



IOMC Webinar Report

Global Stakeholder Dialogue on GFC Implementation Programmes:

Update and Next Steps Towards IC-1

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Introduction

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.

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.

This fifth webinar in the IOMC series on GFC Implementation Programmes focuses on [“Global Stakeholder Dialogue on GFC Implementation Programmes: Update and Next Steps Towards IC-1”](#).

The webinar reflected on IP-relevant outcomes of the June 2026 OEWG, reviewed a proposed road map and timelines towards submitting proposals to IC-1 (15-20 November 2026), and presented opportunities for consultation and co-creating IPs and early implementation activities in three 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.

In advance of the workshop, related draft outputs were made available to webinar participants and GFC stakeholders via the webinar website.

The webinar began with opening remarks from the IOMC and GFC Secretariat, setting the stage for journey towards IC-1. The webinar featured a series of focused presentations on the status of developing proposals for the implementation programmes, updates on early implementation activities requested by ICCM-5, and reflections on IP-relevant outcomes of the June 2026 OEWG. Speakers presented the proposed roadmap and timelines toward submitting IP proposals to IC-1, along with updates across the three work areas: strengthening legal and institutional frameworks, enhancing industry engagement along value chains, and integrating chemicals and waste issues into sustainable development decision-making. Between presentations, participants had the opportunity to engage through questions, feedback, and shared ideas, contributing to the co-creation of proposals and early actions such as knowledge mapping, development of practical tools, pilot activities, and strengthening synergies across programmes. The session was moderated by IOMC Chair Bob Diderich (OECD).

Agenda

Time (CET)	Session	Speaker
13:00	Welcome and introduction	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)
13:20	IP2 – Industry engagement and action: early action and stakeholder engagement	Achim Halpaap, Senior Advisor (OECD)
13:50	P1 - Legislation and Institutions: early action and stakeholder engagement	Bob Diderich (OECD)
14:20	IP3 - Sustainable Development Decision-making	Oliver Wootton (UNITAR)
14:25	Summary of discussion and nextsteps	Jorge Ocaña (UNITAR)
14:30	Close of webinar	Bob Diderich (IOMC Chair, OECD)

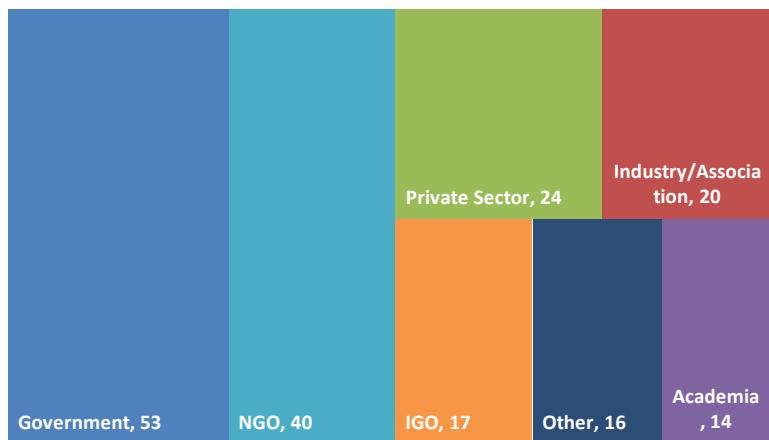
Links to available resources

1. [Website](#)
2. [Flyer](#)
3. [Information Note and Agenda](#)
4. [Indicative Roadmap for the Sound Management of Chemicals Document](#)
5. [National Self-Assessment Survey: Implementation of the Roadmap for the Sound Management of Chemicals](#)
6. [Welcome Slides](#)
7. [The Global Framework on Chemicals: Update on Recent Developments](#)
8. [Towards IC-1: Roadmap, timelines, and stakeholder engagement to develop IPs](#)
9. [IP2 – Industry engagement and action: early action and stakeholder engagement](#)
10. [IP1 – Legislation and Institutions: early action and stakeholder engagement \(Roadmap document\)](#)
11. [Recording \(English\)](#)
12. [Recording \(Español\)](#)
13. [Recording \(Français\)](#)

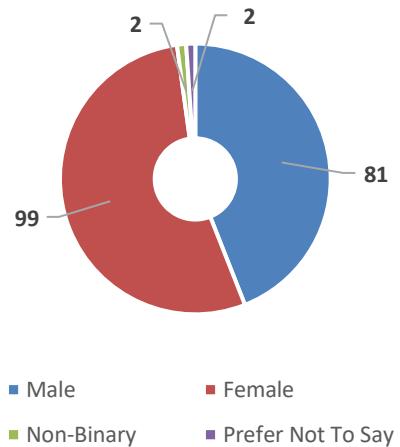
Attendance breakdown and representation

There was a total of 184 participants in the webinar¹

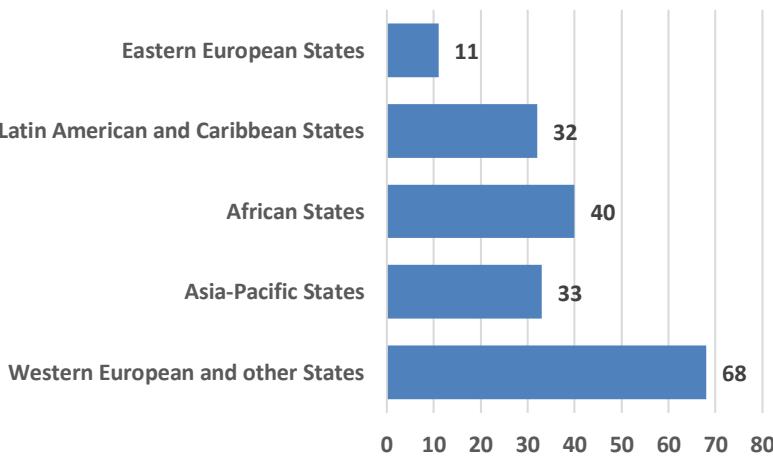
Sectors



Gender



Regions



Satisfaction Survey Results*

- “There are many different activities under GFC with a lot of potential links. It helped to identify areas we can contribute and impact several different elements, as well as how important it is to be engaged and drive where appropriate.”
- “Some progress in IPs 1 and 2, with some tools tested; more stakeholder engagement encouraged which may be particularly relevant for developing IP3.”
- “The concrete next steps in view of the Conference, the key documents and the summary of the main processes.”
- “Information about self-assessment survey, about innovative chemicals regulation.”
- “The usefulness of the session for your upcoming research work.”
- “Relevant information and materials required for the GFC implementation were made available.”
- “I enjoyed every bit of the session and learned.”
- “Thank you very much for the learning opportunity!”

*15 respondents

¹ Among the 184 total participants, 137 maintained connectivity for a minimum of 60 minutes.

Key Messages

The webinar provided an in-depth discussion on the progress of the Implementation Programmes (IPs) under the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC), highlighting both achievements and ongoing priorities. A key emphasis was placed on the purpose and direction of the IPs, which are intended to support progress toward the GFC by providing structured and practical guidance to countries. The discussions reiterated that “business as usual” approaches are insufficient; the IPs must provide clear pathways for meaningful implementation, capacity development, and stakeholder engagement across sectors. Early action, particularly in IP1 and IP2, is critical to generate momentum and ensure that countries and industry are adequately prepared for the adoption of IPs at the first International Conference (IC1) in 2026.

- **IP1 – Legislative and Institutional Strengthening:** focuses on legislative and institutional strengthening, targets the development and operationalization of effective national chemicals management systems, particularly for industrial and consumer chemicals. A modular roadmap has been drafted by OECD to guide governments in implementing these systems, structured around six modules: governance, financing, and cooperation; hazard and data frameworks; information and risk management; facilities and emergency preparedness; supply chain safety; and monitoring and legacy issues. The roadmap provides a flexible, strategic approach and is complemented by a self-assessment tool, piloted in ten Latin American countries. Feedback from the pilot indicated that the tool is clear and useful while identifying areas for improvement, such as technical detail, usability, and interagency coordination. The UNEP Law Division is leading a parallel initiative on innovative solutions, which complements IP1 by providing in-depth guidance on industrial and consumer chemicals, economic instruments, governance approaches, and model legislative clauses, with the goal of supporting countries in building robust and effective chemical management systems.
- **IP2 - Industry Engagement and Value Chains:** focuses on industry engagement and action along value chains, responding to the call for early implementation. The programme currently targets four sectors—electronics, healthcare, textiles, and potentially construction—while addressing seven cross-cutting thematic areas: transparency, traceability, and disclosure; occupational health and safety; priority chemicals; chemical footprints and impacts; green and sustainable chemistry; reporting standards; and private sector financing and investment. A building block approach has been developed to enable industries to self-assess their current status, identify gaps, and prioritize actions. Early activities under IP2 may include landscape analyses, mapping of good practices, knowledge sharing, and co-creation of practical guidance and tools. Coordination with IP1 is emphasized to ensure coherence across the programmes, with multi-stakeholder engagement and collaboration central to the implementation process.

- **IP3 - Mainstreaming Chemicals in Sustainable Development:** focused on mainstreaming chemicals in sustainable development, however, IOMC will not make a formal proposal to IC1 due to limited time and resources. However, other stakeholders are encouraged to do so (and could use IP1 and IP2 as references). Nevertheless, ongoing support activities include: the development of primers on chemicals and waste in education, climate change, and biodiversity, as well as potential webinars or the creation of a community of practice, depending on resource availability. These activities will seek to align with global initiatives, such as the UN Environment Management Group and the UN Common Approach to Pollution, ensuring consistency with broader UN priorities.

Next steps:

- Comments on the [Draft Indicative Roadmap for the Sound Management of Chemicals Document](#) can be submitted until 15 December 2015.
- The nearly finalized Gender Action Plan will be piloted in early 2026, and significant efforts are being made to train and engage national focal points across multiple sectors to ensure readiness for IP implementation.
- A new round of the GFC Fund, opened on 30 September 2025 and is closing on 15 December 2025. The application process will require submitting a concept note as the first stage of this call.
- Preparations for IC-1 in November 2026 include planned regional webinars to present IP proposals between March and April 2026, circulation of draft IP decision documents for stakeholder consultation in June 2026, and submission of supporting information documents prior to the conference. The potential adoption of IP1 and IP2 will be considered during IC-1.