

# Advancing global chemicals and waste management in chemical intensive economic sectors and value chains

*A multi-stakeholder workshop in support of the intersessional process for the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (“Beyond 2020”)*

## Extended deadline to express interest to participate

- [13 December 2022 \(if funding is requested\)](#)
- [21 December 2022 \(if self-funded\)](#)

*Organized by the IOMC and hosted by OECD in Paris, [18-19 January 2023](#)*



## Background

The second edition of the Global Chemicals Outlook ([GCO-II](#)) stated that hazardous chemicals in products and value chains are causing concern for human health and environment. Relevant economic sectors include: agriculture and food production, construction and building, cosmetics and personal care, electronics, energy, health care, minerals and mining, packaging, plastics, refrigeration and air conditioning, retail, textiles, toys, and waste management.

While developing global targets for chemicals and waste beyond 2020 at the fourth meeting of the intersessional process ([IP4.1](#)) in [September 2022](#), one proposal encourages chemical intensive economic sectors to develop “sustainable chemical and waste management strategies...which identify priority chemicals of concern [as well as] standards and measures to reduce chemical input and footprint along the value chains”.

## Workshop purpose

In response to this development, the IOMC (FAO, ILO, UNDP, UNEP, UNIDO, UNITAR, WHO, the World Bank and the OECD) are pleased to invite interested stakeholders to a global, multi-stakeholder workshop hosted by the OECD, in Paris, France on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 January 2023. The workshop builds on IP4.1 discussions and the successful IOMC workshop held in Bucharest, on Friday 26 August 2022.

The workshop will bring together relevant actors from companies and associations, as well as other stakeholders to explore guiding considerations and principles to support effective global action in chemical intensive economic sectors and value chains under the new “beyond 2020” framework, as well as pertinent draft targets. Participants will explore opportunities to operationalize the draft targets related to chemical intensive economic sectors and value chains. Details and an agenda will be shared with interested participants in December.

The outcomes will feed into discussions at the next meeting of the intersessional process ([IP 4.2](#), Nairobi, Kenya, 27/2 – 3/3/2023) and the Fifth [International Conference on Chemicals Management](#) in Bonn, Germany (Sept. 2023).

## Participation

If you are interested in participating and be considered for travel support, please send an **Expression of Interest** to Oliver Wootton by **13 December 2022 (oliver.wootton@unitar.org)**. Limited travel support will be available for participants from developing countries and countries with economies in transition and civil society.