

IOMC Webinar Report

Developing a GFC Implementation Programme on Strengthening Economic and Industry Sector Engagement and Action Along Value Chains

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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 stakeholders participating in the GFC, as well as other stakeholders active or interested in the chemicals and waste management area.

The third webinar in the series focused on “Strengthening Economic and Industry Sector Engagement and Action Along Value Chains”, which is one of four areas for the development of implementation programmes included in Resolution 5/8 adopted in 2023 by the fifth International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM-5).

The webinar presented suggestions for terms of reference for the programme as well as 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, was also presented.

In advance of the workshop, a draft discussion document was 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](#).

The webinar began with opening remarks from the IOMC and the GFC Secretariat. The webinar included a series of short presentations on the results of the global IOMC-GFC industry engagement survey, the suggestions for Terms of Reference for the Implementation Programme, the guidance to support Target D6, and the activities to support Programme development by IOMC and others. 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).

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 | Results of the global IOMC-GFC industry engagement survey | Giang Huong Pham (UNITAR) |
| 13:20 | Initial suggestions for a Terms of Reference for the Implementation Programme (presentation followed by discussion) | Achim Halpaap (Advisor to IOMC) |
| 14:00 | Guidance to support industry strategies (Target D6) | |
| 14:10 | Further activities (by IOMC and others) to support Programme development | Jonathan Krueger (IOMC Secretariat) |
| 14:20 | Summary of discussion and next steps | Oliver Wootton, (UNITAR) |
| 14:30 | Close of webinar | Bob Diderich (IOMC Chair, OECD) |

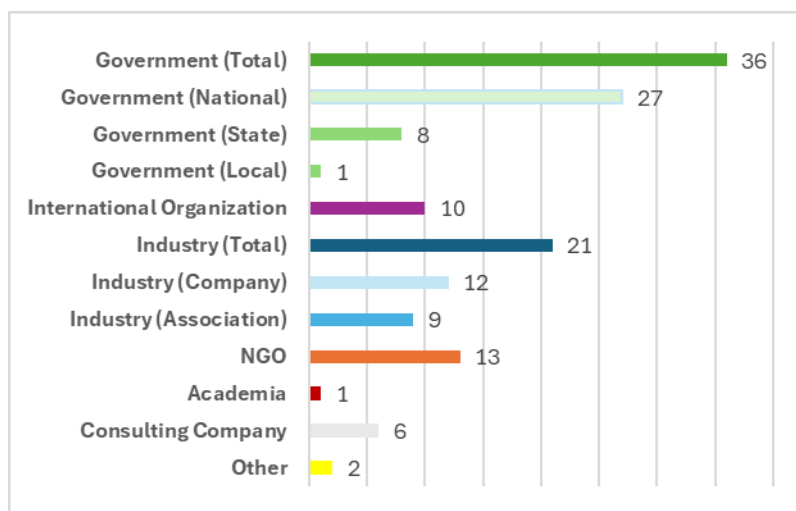
Links to available resources

0. [Website](#)
1. [Flyer](#)
2. [Draft Discussion Document](#)
3. [Programme and Information Note](#)
4. [Presentations](#)
 - [GFC Presentation](#)
 - [IOMC Survey Presentation](#)
 - [TOR and Guidance Document Presentation](#)
 - [Further Activities Presentation](#)
5. [Recording](#)

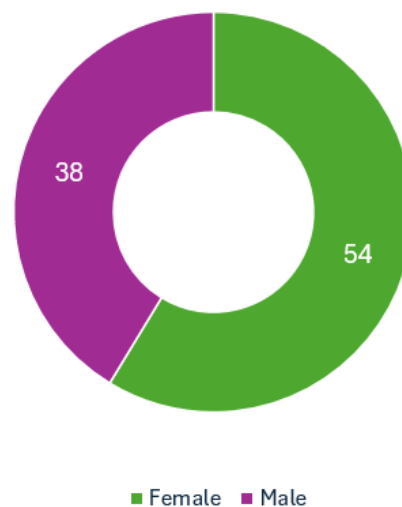
Attendance breakdown and representation

There was a total of **92 participants** in the webinar¹

Sectors



Gender



Regions



Satisfaction Survey Results*

- Webinar rated as "Excellent"
- Speakers presented the information "Extremely well"
- 88% suggested to continue with same methodology (short presentations and space for stakeholders' input).
- Important takeaways: "Stakeholders getting ready to contribute." ... "To express our self-experience and suggestions for draft document as well as new concepts that can be shared" *8 respondents

¹ Participants connected for more than 60 minutes. The total number of participants was 128.

Key Messages

A range of very useful comments and issues were raised, both about the approach that the Implementation Programme might take as well as for specific work areas, sectors, and topics that the IP could focus on. Key aspects discussed during the webinar are listed below.

- Links between the development of IPs and the development of indicators, particularly as they relate to targets D3 and D6.
- The realities of engaging with all stakeholders across industries and the opportunities to work with front runner companies as a way to proceed.
- Resolution V/8 remains central: it encourages us to undertake further activities during the intersessional period on all areas of work and provides guidance for the implementation programs.
- The IOMC welcomes the willingness and interest of all stakeholders to work together to further develop this Implementation Programme, which will be critical for its success.

Next steps:

- Final comments on the [Draft Discussion Document](#) can be submitted until **15 January 2025**.
- The IOMC will convene a [multi-stakeholder workshop](#) from 24–26 February 2025 in Paris at the OECD, offering 2½ days of interactions on various aspects of programme development. Please indicate your interest in attending or participating in the February workshop by submitting the [expression of interest form](#), which can be found on the workshop website.