






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

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

Introduction to the IOMC discussion document

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# Strategic Objectives of the Global Chemicals Framework: For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste

	<p>A. Legal frameworks, institutional mechanisms and capacities are in place to support and achieve the safe and sustainable management of chemicals throughout their life cycle.</p>	<p>Targets A1-A7</p>
	<p>B. Comprehensive and sufficient knowledge, data and information are generated, available and accessible to all to enable informed decisions and actions.</p>	<p>Targets B1-B7</p>
	<p>C. Issues of concern are identified, prioritized and addressed</p>	<p>Target C1</p>
	<p>D. Safer alternatives and innovative and sustainable solutions in product value chains are in place so that benefits to human health and the environment are maximized and risks are prevented or, where prevention is not feasible, minimized.</p>	<p>Targets D1- D7</p>
	<p>E. Enhanced implementation occurs through increased and effective resource mobilization, partnerships, cooperation, capacity-building, and integration into all relevant decision-making processes.</p>	<p>Targets E1-E6</p>

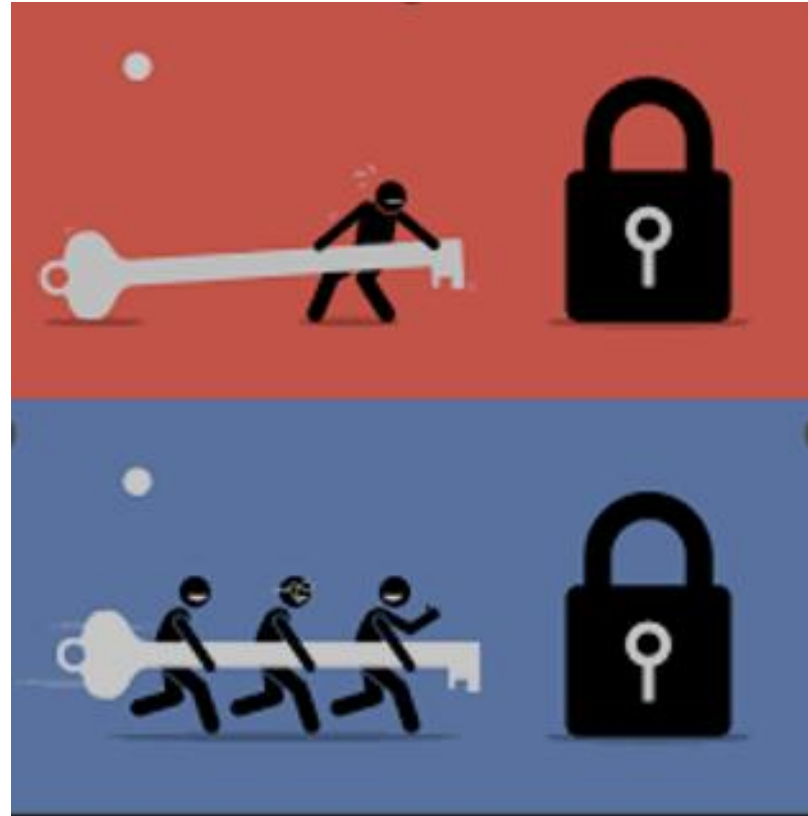




# Modalities and arrangements to support stakeholder implementation of the GFC

- **Business-as-usual approach (BAU):** Stakeholders meet every two or three years at the International Conference, take stock of progress, and negotiate new decisions
- **Momentum through implementation programmes (MIP):** Stakeholder engage regularly, exchange knowledge, recognize good practices and achievements, coordinate and collaborate, identify gaps, and find common solutions

# Complementing negotiations with collaboration....



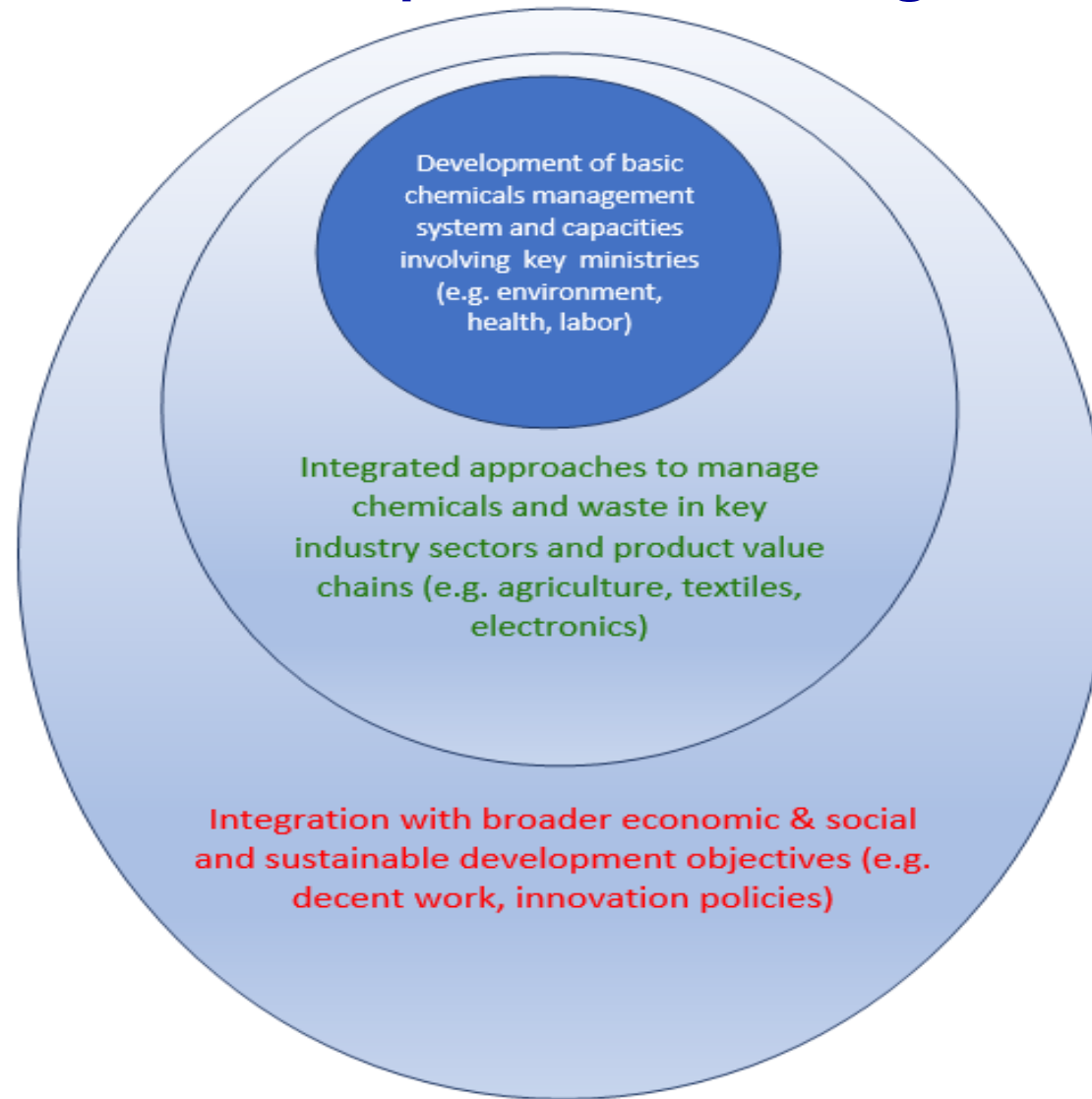
# ICCM 5 decision concerning programmes to implement the GFC (para 24)

- **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?**



# **The Programme in a nutshell.....**

**The proposed Implementation Programme comprises, stimulates and fosters support for results-oriented initiatives and activities by stakeholder to implement Strategic Objectives A of the GFC, in particular target A 1 and A 2.**

The whole is  
greater than the  
sum of the parts.

Aristotle





# TOR for the Implementation Programme

1. Proposing stakeholder(s)
2. Programme rationale
3. Programme objectives and scope
4. Programme components and activities
5. Stakeholder participation in the Programme
6. Knowledge-sharing on stakeholder initiatives and good practices
7. Governance arrangements
8. Opportunities to finance Programme activities
9. Synergies with other Implementation Programmes
10. 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

# International Conference



Multistakeholder  
Steering Group



**Stakeholder Initiatives and Activities**



# Which type of stakeholder initiatives 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/Steering Group**

- **10 governments representatives, of which 5 should originate from developing countries**
- **2 representatives from private sector stakeholders**
- **3 representatives from civil society, labour organizations and/or academia**
- **3 representatives of international organizations and development partners**
- **Representative of the GFC secretariat**



# Proposed functions of the Programme Advisory/Steering Group

- Advise on the overall strategy, goals, and priorities of the programme, drawing on members' expertise to shape effective approaches and decision-making.
- Provide insights and recommendations on how to track progress, assess outcomes, and evaluate the effectiveness of the programme, helping to ensure it meets its objectives.
- Assist in building relationships with key stakeholders to foster support and cooperation for the programme.
- Identify potential risks to the programme's success, including financial, operational, and reputational risks, and suggest strategies to mitigate them.
- Help identify potential funding sources, advocate for additional resources, and may advise on budget allocation to optimize programme impact.
- Serve as a voice for the programme advocating for its goals and helping to build public awareness and credibility.
- Facilitate a feedback mechanism for the programme to refine its processes, incorporating lessons learned and adjusting strategies to enhance effectiveness.



# 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
3. Global stakeholder workshop and consultations
  - Global multi-stakeholder workshop on developing an IP on national chemicals legislation and institutional capacities (22-23 June 2025)
4. Preparation of an Inf Document for OEWG in June 2025





# Development of further IOMC guidance and technical support

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



Thank you for  
your attention!

