



IOMC Multi-stakeholder Expert Workshop on Advancing Chemicals and Waste Management in Economic Sectors and Industries

Development of guidance and elements of a possible global programme in preparation of IP 4.3 and the 5th International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5)

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Workshop Overview and Discussion Topics

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The IOMC multi-stakeholder expert workshop on “Advancing Chemicals and Waste Management in Economic Sectors and Industries” will feed into the [intersessional process](#) (IP) on the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020, and the 5th International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5), Bonn, Germany, 25-29 September 2023.

Building on the outcomes of a broader [IOMC workshop](#) held at OECD in Paris in January 2023 which focused on knowledge-sharing, the Geneva workshop will discuss draft guiding principles to support economic sector and industry strategies covering supply and value chains, and explore the elements and activities of a possible Implementation Programme under “Beyond 2020”.

On June 20, during Day 1 in the afternoon, parallel online consultations will take place between 2:30 and 4:30 pm CEST with a number of key sectors and industries to feed their perspectives into the broader discussions. The consultations are expected to cover, among others, the following sectors and industries: retail, textiles, electronics, building and construction, healthcare, toys, and household and personal care products.

Workshop topics

Over a two-day period, participants will discuss the following topics. Draft documentation will be shared with all participants in advance of the workshop (expected to be 10 days prior).

- 1. Guidelines and principles to support chemical and waste strategies in economic sectors and industries – Review of draft annotated outline/draft text**
 - Which economic sectors and industries are encouraged to engage in “Beyond 2020”?

- Substantive topics covered by the guidelines:
 - Responsible business and sustainability frameworks
 - Corporate chemical and waste policies and targets
 - Chemical footprint assessments and performance reviews
 - Information disclosure and transparency in supply and value chains
 - Sustainable product design and green and sustainable chemistry innovation
 - Corporate management systems and instruments (e.g. product stewardship, sustainable supply chain management)
 - Standards and certification to support economic sector and industry action
- Process topics covered by the guidelines
 - Checklist for self-assessment reviews at the company/industry level
 - Elements and steps for strategy development at the company/industry level
- Enabling action by key stakeholder groups
 - Government (e.g. extended producer responsibility, polluter pays schemes)
 - Civil society and workers groups (e.g. transparency campaigns)
 - Industry and finance sector (e.g. association initiatives, innovative financing)

2. Elements and activities for a possible “Beyond 2020” Implementation Programme

- Knowledge creation and sharing (e.g. sector reviews, good practices)
- Action dialogues (cross-sectoral and sector/industry specific)
- Capacity development

3. Creating momentum in specific sectors and industries in advance and beyond ICCM 5

Possible sectors and industries (the chemical industry is cutting across all):

- Retail, Textiles, Electronics, Building and Construction, Healthcare, Food and Agriculture, and Finance

4. Preparation for ICCM5

- Draft resolution text for a possible Implementation Programme
- Elements of a TOR for an Implementation Programme
- Consideration of an ICCM5 side event
- Specific follow-up activities (e.g. webinar on workshop outcomes)

Participants

The workshop will bring together a diverse group of experts and stakeholders, taking into account the need for balanced participation from sectors and industries, governments, workers groups and civil society. If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please contact Oliver Wootton (oliver.wootton@unitar.org) and Emma Jaena (emma.jaena@unitar.org).