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## Opportunities for economic sectors and industries to engage in international chemicals and waste management

### *Online consultation*

*within a global multi-stakeholder workshop, 20-21 June 2023, Geneva to inform a future global framework on chemicals and waste management beyond 2020*

*Tuesday, 20 June 2023, 2:30-4:30 pm CEST*

### *Invitation to industry and other stakeholders*

## Background

The global community is currently [negotiating](#) a future global framework on the Strategic Approach and sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 (“Beyond 2020”). The new framework includes specific global targets – several in relation to the private sector and industry - and is expected to be adopted at the 5th International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM5), Bonn, Germany, 25-29 September 2023. The engagement of stakeholders from economic sectors and downstream industries has emerged as an important topic in the negotiations. This includes, but is not limited to, the following industries: retail, textiles, electronics, building and construction, healthcare, toys, and household and personal care products.

The IOMC will organize a multi-stakeholder expert workshop (Geneva, Switzerland, 20-21 June 2023) to feed into the global negotiations. The workshop focuses on the development of global draft guidance to support economic sectors and industry strategies to advance chemicals and waste management. It will also explore the elements and activities of a possible Implementation Programme being considered under “Beyond 2020”. The workshop builds on the [IOMC workshop](#) on “Advancing Chemicals and Waste Management in Chemical Intensive Economic Sectors and Industries” which took place from 17-18 January 2023, in Paris, hosted by the OECD. Please see Annex 1 for a list of topics addressed by the two-day workshop. Draft documentation will be shared with all participants by 10 June 2023.

## **Invitation to join a global online consultation, 20 June 2023, 2:30-4:30 pm CEST**

On 20 June 2023, industry and other stakeholders are invited to participate in a two-hour online session which will take place within the Geneva workshop. It recognizes that many stakeholders may not be available to attend the full two days. The consultation is expected to address a range of industry issues relevant to the Beyond 2020 negotiations. It will take place on day 1 of the workshop in the afternoon, from 2:30 to 4:30 Geneva (CEST) time. Feedback and results from this consultation will inform workshop discussions on day two.

Guiding questions for the online consultation include:

- How can the future global framework on chemicals and waste management “Beyond 2020” spur engagement and enable action of downstream industries?
- How can a possible Global Implementation Programme under the future “Beyond 2020” framework be shaped to help advance chemicals and waste management in economic sectors and industries?
- What are perspectives of industry stakeholders on the draft guidance to support strategies to advance the sound management of chemicals and waste and sustainable chemistry in economic sectors and industries?
- What actions could be considered by industry leaders working with relevant stakeholders in advance of ICCM5 and during ICCM5?

### **Are you interested in joining and engaging?**

Industry and other stakeholders with an interest in sustainable chemicals and waste management are encouraged to participate in the online consultation. Stakeholders may also express an interest in attending the full two days in person. If you are interested in joining the online consultation, please contact by 31 May 2023 Oliver Wootton, UNITAR ([Oliver.WOOTTON@unitar.org](mailto:Oliver.WOOTTON@unitar.org)).

## Annex 1

### Topics discussed at the 20-21 June IOMC Workshop

#### 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 Terms of Reference (TOR) for an Implementation Programme
- Consideration of an ICCM5 side event
- Specific follow-up activities (e.g. webinar on workshop outcomes)