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Establishing a Science-Policy Panel (SPP) for Chemicals, Waste and Pollution

14 DECEMBER 2021 | 14.00 - 15.30 CET

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INVITATION

You are cordially invited to the virtual event On the Road To UNEA 5.2 | Establishing a Science-Policy Panel (SPP) for Chemicals, Waste and Pollution organized within the framework of the Geneva Environment Network. This event is part of a series of webinars, co-convened by Albania, Mali, North-Macedonia, Switzerland and Uruguay with the support of UNEP, to inform stakeholders of the key findings from the UNEP Assessment Report, in preparation for discussions expected to take place at the second segment of the fifth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2).

The fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-4), in its resolution 4/8 adopted in 2019, recognized that science is needed to set priorities, for policymaking and to monitor progress: science-based decision-making should be promoted at all levels, and that the science-policy interface (SPI) needs to be strengthened. UNEA-4 further requested the Executive Director of UNEP to prepare an assessment of options for strengthening the science-policy interface at the international level. The assessment report reviews a variety of existing SPI platforms and examines potential impacts of and outputs from a strengthened Science-Policy Interface for chemicals and waste.

This multi-stakeholder event aims also at briefing participants on the proposal for a draft resolution for UNEA-5.2 on the establishment of a science policy panel to support action on chemicals, waste and pollution, providing attendants with a platform to exchange and reflect on the need to strengthen the SPI for chemicals, waste and pollution.

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REGISTRATION

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