



Inter-Organization Programme for the
Sound Management of Chemicals

WORKING TOGETHER TO
END CHEMICAL POLLUTION

Supporting the development of GFC Implementation Programmes

November 2024





- The Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals was established in 1995, following recommendations made by the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development and in particular those in Chapter 19 of Agenda 21 about toxic chemicals.
- Its objective is to strengthen international cooperation in the field of chemicals and to increase the effectiveness of the organizations' international chemicals programmes.
- The IOMC promotes coordination of policies and activities, pursued jointly or separately, to achieve the sound management of chemicals in relation to human health and the environment.

10 Participating Organizations

actively involved in chemical safety





(1) References to “Implementation Programmes” in the GFC



GFC VI. Mechanisms to support implementation

A. Implementation programmes

- **The International Conference may adopt programmes** to support the implementation of the Framework to achieve its “Strategic objectives and targets”
- Programmes should have their own focus and engage relevant sectors and stakeholders
- Programmes could include actions that stakeholders intend to initiate or contribute to meet the relevant targets
- **Programmes should have mandates, terms of reference, workplans** and/or other mechanisms
- Participation in Programmes open to all relevant stakeholders and sectors
- The International Conference may establish ad hoc working groups to provide guidance and mobilize engagement.



ICCM5 Resolution V/8 on “Implementation arrangements”

- Urges Governments, intergovernmental organizations, civil society and the private sector to comprehensively implement the GFC
- **Invites the IOMC, governments, and stakeholders “to collaborate on, and develop proposals for implementation programmes (...)”**
- Proposals should address **“respective mandates, terms of reference, workplans and other mechanisms”**
- Possible adoption at the next International Conference (2026) should **not delay immediate stakeholder action** (intersessional work encouraged)
- Reference to the value and dimensions of **integrated chemicals and waste management**

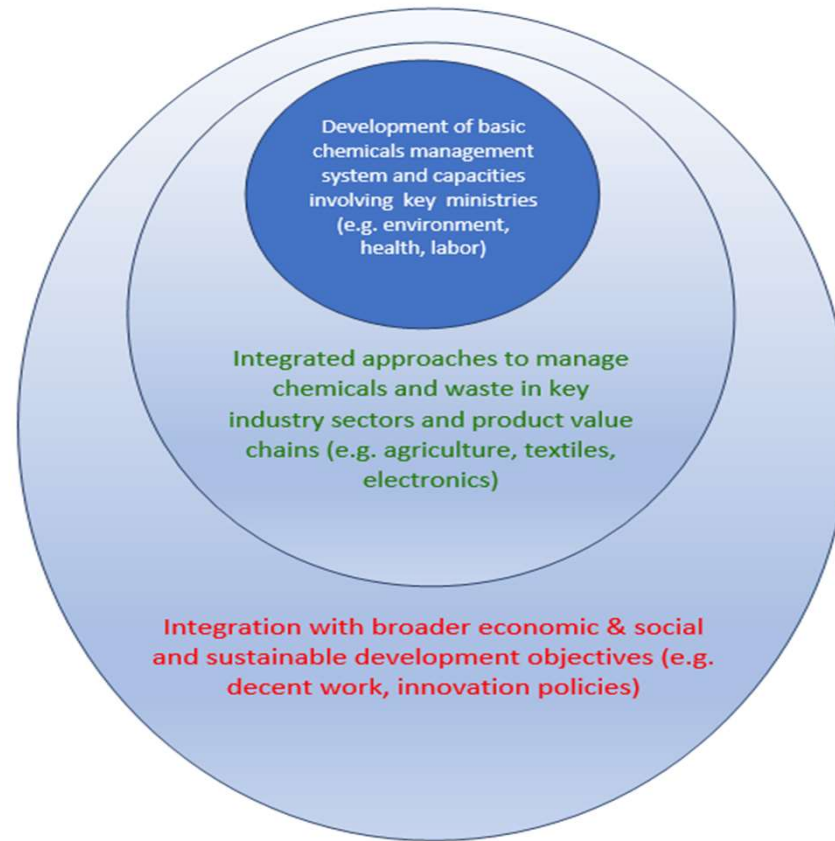


Resolution V/8: Areas of work for Implementation Programmes to be considered

- Developing integrated **national chemicals and waste management systems and capacities** at the national and regional levels
- Integrating sound chemicals and waste management in **economic and industrial sectors along value chains**
- Integrating sound chemicals and waste management in **sustainable development decision-making processes**, as appropriate; and
- Addressing **issues of concern**, as appropriate.



Three dimensions of integrated chemicals and waste management





Proposed Common Features of Implementation Programmes

Implementation programmes should include some common features for consistency.

IOMC suggests the following as a starting point:

- Awareness raising and stakeholder mobilization
- Identifying good practices, knowledge-sharing, and identifying needs
- Collaboration, coordination, and partnerships
- Review, dissemination and use of guidance
- Finance and technical support
- Analysis and feedback



Proposed common elements suggested by IOMC

The common features of the IPs could be operationalized as (common) elements in a draft terms of reference (TOR). IOMC suggests the following as a starting point:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Proposing stakeholder(s)2. Programme rationale3. Programme focus and objectives4. Participants<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stakeholders encouraged to participate• Criteria for stakeholder participation /sign up5. Activities under the Programme<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global level activities• Stakeholder activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Awareness-raising, knowledge sharing, and collaboration7. Governance and implementing arrangements<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programme coordination• Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group• Participation / membership• Functions8. Financial matters and resource considerations9. Monitoring and analysis (and reporting)
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Proposed Programme 1: Strengthening integrated national chemicals legislation and institutional capacities

Proposed focus

- GFC Strategic Objective A and Target A1 (legal frameworks and institutional capacity)
- Other targets: A2, A3, A5, A6, A7, B1, B2, B3, B4, B6, D2, D4, D7, E2, E3, E5, E6



Initial activities (under development and consideration)

- Concept paper on “Options for developing basic national chemicals legislation for industrial and consumer product chemicals”
- Development of legislative modules / building blocks to fill gaps and address emerging topics of interest

Possible topics: mutual acceptance of data, hazard classifications and assessment methods; streamlined risk assessment/management decision-making for industrial and consumer product chemicals; incentives for green and sustainable chemistry innovation; cost recovery and sustainability of national systems; other topics proposed by stakeholders

- IOMC/GFC Survey to identify countries interested and committed to strengthen their national chemicals legislation and institutional capacities
- Identification of countries and organizations available to provide support (“match-making”)
- Development and dissemination of a tool to support countries in self assessing their national chemicals legislation and institutional capacities (“baseline and needs analysis”)
- Provide technical support to interested countries in developing project proposals



Proposed Programme 2: Strengthening economic and industry sector engagement and action

Proposed focus

- GFC Strategic Objective D: Targets D6 & D3 (Sustainable chemical and waste management strategies in major economic and industry sectors & Private and finance sector strategies)
- Other Targets: A3, A4, A7, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6, B7, D1, D4, D7, E2, E3, E6



Initial activities (under development and consideration)

- IOMC industry sector outreach survey, July 2024
- Fostering early engagement with selected industry sectors (i.e. Health Care, Textiles, Electronics, Construction, Pharmaceuticals, Finance and Investment)
- Overall guidance to support development of chemicals and waste strategies in economic and industry sectors (D 6)
- Identification of possible additional topics for guidance development (e.g. chemical footprint assessment, transparency on chemical information in the value chain, other topics proposed by stakeholders)



Programme 3: Linking chemicals and waste management with sustainable development decision-making processes

Proposed focus

- Strategic Objective E of the GFC and Target E 6 *
- Other relevant Targets: A3, A6, A7, B4, B5, C1, D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, E1, E2

Initial activities (under preparation and consideration)

- Development of short primers on specific SD topics and targets

Possible Topics: national development planning; climate change; biodiversity; education; innovation; health care; and MEAs, other topics proposed by stakeholders

- Exploring opportunities to develop a possible Programme on “Chemicals and Climate Change”



* By 2030, stakeholders identify and strengthen, linkages between chemicals and waste management and other key policies (e.g. climate change, biodiversity, human rights protection, primary health care)



(2) Activities and consultations to date



IOMC role and commitment

- Facilitating, encouraging, and coordinating an overall approach for implementation programme development, as well as the development of a small number of implementation programmes which correspond to the mandate provided in Resolution V/8*
- offering the collective expertise and support of the ten Participating Organizations (POs)
- activities include multistakeholder consultations to support the development of draft mandates, TORs, and workplans for implementation programmes, as well as selected preparatory technical activities
- in addition, individual IOMC POs continue to execute activities and projects that support implementation of specific GFC targets, individually or jointly with others
- A wide-range of preparatory work was undertaken in the run-up to ICCM-5 (multistakeholder workshops, side-events, briefings, etc.)

** n.b. Resolution V/8 is open concerning the number of GFC IPs - other proposals of relevance and corresponding to the criteria found in the GFC documents may be developed by stakeholders for consideration of the International Conference.*



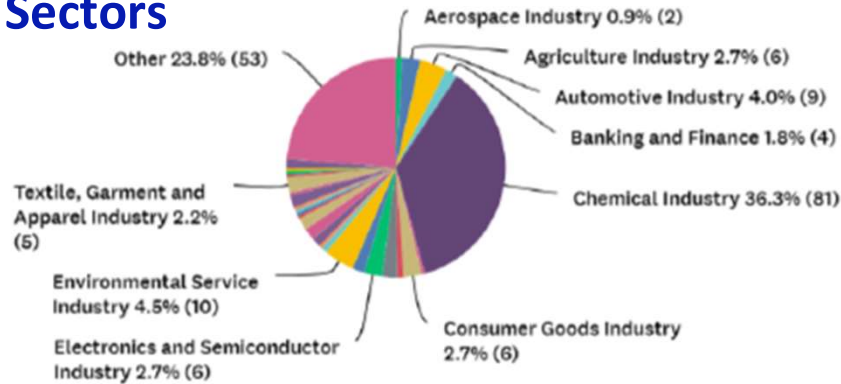
Global survey for industry

- Global survey to support the development of a GFC implementation programme on industry engagement and action administered by IOMC and GFC Secretariat starting in July 2024
- raise awareness in industry associations and companies about the GFC and its industry-related targets, by specifically addressing industry associations and companies
- elicit input from industry stakeholders about their ongoing and planned efforts to implement the GFC and their interest to contribute to a possible global GFC Implementation Programme on industry engagement and action along value chains
- Open-ended, but feedback consolidated in Sept. 2024 <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GFCimplementation>
- 225 responses to date, including from **101 companies**, **39 associations** and **85 other stakeholders** (*for more information, refer to the IOMC website*)
- interest of many stakeholders to engage in the development of a GFC Implementation Programme on industry engagement

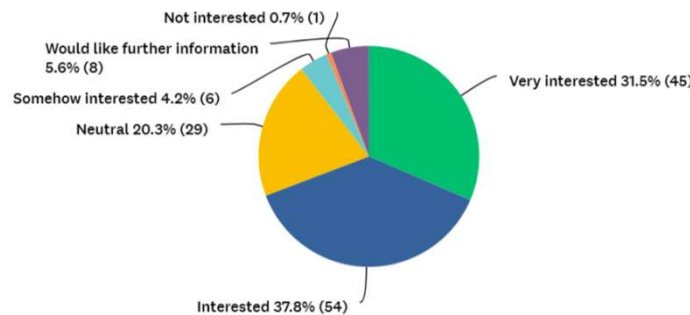
Some survey results

Developing a GFC Industry Implementation Programmes

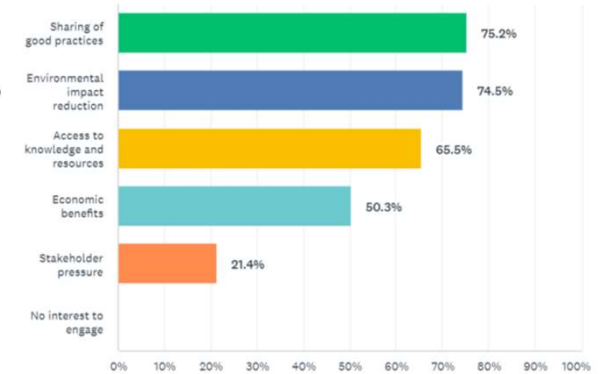
Sectors



Interest



Motivation



Already has a chemicals and waste management policy or strategy, or other relevant policy

No 14.5% - To some extent 38.2% - **Yes 47.4%**

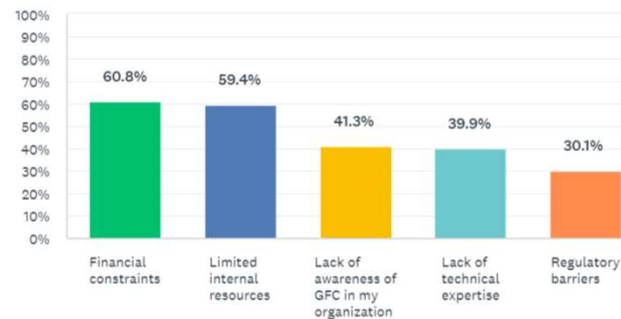
Trying to replace priority chemicals of concern in value chains

No 16.6% - Under consideration 35.8% - **Yes 47.7%**

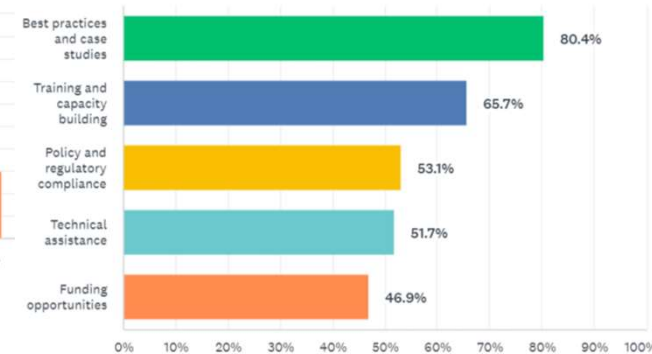
Reporting on matters of chemicals and waste management using a recognized reporting standard

No 25.3% - Under consideration 24.7% - **Yes 50.0%**

Challenges



Areas for knowledge-sharing



Draft discussion document on “Developing GFC Implementation Programmes”

- Stakeholder consultation document:

Development of Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) implementation programmes to advance integrated chemicals and waste management: National systems, industry engagement, and sustainable development linkages

- prepared by the IOMC to inform stakeholder consultations – Working Draft circulated in August 2024
- Presented at webinar on 30 September 2024
- Comments received from 27 stakeholders by 17 October 2024
- Feedback currently being reviewed for next steps.





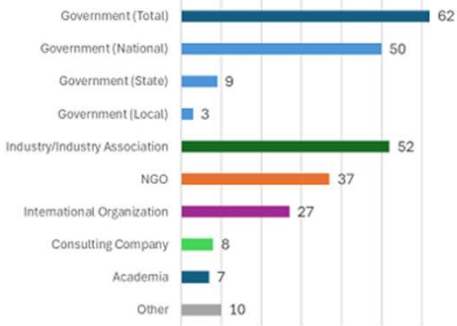
Webinar Series in Support of GFC Implementation

- New series of webinars, starting in 2024, as a contribution to the implementation of the GFC
- webinars open to all interested stakeholders participating in the GFC, as well as other stakeholders active or interested in chemicals and waste management
- Three webinars to date:
 - (1) Global Stakeholder Dialogue on GFC Implementation Programmes, 3 July 2024
 - (2) Developing GFC Implementation Programmes, 30 September 2024
 - (3) Developing a GFC Implementation Programme on Strengthening Economic and Industry Sector Engagement, 10 December 2024

<https://iomcwebinars.org/>

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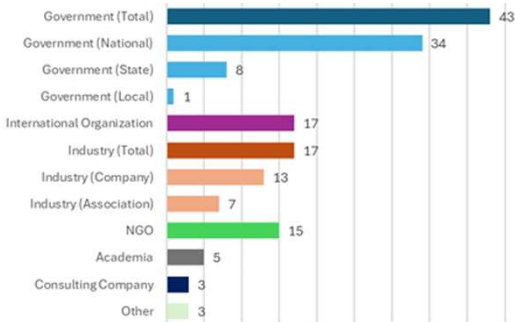
Webinar #1



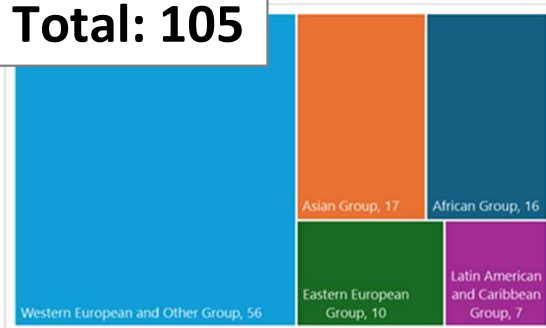
Total: 203



Webinar #2



Total: 105



COMPLETED

Developing GFC Implementation Programmes

30 September 2024, 1:00 PM–2:30PM CEST

This webinar discusses and obtains input to the discussion note prepared by the IOMC to inform stakeholder consultations regarding the "Development of GFC implementation programmes to advance integrated chemicals and waste management."

COMPLETED

Global Stakeholder Dialogue on GFC Implementation Programmes

03 July 2024, 2:00 PM–3:30PM CEST

This is a first discussion with all interested stakeholders to consider how to collaborate on the development, design, and formulation of specific implementation programmes and to identify what steps and activities are needed.

Reports available: <https://iomcwebinars.org/current-webinar-series>



(3) Upcoming activities and next steps



IOMC - Internal work to support early action of the economic and industry sector

- 1. Outreach and engagement:** Raising awareness about the GFC; Disseminating the IOMC industry survey and identifying other companies/associations which should be encouraged to complete it; Maintaining an updated database of associations, companies, and organizations.
- 2. IOMC guidance on Target D6:** Providing input to support the development of strategies; Disseminating the draft guidance; Encouraging industry stakeholders and associations to prepare a strategy aligned with target D6.
- 3. Chemical footprint and priority chemicals of concern:** Taking stock of actions to identify priority chemicals of concern; Identifying phase out plans for priority chemicals of concerns, sustainable procurement and supply chain practices, chemicals footprint or similar methodologies; Identifying needs of companies in developing regions to implement the GFC.
- 4. Green and sustainable chemistry:** Identifying and documenting solutions which support the substitution/phase out of priority chemicals of concern in the sector; Exploring opportunities for knowledge-sharing and mobilizing financing.
- 5. Industry engagement in GFC Implementation:** Identifying and sharing good practices put in place by frontrunner companies; Eliciting interest of key stakeholders to engage in the development of an GFC IP and considering development of an industry-sector specific IP; Integrating GFC targets into projects developed and implemented by POs; Encouraging uptake of GFC targets in companies' strategies.

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



Milestones towards the 2026 International Conference

- Further webinars on the proposed implementation programmes in 2025 (planned)
- Global multi-stakeholder workshops (draft mandates, TORs, and workplans)
 - Economic and industry sector engagement and action (including institutional investors/finance sector), 24-26 Feb. 2025, *tbc*
 - Integrated national chemicals management legislation and institutional capacities, 2nd Q 2025
- Meeting and Information document(s) for the OEWG, June 2025
- Refinement of draft mandates, TORs and workplans, 3rd/4th Q 2025
- Ongoing work to expand content and provide further training on the IOMC Toolbox
<https://iomctoolbox.org/>
- Discussion on and possible adoption at the next International Conference, end of 2026

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

“The IOMC vision is to shape a sustainable future through coordinated global action to achieve the sound lifecycle management of chemicals and waste for healthy lives and the environment.”

THANK YOU

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