

# Barriers to GHS Implementation



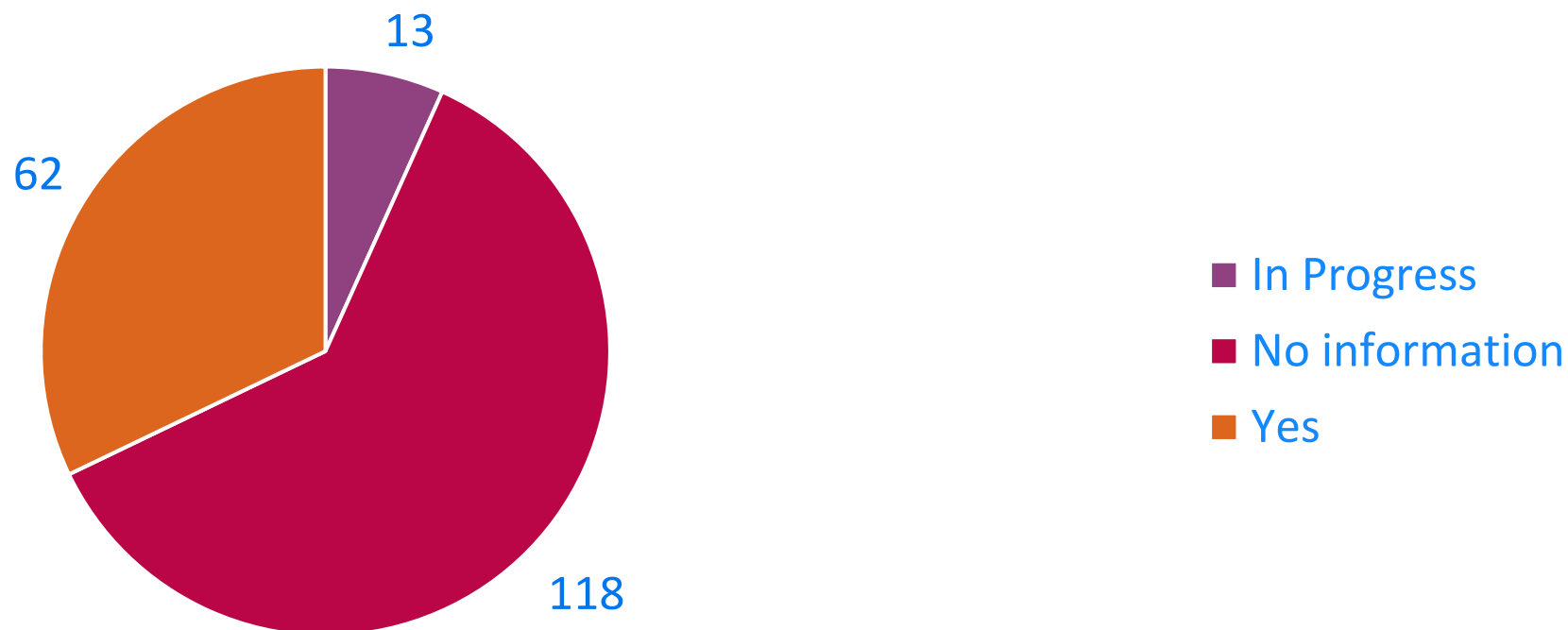
# Background

- **November 2023: Global Framework on Chemicals – For a planet free of harm from chemicals and waste (GFC) adopted**
- **GFC contains Target B6:**
  - By 2030, all Governments have implemented the Globally Harmonized System for Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) in all relevant sectors as appropriate for their national circumstances

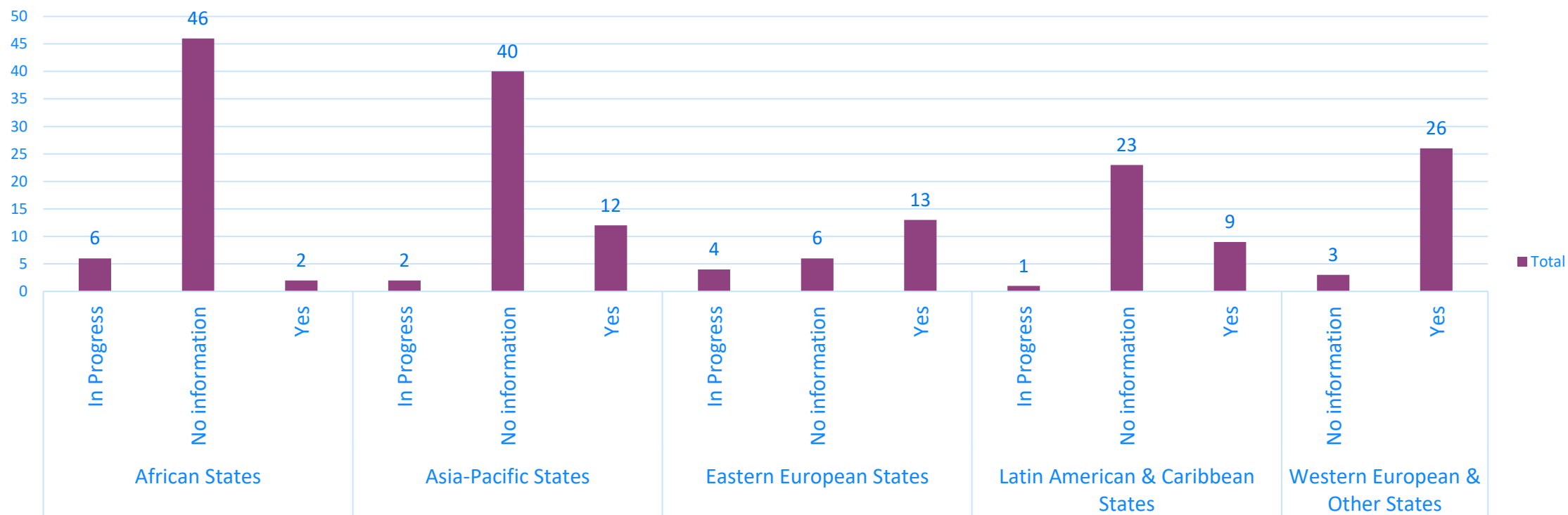
# ICCA's role in promoting implementation

- **Believe the GHS is the foundation of a strong chemicals management system**
  - In partnership with EU, UNITAR, ECHA, UNEP, SACIM: funded the 'GHS in Africa' Pilot Project
- **ICCA is supportive of the GFC and its goals**
  - Continue to demonstrate our commitment to implementation through this project

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# Role of UNSCEGHS in GHS Implementation

- **The GHS Subcommittee is responsible for maintaining the GHS, promoting its implementation, and providing additional guidance as needs arise.**
- **GHS Subcommittee has the following functions:**
  - Act as custodian of the GHS
  - Keep the GHS up to date as necessary
  - Promote understanding and use of the GHS and encourage feedback
  - Make the GHS available for worldwide use and application
  - Make guidance available on the application of the GHS and the interpretation and use of technical criteria
  - Prepare work programmes and submit recommendations to the committee

# Survey Information

- **ICCA developed a survey intended to understand barriers to implementation and revision of country-level GHS regulations**
- **Expected Outcomes**
  - Understanding of the global status of GHS implementation as foundational point for Target B6 of the GFC
  - Better understanding of the technical and policy barriers to GHS implementation around the world
  - Recommendations to the GHS Sub-committee for future programmes of work

# Survey Information Examples

- **Based on your country's progress in implementing the GHS**
- **For those who have implemented:**
  - In what sectors, and what elements are included?
  - How do you determine when and how to update your GHS-based regulations?
  - Which building blocks have been implemented?
- **For those who have not implemented:**
  - What sectors are you planning for?
  - What elements of the GHS are you planning for?
  - What resources would be most helpful to you in moving towards implementation?



# Request

- **Competent Authorities:** We invite you to complete the survey by using online form. A paper copy of the survey is also available by request.
- **Industry Representatives:** Request that you bring this survey to your competent authority's attention and request their participation

# Questions

- **Link to survey form:** <https://forms.office.com/r/ftg8PXRVG2>
- **Contact ICCA for paper copy**

## Questions?

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