



Inter-Organization Programme for the  
Sound Management of Chemicals

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# Initial suggestions for a Terms of Reference for an GFC Industry Sector Implementation Programme

## Summary of discussion note

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# Questions addressed by the discussion note

- What could be the scope, focus, and potential value added of the Implementation Programme?
- How can the Implementation Programme be designed in a manner that relevant stakeholders are fully engaged in and develop ownership for the Programme?
- How can the Implementation Programme help catalyze further implementation action concerning specific GFC targets?
- How can issues of concern be addressed in the Implementation Programme?
- How can linkages be ensured with the GFC measurability framework?



# Elements of the TOR for the Implementation Programme

1. Proposing stakeholder(s)
2. Programme rationale and scope
3. Programme objectives and results
4. Programme components and activities
5. Stakeholder participation in the programme
6. Identifying good practices and knowledge-sharing
7. Governance and implementing arrangements
8. Opportunities to finance programme activities
9. Synergies with other Implementation Programmes
10. Monitoring, analysis, and feedback to the International Conference



# Proposed Programme Objectives/Results

- Data and information on chemicals along supply chains is available and transparent
- Harm to workers, the public, and the environment from hazardous chemicals is avoided
- Compliance with national and international obligations is met, and ideally, exceeded
- Chemicals of concern are identified and replaced with safer alternatives
- Commitment to performance improvement and transparent reporting is upheld.



# Type of stakeholder action contributing to the Programme

- Strategies to implement D6 and other GFC compatible corporate policies
- Identification of priority chemicals of concern (D6)
- Use of standards and other measures to reduce input and impact of priority chemicals of concern along value chains (D6)
- Development and application of disclosure, performance and reporting standards (D3)
- Regulatory actions and other enabling measures
- Safe, green and sustainable chemistry innovation
- Private and public financing initiatives



# Proposed structure of the GFC “Industry” Implementation Programme

- An GFC “Industry” Implementation Programme needs to accommodate diverse economic and industry sectors
- Proposal that the GFC Programme comprises two main components:
  1. A **global programme component** focusing on outreach, guidance, oversight, and cross-cutting issues
  2. Specific **economic and industry sector programmes** that have their own TORs and workplans, aligned with global guidance.



# Global Programme Component

- Awareness raising and outreach (e.g. survey, global workshop)
- Guidance (e.g. D6 strategies development, Industry Sector Implementation Programmes)
- Encouraging development of Industry Sector Programmes
- Addressing cross-cutting issues (e.g. data transparency, priority chemicals of concern)
- Ensuring linkages with other aspects of GFC implementation and other Implementation Programmes
- Multi-stakeholder knowledge-sharing
- Analysis of progress and challenges
- Reporting to the International Conference



# Industry Sector Programmes Component

- Engaging specific industry sectors at global, regional and national levels
- Encourage the development of D6 strategies in the sector
- Identify/compile priority chemicals of concern and innovative solutions for substitution or reducing their impacts
- Review industry sector standards and their alignment with the GFC
- Baseline study/landscape analysis of the industry sector relevant to the GFC
- Knowledge-sharing & identification of gaps and needs.





# Stakeholders encouraged to join the Programme

- Industry associations and individual companies committed to and ready to take (or already taking) measures to implement the GFC
- Governments and/or regional inter-governmental organization committed to and ready to take measures to improve the environmental performance of industry
- International organizations, bi-lateral development organizations and other development partners and stakeholder groups offering technical or financial support
- Other GFC stakeholders, such as labor unions, civil society organization, or academic institutions who have significant experience or activities relevant to the Programme.



# Potential benefits of participating in the GFC Implementation Programme

- Opportunities to link up with like-minded stakeholders to advance the GFC implementation
- Gain insights into emerging and innovative approaches across the value chains
- Obtain global recognition for commitment and action to implement the GFC
- Join global/ regional exchanges with peers in geographical contexts in which your business operates
- Advance development of harmonized approaches to save resources.
- Learn about opportunities to access financial resources.



# Proposed process for joining the Programme

Stakeholders interested in joining the Programme should be:

- committed to implementing the GFC and its strategic objectives and targets,
- ready to share what they have to offer to the Programme or their need for support
- ready to report on progress made in implementing the GFC and identifying challenges encountered.
- Stakeholder may join the Programme by sending a communication to the IOMC and GFC Secretariat.



# Governance and implementing arrangements: Multi-stakeholder Steering Group

- Provide guidance on all aspects of Programme Implementation
- Review and endorse proposals for Industry Sector Programmes prior to possible adoption of sector programme by the International Conference
- Help identify priorities for funding and possible funding sources
- Promote synergies and collaboration amongst sector programmes
- Identify and develop approaches to address cross cutting aspects
- Foster engagement and stakeholder commitment
- Report to the International Conference on all aspects of Programme implementation
- Promote Partnerships or other mechanisms to support Programme implementation



# Proposed composition of Multi-stakeholder Steering Group

- 6 governments representatives, of which 4 should originate from developing regions
- 4 representatives from private sector stakeholders
- 3 representatives from civil society, labor and academia
- 3 representatives of international organizations and development partners
- Representative of the GFC secretariat



# Opportunities to finance activities

- Mix of in-kind stakeholder resources and mobilization of additional financing.
- Additional resources may come from
  - multi-donor trust funds such as the GFC Fund,
  - the Special Programme and the Global Environment Facility (GEF),
  - Funding made available by governments, international and bilateral development cooperation agencies, philanthropic organizations, and industry, including Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding.
- Financial and/or technical resources may also be available through participating stakeholders, e.g. by assisting stakeholders in developing project proposals.



# Monitoring

Has the Programme been able to:

- reach out to and engage relevant stakeholders and mobilize new stakeholders?
- catalyze new implementing activities by stakeholders?
- identify and widely share good implementation practices?
- coordinate and create synergies in implementation activities?
- provide access to and/or mobilize additional resources for implementation?
- identify implementation bottlenecks and solutions?

The ultimate benchmark to assess the success of the implementation programme is if it succeeds in accelerating progress towards achieving relevant GFC targets.



# Analysis and feedback to the International Conference

- Programme creates an opportunity to understand factors fostering success or impeding progress
- Inclusion of a “lessons learned” component to inform future implementation action
- Provide feedback to the International Conference.

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Thank you for your attention!



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# Guidance to support industry strategies (Target D6)

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# Focus of the Guidance



Target D6 – By 2030, sustainable chemical and waste management strategies have been developed and implemented for major economic and industry sectors that identify priority chemicals of concern and standards and measures, such as the chemical footprint approach, to reduce their impact and, where feasible, their input along the value chain.



Target D3 – By 2030, the private sector, including the finance sector, incorporates strategies and policies to implement the sound management of chemicals and waste in its finance approaches and business models and applies internationally recognized or equivalent reporting standards.



# Consultative process to develop the guidance

- Initial discussion at the June 2023 Multistakeholder IOMC Workshop
- Further development of the outline in 2024
- Questions and consideration
  - What should be priority content?
  - What is an appropriate format?
  - How to complement other guidance/standards
  - How to ensure use and implementation?
- Dedicated discussion at the Feb 2025 IOMC Workshop at OECD in Paris



# Proposed objectives of the guidance

- Encourage and facilitate the development of sustainable chemicals and waste strategies, as called for by GFC target D6
- Inform strategy development that encourages continuous performance improvements, based on different starting points
- Offer practical guidance, good practices and references to support strategy development and implementation
- Encourage enabling actions by a range of stakeholders to support the development and implementation of strategies



# Proposed guiding elements of a sustainable chemicals and waste management strategy

- ✓ Identifying hazardous chemicals in supply chains, production and products
- ✓ Implementing basic health and safety measures
- ✓ Complying with international chemicals and waste agreements
- ✓ Identifying and assessing priority chemicals of concern
- ✓ Fostering transparency on chemical information in supply and value chains
- ✓ Advancing sustainable supply chain management and procurement
- ✓ Measuring and reducing the chemical footprint along value chains
- ✓ Reducing or phasing out priority chemicals of concern
- ✓ Fostering sustainable product design and sustainable chemistry solutions
- ✓ Advancing sustainability of production



# Topics for further discussion

- Guiding elements of sustainable chemicals and waste strategies
- Identification/compilation of priority chemicals of concern for specific sectors
- Disclosure, traceability and transparency of chemical information
- Approaches to reduce chemical inputs along value chains
- Standards and performance measures to reduce impact (e.g. chemicals footprint approach)
- Mainstreaming of gender considerations in strategy development

Thank you for your attention!