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IOMC Webinar Report

Development of GFC implementation programmes to advance integrated chemicals and waste management

National systems, industry engagement, and
sustainable development linkages

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Inter-Organization Programme for the
Sound Management of Chemicals

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UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, UNITAR, WHO, WORLD
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INTRODUCTION

The Global Framework on Chemicals, adopted by the ICCM-5 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 playing an important role in supporting the implementation of the GFC and has accepted the invitation in ICCM5 Resolution V/8 to develop “Implementation Programmes” (IPs) for consideration by the first International Conference in 2026, to be done in close collaboration with stakeholders.¹

Following the first “Global Stakeholder Dialogue on GFC Implementation Programmes” (webinar #1), this second webinar sought stakeholder input on the proposals featured in the IOMC Discussion Note *“Development of GFC implementation programmes to advance integrated chemicals and waste management: national systems, industry engagement, and sustainable development linkages”*.

The document features general considerations for GFC programme development as well as suggestions for three programme topics referred to in the GFC: national systems, industry engagement, and sustainable development linkages².

The webinar’s main objective was to further review the proposals in this document and continue consultations with interested stakeholders about it during September and October 2024. This effort is in line with the IOMC’s objective of working together going forward to the OWEG next June and ultimately the next International Conference in 2026 and beyond.

The webinar began with opening remarks from the IOMC and the GFC Secretariat. The webinar included a series of reflections by the IOMC to inform stakeholder consultations and open sessions for stakeholders’ input in which participants had an opportunity to provide feedback, ask questions, share ideas, and help further develop the suggestions contained in the discussion document.

The webinar was moderated by the IOMC Chair, Bob Diderich (OECD). Input received from stakeholders is posted on the webinar website.

¹ <https://partnership.who.int/iomc/global-framework-on-chemicals>

² The document was circulated to GFC stakeholders with a request to provide input by 30 September. This date was extended until 15 October to capture a wide range of views as possible.

Agenda

| Time (CEST) | Session | Speaker/Moderator |
|-------------|---|---|
| 13:00 | Welcome and introduction | Bob Diderich (IOMC Chair, OECD) |
| 13:05 | Opening remarks | Kay Williams (Head of the GFC Secretariat) |
| 13:10 | Input and discussion on general considerations Part 1: General considerations for developing GFC IPs Part 2: Strengthening integrated national chemicals legislation and institutional capacities Part 3: Strengthening economic and industry sector engagement and action Part 4: Linking with sustainable development decision-making processes | Achim Halpaap (Advisor to IOMC) |
| 14:15 | Summary of discussion and next steps | Jorge Ocaña (UNITAR) |
| 14:30 | Close of webinar | Bob Diderich (IOMC Chair, OECD) |

Links to available resources

[0. Website](#)

[1. Flyer](#)

[2. IOMC discussion document](#)

[3. Programme and Information Note](#)

[4. GFC Presentation](#)

[5. Discussion document Presentation \(English\)](#)

[6. Discussion document Presentation \(French – not official\)](#)

[7. Discussion document Presentation \(Spanish – not official\)](#)

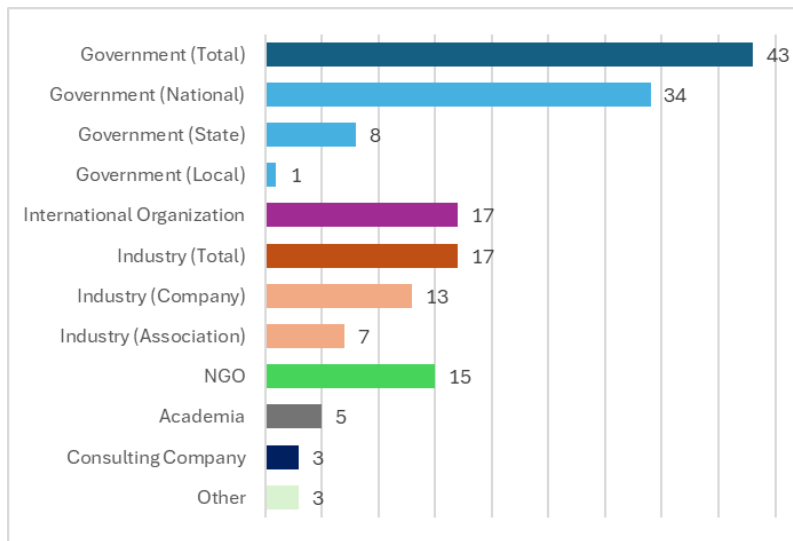
[8. Recording](#)

[9. Stakeholders Input Folder](#)

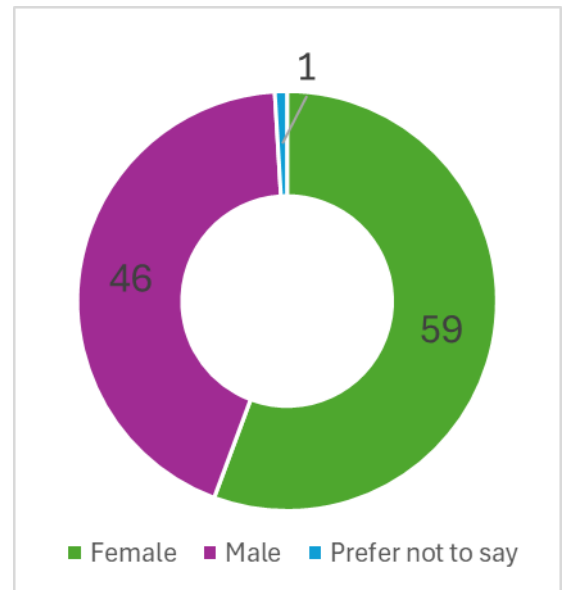
Attendance breakdown and representation

A total of **105 participants** in the webinar³

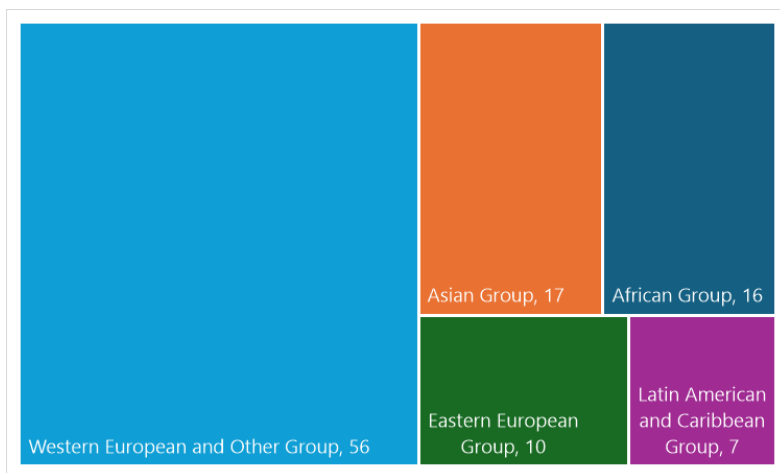
Sectors



Gender



Regions



Satisfaction Survey Results*

- Webinar rated as “Very good”
- Speakers presented the information “Very well”
- 99% suggested to continue with same methodology (short presentations and space for stakeholders’ input).
- Important takeaways:
 - “A long journey is starting and embarking all the industrial sectors will be challenging due to the broadness of the task but this will be, by far, very valuable in the long run.”
 - “Main milestones on the way to the International Conference, more in-depth understanding of the philosophy of each Implementation Programme & concrete next steps” *11 respondents

³ Participants connected for more than 60 minutes. The total amount of participants was 125.

Key Messages

A range of very useful comments and issues were raised, both about the approach that Implementation Programmes might take as we go forward, as well as for some of the specific work areas, sectors, and topics that might be focussed on. Key aspects discussed during the webinar are listed below.

- Sectors, topics, and elements to be considered for the development of each Implementation Programme;
- Implementation Programmes are a process to promote stakeholder dialogue, collaboration, and overall engagement. The willingness and interest of stakeholders to work together is a key aspect;
- Implementation Programmes are a vehicle to implement the GFC targets and the need to link the IPs with them;
- There is not a limit on the number of programmes. Anyone or any organisation can propose a programme, based on the criteria listed in the GFC;
- The IOMC's role is also to facilitate exchange sessions and provide some guiding principles and possible common elements to promote the development of IPs.

Next steps:

- Final comments on the [Discussion Note](#) can be submitted until **15 October 2024**.
- Follow-up webinars on specific topics are planned for later in 2024 and early 2025.
- During the first half of 2025, the IOMC is planning global multi-stakeholder workshops to begin work to draft the mandates, terms of reference, and work plans for the three topics proposed for the Implementation Programmes.
- The IOMC will develop one or several documents to be presented to the Open-Ended Working Group in June 2025, which will describe the progress made on IPs.
- A discussion regarding the possible adoption of the IPs is expected at the next International Conference at the end of 2026.