



Inter-Organization Programme for the
Sound Management of Chemicals

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



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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.

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