

Global Stakeholder Dialogue on GFC Implementation Programmes:

Update and Next Steps Towards IC-1

26 November 2025 | 13:00-14:30 (CET) | via Zoom

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Information Note and Agenda

About this webinar

This fifth webinar in the series of IOMC [webinars](#) on the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) Implementation Programmes focuses on the status of the development of the proposals for the implementation programmes (IPs), as well as an update on the early implementing activities as suggested by 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 reflect on IP-relevant outcomes of the June 2026 OEWG, review a proposed road map and timelines towards submitting proposals to IC-1 (15-20 November 2026), and present opportunities for consultation and co-creating IPs and early implementation activities in three IP work areas:

- (1) Strengthening Legal Frameworks and Institutional Capacities for Chemicals Management
- (2) Strengthening Economic and Industry Sector Engagement and Action for the Sound Management of Chemicals along Value Chains
- (3) Integrating Chemicals and Waste Issues in Sustainable Development Decision-making.

Proposed early implementation activities focus on

- mapping, analyzing, and sharing knowledge concerning GFC stakeholder action and approaches to implementing the GFC;
- co-creating and delivering practical tools, resources, and guidance (where needed) for immediate stakeholder use;

- piloting new approaches in real-world settings, generating evidence and feedback; and
- strengthening synergies across Programmes, especially IP1 (Legislation and Institutional Capacity) and IP2 (Industry Action along Value Chains).

Provisional Programme

13:00 Welcome and introduction: onward to the first International Conference (IC-1)

- Bob Diderich, IOMC Chair (OECD)
- Kay Williams (GFC Secretariat)

13:10 Towards IC -1: Roadmap, timelines, and stakeholder engagement to develop IPs, Bob Diderich, IOMC Chair (OECD)

- Proposed road map, timelines and opportunities for GFC stakeholder engagement
- Informal stakeholder reflection group

13:20 IP2 – Industry engagement and action: early action and stakeholder engagement, Achim Halpaap, Senior Advisor, IOMC

- Building blocks and self- assessment questions to support industry strategies (D6)
- Mapping, landscape analysis, and knowledge sharing on cross-cutting thematic topics
- Industry-sector programmes: textiles, electronics, and health care

13:50 IP1 - Legislation and Institutions: early action and stakeholder engagement, Bob Diderich, IOMC Chair (OECD)

- Strategic approach to modular chemicals management system and road map development
- National self-assessment/benchmarking tool
- Innovative chemicals regulation

14:20 IP3 - Sustainable Development Decision-making, Oliver Wootton, UNITAR

- Update on preparatory work

14:25 Summary of discussion and next steps

- Jorge Ocaña (UNITAR)
- Kay Williams (GFC Secretariat)

14:30 Close of webinar

Input by participants

Following brief introductory presentations, 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. 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](#).

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/support-for-gfc-implementation-programmes>
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