

IOMC input for informal group on GFC Fund (related to agenda item 3(c))

- The GFC Fund Executive Board could consider how IOMC Participating Organizations (POs) could support GFC Trust Fund applicants if they wish to seek support from IOMC POs for the development and/or implementation of their proposals. It would be helpful if the Board could provide clearer guidance on how applicants can effectively engage relevant POs, in particular those applicants that have limited capacity to develop and implement projects or are unable to directly access GFC Fund funding.
- The IOMC's current status as an observer to the GFC Fund has limitations, which includes not having access to meeting documents and requests for recusals. IOMC POs have extensive knowledge on past, on-going and planned chemicals and waste related programming at country level as they frequently support national governments and other stakeholders in designing and implementing programmes related to the sound management of chemicals and waste. The knowledge and expertise of IOMC POs could therefore benefit GFC Fund related processes and procedures, and help avoid duplication. For IOMC to be an effective partner of the GFC Fund, it would be beneficial for IOMC to be able to observe all aspects of the meetings on behalf of its 10 POs. Such an enhanced level of observer participation of IOMC would allow GFC Fund processes to fully benefit from the expertise available within these organizations.
- The IOMC and its POs remain committed to GFC implementation and the objectives of the GFC Fund, and emphasize the need for a mechanism in which the IOMC and its POs can provide technical expertise during the application process, as well as engage in project proposal formulation and implementation in support of applicants (when they explicitly request such support). We believe this will greatly assist in ensuring consistency with the GFC objectives, priority topics proposed by stakeholders and alignment with national, regional and global initiatives and programmes on the sound management of chemicals and waste.