Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals

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Economic and Industry Sector Engagement and Action to Implement the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC)

A multi-stakeholder workshop to develop a GFC Industry Implementation Programme (with a dedicated day on disclosure, reporting, and financing)

24 - 26 February 2025

Hosted at the OECD, Paris, France
Boulogne – OECD, 46, quai Alphonse Le Gallo, 92100 Boulogne-Billancourt[1]

Information Note

Global Framework on Chemicals, para. 24

The International Conference on the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste may adopt programmes to support the implementation of the Framework in order to achieve its strategic objectives, as presented in part V, "Strategic objectives and targets". Such programmes should have their own focus and engage relevant sectors and stakeholders, and could include, in a flexible and dynamic format, the actions that the stakeholders intend to initiate or contribute to at the national, regional, and/or international levels in order to successfully meet the relevant targets identified in part V. Such programmes should also include any necessary mandates, terms of reference, workplans and/or other mechanisms, including actions to address identified issues of concern where relevant, to contribute to the success of the overall Framework and its strategic objectives.

Background

At the fifth International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5), held in September 2023 in Bonn, Germany, delegates from around the world representing governments, industry and civil society adopted a new "Global Framework on Chemicals: For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste" (GFC). The GFC includes 5 Strategic Objectives and 28 Targets, many of which are directly relevant to economic and industry sectors along value chains. Such sectors include, but are not limited to: Construction, Electronics, Energy, Food and Agriculture, Health Care, Household and Personal Care Products, Pharmaceuticals, Retail, Textiles, Tourism, Toys, Transportation, and Finance and Investment.

In response to a call from ICCM5 to develop an Implementation Programme to engage economic and industry sectors, the IOMC is pleased to announce a global, multi-stakeholder workshop hosted at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), in Paris[2], France from Monday 24 - Wednesday 26 February 2025 (closing at 1pm).

[1] N.*b.* this is not the main location of OECD offices.

Workshop objectives

The workshop will serve as an important event to advance the development of a GFC Industry Implementation Programme, and other important topics which are of direct relevance to industry. A dedicated day on Tuesday 25 February will focus on opportunities to engage with organizations involved in sustainability reporting and private and public financial investors.

The workshop has the following objectives:

- Raise awareness of the GFC and its industry targets in important economic and industry sectors.
- Develop guidance to develop industry strategies under GFC Target D6[3] that is of practical value to industry.
- Take stock of and explore opportunities to engage organizations in aligning sustainability reporting standards and guidance with the GFC.
- Generate momentum to engage financial stakeholders in implementing GFC Target D3[4] dealing with private sector financing.
- Develop a draft mandate, Terms of Reference, and initial workplan for a GFC Implementation Programme to engage economic and industry sectors along value chains.
- Explore opportunities to initiate development of initial industry sector GFC implementation programmes.

Workshop outcomes will feed into the GFC Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) meeting in Punta del Este, Uruguay, in June 2025.

Participation

Workshop participants include environment, health and sustainability managers from industry associations and companies and the chemical value chain, as well as representatives from government, civil society, and labor organizations.

For more information about the IOMC work to support the GFC and implementation programmes, please click here.

[3] **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.

[4] ***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.