Transparency and Traceability Along Value Chains

Date: Thursday 26th June, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Modality: Hybrid
Convened by: UNITAR, in collaboration with ICCA, Groundworks South Africa, ITUC

Context and Background

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". Following adoption of the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste in 2023, resolution V/8 was agreed on implementation arrangements, inviting "stakeholders… to collaborate on and develop proposals for implementation programmes". The IOMC convened a multistakeholder workshop to further this in Paris, on 24-26 February 2025. The workshop identified cross-cutting thematic workstreams that would provide support to specific industry sector programmes. Transparency and traceability along value chains was identified as a thematic workstreams, and along with five (5) other topics, will be addressed in a dedicated event during the GFC-OEWG Multi-Stakeholder Day.

The Paris workshop identified next steps to advance transparency and traceability efforts, with an initial focus on clearly understanding the chemical information needs of different user groups along the value chains, and compiling and reviewing existing good practices and tools. Developing minimum transparency and traceability benchmarks or standards could serve as a valuable longer-term ambition. Digital Product Passports (DPPs) were highlighted as a potential illustrative example.

Transparency and traceability of chemical information across value chains are referenced in several GFC targets and are critical for implementing Target D6. Strategic Objective B also states that: "Comprehensive and sufficient knowledge, data and information are generated, available and accessible to all to enable informed decisions and actions". Targets B1, B2, and B3 are focused on the need to make information and data available along the value chain. Important advances have been made by stakeholders to enhance transparency and traceability of chemical information along value chains. Opportunities

exist to foster knowledge-sharing, identify good practices, and for alignment and benchmarking.

Session Objectives

This event aims to increase knowledge and stakeholder commitment on Transparency and traceability along value chains as a cross-cutting thematic area relevant for strengthening industry action, with two main outcomes:

- Confirmation and further identification of activities for the workstream and way forward for the cross-cutting thematic area.
- Increased stakeholder engagement and preparations for continued engagement in the GFC Industry Implementation Programme.

The event will highlight experiences to establish harmonized criteria and approaches, transparency, and practical tools to support informed decision-making for the sound management of chemicals. It will also discuss next steps in further advancing the work.

Agenda

Time	Programme
10:00 – 10:05	**Welcome & Introduction to the Session** Welcome and summary of the results of the thematic discussion and proceedings of the IOMC Workshop in Paris. Introduction to the Implementation Programmes. **Speaker:** Oliver Wootton, UNITAR
10:05 – 10:10	**Chemicals in Products under SAICM** Introduction and recap to the Chemicals in Products EPI under SAICM **Speaker:** Maria Delvin, Sweden
10:10 – 10:15	**Experience from the automotive sector** Understanding transparency initiatives **Speaker:** Timo Unger, Hyundai
10:15 – 10:20	**Experience from the textiles sector** Experiences in the textile sector, challenges and opportunities **Speaker:** Yiliqi Yiliqi, NRDC
10:20 – 10:25	**Experience from a developing country**

	Experiences and obstacles related to transparency and traceability **Speaker:** Azeb Dagne Asrat, Ethiopia
10:25 – 10:30	**NGO perspectives** Expectations for traceability and transparency **Speaker:** Rico Euripidou, Groundworks
10:30 – 10:35	**Workers groups perspectives** The importance of traceability and transparency for occupational safety and health **Speaker:** ITUC rep (TBC)
10:35 – 10:50	**Interactive session I** Input from participants on information needs
10:50 – 11:05	**Interactive session II** Good practices and tools
11:05 – 11:15	**Conclusion and Recommendations** Summary of key points and next steps **Speaker:** Oliver Wootton, UNITAR