



Inter-Organization Programme for the
Sound Management of Chemicals

WORKING TOGETHER TO
END CHEMICAL POLLUTION

Towards IC-1: roadmap, timelines, and stakeholder engagement to develop IPs

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*IOMC Webinar Series in support of GFC
Implementation (webinar #5)*

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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**



Work completed and milestones towards the 2026 International Conference

Completed:

- Four webinars on general development of IPs, IP1, and IP2: 2024-2025
- 3rd Berlin Forum on Chemicals and Sustainability - Implementing the Global Framework on Chemicals: 5-6 September 2024 – online (Germany, co-hosted by IOMC)
- Two global surveys:
 - in 2024 to support the development of IP2 on industry engagement and action along value chains
 - in early 2025 to evaluate the status of chemicals management legislation and systems in countries (IP1)
- Two global workshops:
 - IP2 (industry engagement): Paris, February 2025
 - IP1 (national legislation and institutional capacities): Uruguay, June 2025

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- Three draft discussion documents to support the consultation process and provide a means of developing proposals for implementation programmes (including preliminary drafts of TORs for IP1 and IP2)
- Information documents for the OEWG: June 2025
 - *in particular: UNEP/GFC/OEWG.1/INF/11*
- Contribution to Multistakeholder Day (IP2) at OEWG: 26 June 2025

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Proposed next steps:

- Refinement of draft mandates, TORs, and workplans: late 2025/early 2026
*** n.b. IOMC will not prepare a formal proposal for IP-3 ***
- Series of (regional) webinars to present IP proposals to stakeholders:
~ March/April 2026 (*tbc*)
- Circulation of draft IP Decision Documents for stakeholder comments: May 2026 (*tbc*)
- Submission of Decision Documents on IPs 1 and 2 for IC-1: ~June 2026
- Submission of INF Documents on IPs (providing additional background information, such as TORs of specific industry sector programmes): prior to IC-1

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- Ensure linkages and synergies between and across all IPs, how to connect with issues of concern (IOCs)
- Updates on initial work and plans in the IP2 thematic workstreams and sectoral programmes – forthcoming (and ongoing), with GFC Secretariat

Thematic work	Industry sector programmes
Transparency, traceability, and disclosure along value chains (B1)	Electronics
Occupational health and safety (D7)	Health care
Priority chemicals of concern (D6)	Textiles
Measuring chemical footprints and impacts (D6)	Construction (tbc)
Green and sustainable chemistry innovation (D1, D4)	
Reporting standards and frameworks (D3)	
Private sector financing and investment (D3)	



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- Discussion on and possible adoption at the next Conference: 15-20 November 2026 (Geneva).
- To prepare for this, the IPs should:
 - *be designed with, and have the ownership of, GFC stakeholders*
 - *build upon and create value-added to existing initiatives*
 - *help identify good practices and identify possible gaps*
 - *prepare and help focus discussions at IC-1 on relevant subject matters.*



Increasing stakeholder engagement and co-creation of the IPs towards IC-1

- The multi-sector and multi-stakeholder approach is crucial to the development and eventual success of the IPs – it is a shared journey for collective results.
- Many stakeholders and sectors were involved in the various discussions and consultation meetings about the IPs before OEWG, but a more focused and interactive approach may be desirable towards the 1st Conference.
- The IOMC has therefore proposed an informal “reflection group” of champions to provide more in-depth engagement and co-creation of the IPs in the period now until the first Conference.



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Idea presented to Bureau on 28 October 2025:

- The informal group could resemble the Bureau structure and composition (but not necessarily involve all the same people) and also include other experts and sectors.
- The informal group could have 2-3 in-depth virtual discussions/meetings during the first half of 2026 prior to submission of IP proposals to the Conference.
- Engaging stakeholders could help generate momentum for adoption of the IPs during IC-1.



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- Invitations to engage in the group and group meetings could be sent to:
 - *representatives of the UN regions and stakeholder groups represented on the Bureau (alternate members could be designated depending on the IP or topic being discussed)*
 - *specific stakeholders who have shown an interest in and actively engaged with the IP consultative process to date*
 - *recognized experts in subject matters discussed by the group.*
- IOMC currently reviewing comments from the Bureau, with a view to asking for nominations before the end of this year.
- Possible first virtual meeting in early 2026.

“The IOMC vision is to shape a sustainable future through coordinated global action to achieve the sound lifecycle management of chemicals and waste for healthy lives and the environment.”

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