

Developing a GFC Implementation Programme on:

Strengthening National Chemicals Legislation and Institutional Capacities

20 March 2025 | 13:00-14:30 (CEST) | via Zoom

IOMC Webinar Series in support of GFC Implementation (webinar #4)

** English, French, and Spanish interpretation available **

Information Note and Agenda

About this webinar

This fourth webinar in the series of IOMC [webinars](#) on the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) Implementation Programmes focuses on “Developing a GFC Implementation Programme on Strengthening National Chemicals Legislation and Institutional Capacities”. The topic for the programme was proposed at the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM-5), Bonn, Germany, 25 - 29 September 2023 in [Resolution V/8](#).

The webinar will present suggestions for a set of terms of reference for the programme as well as a possible list of intersessional activities to support the programme development, including a global multi-stakeholder workshop provisionally scheduled to take place from 22 to 23 June 2025, back-to-back with the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) of the GFC. Furthermore, an outline for a high-level document on a *Strategic Approach to a Modular Chemicals Management System*, will be presented.

In advance of the workshop, a draft discussion document will be made available to webinar participants and GFC stakeholders via the webinar website.

Provisional Programme

13:00 Welcome and introduction: Bob Diderich, IOMC Chair (OECD)

13:05 Initial suggestions for a Terms of Reference for the Implementation Programme (presentation followed by discussion): Achim Halpaap (advisor to IOMC)

- 14:00 Strategic Approach to a Modular Chemicals Management System (presentation of a document outline): Bob Diderich (OECD)
- 14:10 Innovative thinking and chemicals regulation (summary of the outcome of an expert brainstorming session organized by UNEP Law Division): Aphrodite Smagadi (UNEP)
- 14:20 Summary of discussion and next steps: Jorge Ocaña (UNITAR)
- 14:30 Close of webinar

Input by participants

Following introductory presentations, participants will have an opportunity to provide feedback, ask questions, share ideas, and help further develop the suggestions to develop the Programme.

Participants are encouraged to provide input in the following ways:

- Short verbal contributions during the webinar.
- Written contributions using the webinar chat function.
- By email or by leaving a comment on the [webinar website](#) by 31 March 2025.

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 [official GFC website](#). Please understand that the webinar may not be able to address all questions or comments. But we 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](#).

Next steps

As a follow-up, the IOMC will convene a multi-stakeholder workshop, provisionally scheduled for 22-23 June 2025 (back-to-back with the OEWG) to provide 1½ days of interactions on various aspects of programme development. Input from this current round of consultations will be taken into account in preparing for the workshop. Further details about the workshop will be shared through the IOMC and GFC communication channels in the coming weeks.

If needed, an additional preparatory webinar or event may be held in May or early June 2025.

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://partnership.who.int/iomc/global-framework-on-chemicals>
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