including the establishment of a national chemicals' agency, or an inter-ministerial coordinating mechanism.
- Strengthening of legislation for specific industry sectors to advance chemical safety, sustainable chemistry innovation, and a non-toxic circular economy along value chains.
- Strengthening of cost recovery schemes to ensure financial sustainability of national legislation and institutional capacities, such as registration fees or Extended Producer Responsibility schemes.
- Other activities that contribute to developing integrated national chemicals and waste management systems and capacities at the national and regional levels
- Any support initiatives provided by a development organization or other stakeholder group to support any of the above activities.



# Global Programme Component

- Awareness raising campaign to highlight the importance of chemicals legislation.
- Identifying stakeholder initiatives and stakeholders in need of support and inviting them to engage in the programme.
- Identifying opportunities for coordination and creating synergies.
- Provision of technical support to develop project proposals and access to financing.
- Match-making to link demand for assistance with available support.
- Global and/or regional multi-stakeholder knowledge-sharing workshops.
- Knowledge-sharing of good practices.
- Further development of guidance and training materials.
- Analysis of progress and challenges faced by stakeholders.



# Multi-stakeholder Programme Advisory Committee

## Option 1

- Multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder advisory committee for each Programme
- Each committee would report directly to the International Conference.

## Option 2:

- A single advisory committee to oversee all proposed Programmes.
- Would strengthen coherence and coordination across Programmes and reduce administrative and resource burden.
- The GFC Bureau could potentially fulfil the advisory committee function.
- For individual Programmes, ad hoc working groups could be established, including for specific Industry Sector Programmes.



# **Proposed functions of the Programme Advisory Committee**

- **Provide guidance on all important aspects of Programme Implementation**
- **Review and provide initial validation of draft terms of reference and workplans for Implementation Programmes**
- **Foster stakeholder engagement, partnerships and other mechanisms to support implementation**
- **Help identify potential funding sources to support implementing activities**
- **Identify issues and create links across all Implementation Programmes**
- **Identify lessons learned and report back to the International Conference on all aspects of Programme implementation.**



# Questions to assess programme success

**Has the Programme been able to.....**

- reach out to and engage relevant stakeholders and mobilize 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 the Implementation Programme accelerated collaboration and progress to achieve the specific GFC Targets?**





# Potential benefits for stakeholders to participate in the Programme

- join global/ regional exchanges with peers at the global level and in specific geographical contexts
- gain insights into emerging and innovative approaches
- link up with like-minded stakeholders to work together to advance the objectives of the GFC
- obtain global recognition for commitment to implement the GFC and take action to implement its targets
- engage in discussions to develop harmonized approaches that can save resources.
- learn about opportunities to access financial resources

# Initial global IOMC activities to accompany the Programme development process

## 1. Identifying existing and planned capacity development initiatives and needs

- Country initiatives and interest
- Capacity development initiatives and activities of IOMC and other development partners and stakeholders



## 2. Development of further guidance and technical support

- guideline on strategic options to develop legislation in developing and transition countries.
- Model legislation/modules/building blocks, including on effective chemicals risk management decision-making.
- Regulatory benchmarking tool for countries to self-assess their national chemicals legislation and identify possible gaps.

## 3. Global stakeholder workshops and consultations

## 4. Preparation of an Inf Document for OEWG in June 2025

# Development of further IOMC guidance and technical support

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
Objectives Scope Governance	Knowledge-sharing Collaboration Effective capacity Development	Benchmarking Tracking process	Development of a global workplan
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**4 breakout groups to discuss terms  
of reference and workplan**



# Breakout group 1: Objectives, Scope, Governance

- Guiding questions:
- **Do the current objectives and scope of IP1 (as per draft TOR, Annex 1) provide value-added and benefits to GFC stakeholders?** What, if anything, is missing in the approach to encourage broader stakeholder participation and ensure the achievement of the GFC strategic objectives?
- **What would constitute an effective governance structure** for the Programmes that ensures inclusive stakeholder engagement, identifies linkages across Programmes, and maintains accountability to the International Conference while remaining flexible enough to attract broad stakeholder participation?
- Are there topics or **types of legal or institutional capacity** that should be emphasized more clearly or included?



## **Breakout group 2: Knowledge-sharing, Collaboration, Effective capacity Development**

Guiding questions:

- What types of knowledge should be prioritized for sharing under IP1? Can we build on examples from existing or past programs?
- How can IP1 best identify and respond to country-specific capacity-building needs (e.g. peer exchange, training, twinning programs)?
- What mechanisms (platforms, tools, partnerships) can support knowledge-sharing and collaboration?



# Breakout group 3: Benchmarking and Tracking progress

## Guiding questions:

- What simple and useful indicators should be used to track progress toward GFC Target A1?
- Which other relevant targets should be prioritized?
- How can a benchmarking or self-assessment tool best support countries?
- How can IP1 gather and share “lessons learned” to support adaptation and learning?
- What results should IP1 present at the International Conference to show its value?



## Breakout group 4: Development of a global workplan

### Guiding questions:

- What concrete activities should be prioritized in the IP1 global workplan (e.g. regional workshops, legislative guidance, capacity mapping)?
- How can the workplan balance global coordination with flexible national implementation?
- What “quick-start” actions can be initiated before the 2026 International Conference?
- How can IP1 be coordinated with other Implementation Programmes (e.g., on industry engagement or SDG integration)?



# Logistics and report back

Rooms for breakout rooms:

- Group 1: Auditorio 1&2
- Group 2: Auditorio 3
- Group 3: Auditorio 4
- Group 4: Manantiales

Report back at 11:30

Short break around 10.30





Thank you for  
your attention!

