

Developing a GFC Implementation Programme on:

## Strengthening Economic and Industry Sector Engagement and Action Along Value Chains

10 December 2024 | 13:00-14:30 (CEST) | via Zoom

*IOMC Webinar Series in support of GFC Implementation (webinar #3)*

\*\*English, French, and Spanish interpretation available\*\*

### Information Note and Agenda

#### ***About this webinar***

This [third webinar](#) in the series of IOMC [webinars](#) on GFC Implementation Programmes focuses on the development of a GFC Implementation Programme on “Strengthening Economic and Industry Sector Engagement and Action Along Value Chains”. The topic for the programme was proposed at the fifth International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM-5) in 2023 in Resolution V/8.

The webinar will present suggestions for a terms of reference for the programme as well intersessional activities to support programme development, including a global multi-stakeholder workshop scheduled to take place from 24-26 February 2025. Furthermore, an outline for a guidance document to develop industry strategies, as called for by Target D6, will be presented.

In advance of the workshop, a draft discussion document will be made available to webinar participants and GFC stakeholders via the webinar website. The draft document provides details on the proposed Programme, and builds on an introductory draft [IOMC Discussion Document](#) on Implementation Programmes, as well as comments received by stakeholders posted [here](#).

#### ***Provisional Programme***

13:00 Welcome and introduction

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

13:10 Results of the global IOMC-GFC industry engagement survey

- 13:20 Initial suggestions for a Terms of Reference for the Implementation Programme (presentation followed by discussion)
- 14:00 Guidance to support industry strategies (Target D6)
- 14:10 Further activities (by IOMC and others) to support Programme development: IOMC Secretariat
- 14:20 Summary of discussion and next steps: Oliver Wootton, UNITAR
- 14:30 Close of webinar

### ***Input by participants***

Following introductory presentations, participants will have an opportunity to provide feedback, ask questions, share ideas, and help further develop the suggestions to develop the Programme.

Participants are encouraged to provide input in the following ways:

- Short verbal contributions during the webinar.
- Written contributions using the webinar chat function.
- By email or by leaving a comment on the [webinar website](#) by **15 January 2025**.

*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 [official 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](#).

### ***Next steps***

As a follow-up, the IOMC will convene a multi-stakeholder workshop 24-26 February 2025 in Paris at the OECD to provide 2½ days of interactions on various aspects of programme development. Input from this round of consultations will be taken into account in preparing for the workshop. Further details about the workshop will be shared through the IOMC communication channels in the coming weeks.

### **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/global-framework-on-chemicals>
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