

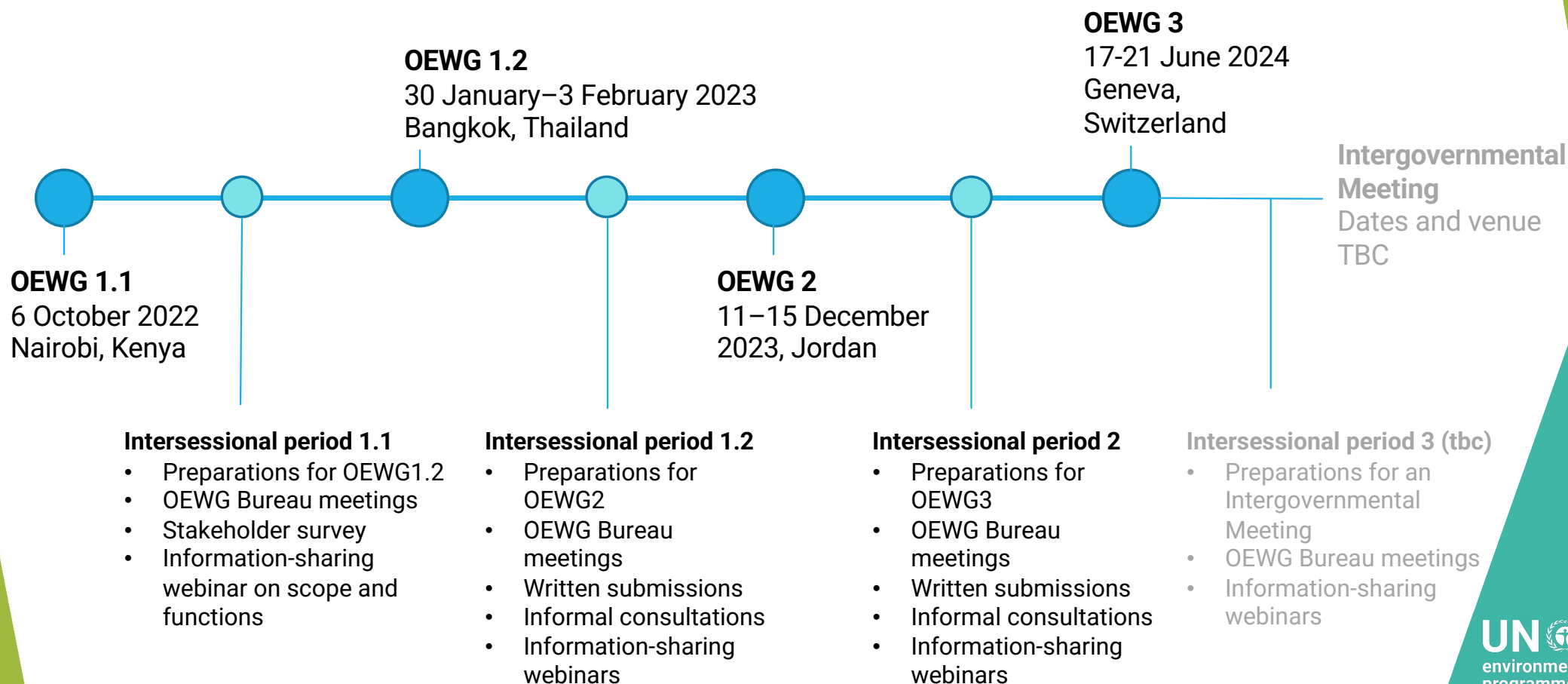
Road map towards OEWG 2

25 April 2023

Outline

- ▶ OEWG Process
 - ▶ intersessional workplan towards OEWG 2
 - ▶ timelines
 - ▶ expected outcomes
- ▶ Scientific bodies' engagement in the OEWG process
 - ▶ modality
 - ▶ areas for input

OEWG Process – Tentative Timeline



Intersessional workplan towards OEWG 2

UNEA Resolution 5/8, para 5	Requested intersessional activities / notes
(a) Institutional design and governance	Webinar + informal consultations / brainstorming
(b) Name and scope	Continue scope discussion; name → OEWG 3
(c) Principal functions	Mapping of capacity building
(d) Relationship with relevant key stakeholders	Webinar + informal consultations / brainstorming
(e) Processes for determining and executing the work programme	
(f) Arrangements for identifying and engaging with experts	
(g) Procedures for the review and adoption of reports	
(h) Arrangements for secretariat support	
(i) Options for voluntary financing of the work	
(j) Rules of procedure and operating principles	Written submissions on operating principles
(k) An indicative budget	OEWG 3
(l) Any other matters	Conflict of interest policy; MS and stakeholder input on needs and questions the Panel may handle

Green – continued discussion towards final text; **Blue** – working document to be developed for OEWG 2

Working Documents for OEWG 2

Number	Doc Title
1	Agenda and annotated agenda
2	Update from the secretariat on its operations, the budget and expenditures, timetable and organization of the future work of the ad hoc open-ended working group
3	Skeleton outline of OEWG proposal
4	Scope, objective, functions and operating principles
5	Institutional arrangements and rules of procedure for sessions of the plenary
6	Relationship with relevant key stakeholders
7	Work-related processes and procedures
INF 1	Scenario note
INF X ...	Relevant information documents for Working Doc 4, 5, 6 and/or 7

Document development process

Document Timeline		
First draft development	Bureau / External* review	Final draft development
April - 17 July	24 July (4 weeks)	21 August (1 week)
*External review includes WHO, IPCC, IPBES, MEAs and other relevant intergovernmental processes (and others?)		
Editing	Translation	Documents posted online
28 August (2 weeks)	11 September (6 weeks)	23 October

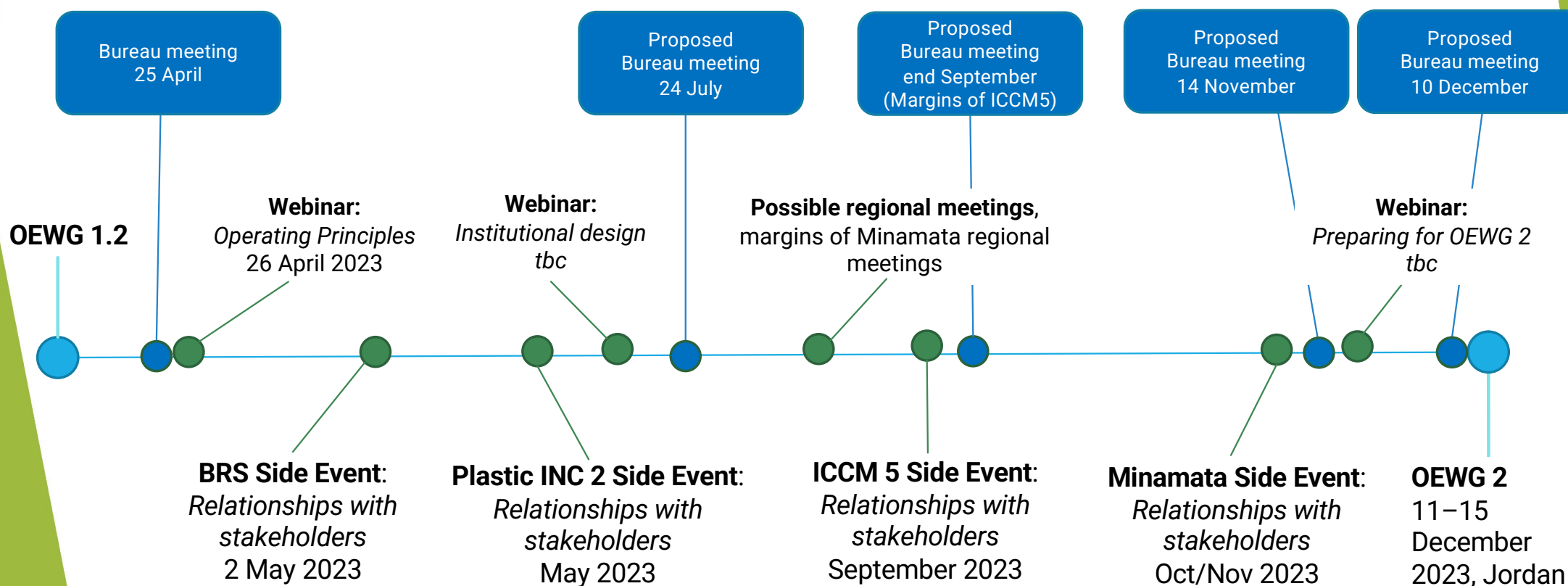
Document development process

	Other consultation process?	17 July	24 July – 21 August	23 October
Doc 1: Agenda		Draft 1	Bureau review	Posted online
Doc 2: Secretariat update				
Doc 3: Skeleton outline			Bureau review	
Doc 4: Scope, functions and operating principles	Webinar & written submissions on operating principles		Bureau/External review	
Doc 5: Institutional arrangements and RoP	Webinar & informal/regional consultation		Bureau/External review	
Doc 6: Stakeholder engagement	Side events at relevant meetings & informal/regional consultation		Bureau/External review	
Doc 7: Work-related processes	Webinar & informal/regional consultation, esp. on prioritization framework		Bureau/External review	

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Timeline Towards OEWG 2

- OEWG Meeting
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Bureau Engagement
- * Informal Consultations



Proposed Skeleton Outline

- ▶ **I. Scope and functions of the Panel**
- ▶ **II. Operating principles of the Panel**
- ▶ **III. Institutional arrangements for the Panel**
 - ▶ A. Plenary; B. Administrative and scientific functions to facilitate the work of the Panel; C. Subsidiary bodies of the Panel; D. Expert groups; E. Secretariat; F. Financial and other contributions to the Panel; G. Evaluation of the operation of the Panel
- ▶ **Annexes:**
 - ▶ Rules of procedure (UNEA 5/8 para 5(j), **OEWG.2/5**)
 - ▶ Procedures for the review and adoption of reports (UNEA 5/8 para 5(g), **OEWG.2/7**)
 - ▶ Process for determining and executing the work programme, including the prioritization criteria (UNEA 5/8 para 5(e), **OEWG.2/7**)
 - ▶ Relationship with relevant key stakeholders (UNEA 5/8 para 5(d), **OEWG.2/6**)
 - ▶ Arrangements for identifying and engaging with experts (UNEA 5/8 para 5(f), **OEWG.2/7**)
 - ▶ Conflict of interest policy (UNEA 5/8 para 5(l), **OEWG.2/7**)
 - ▶ Financial procedures (UNEA 5/8 para 5(i), **OEWG.2/5**)

Scientific Bodies' Engagement

- ▶ UNEA Resolution 5/8, para 7: “the ad hoc open-ended working group should include Governments and regional economic integration organizations and be open to observers from United Nations entities, relevant multilateral agreements, other international instruments and intergovernmental bodies, ..., and **stakeholder representatives**.”
 - ▶ **Universities, independent experts and other scientific bodies** can make important contributions to the OEWG, by contributing relevant expert knowledge.
 - ▶ UNEA Resolution further highlights the importance of the panel being “**interdisciplinary**,” ensuring contributions from experts with a broad range of disciplinary expertise.”

Scientific Bodies' Engagement (cont')

- ▶ OEWG is a subsidiary body of UNEA
 - ▶ Initially, it should apply the applicable UN rules, i.e., accreditation with UNEP and participation through the Major Groups.
 - ▶ However, recognizing challenges associated with this standard approach, modality for scientific bodies' engagement has been expanded to the furthest extent possible.

Scientific Bodies' Engagement (cont')

- ▶ In the light of the legal framework and accreditation process, representatives from universities and other scientific bodies may attend or contribute to OEWG meetings, as follows:
 - ▶ (a) Any university or scientific body that is not established by a governmental entity or intergovernmental agreement can be considered for **accreditation with UNEP**.
 - ▶ This includes those academic institutions that enjoy consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
 - ▶ Applications are done through the UNEP accreditation portal (<https://accreditation.unep.org/Register>), whereby the university is also requested to select the the **Science and Technology Major Group** to which it would associate itself.

Scientific Bodies' Engagement (cont')

- ▶ (b) Representatives may **participate through NGOs** that are already
 - ▶ accredited to ECOSOC or UNEA, such as the UNESCO Chairs and UNITWIN Networks. A list of UNEA-accredited organizations is available at <https://www.unep.org/civil-society-engagement/accreditation/list-accredited-organizations>.
 - ▶ admitted as observers to the meetings of the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm and Minamata Conventions, the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol.
 - ▶ focal points representing nongovernmental organizations under the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM).
 - ▶ admitted as observers to the meetings of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Scientific Bodies' Engagement (cont')

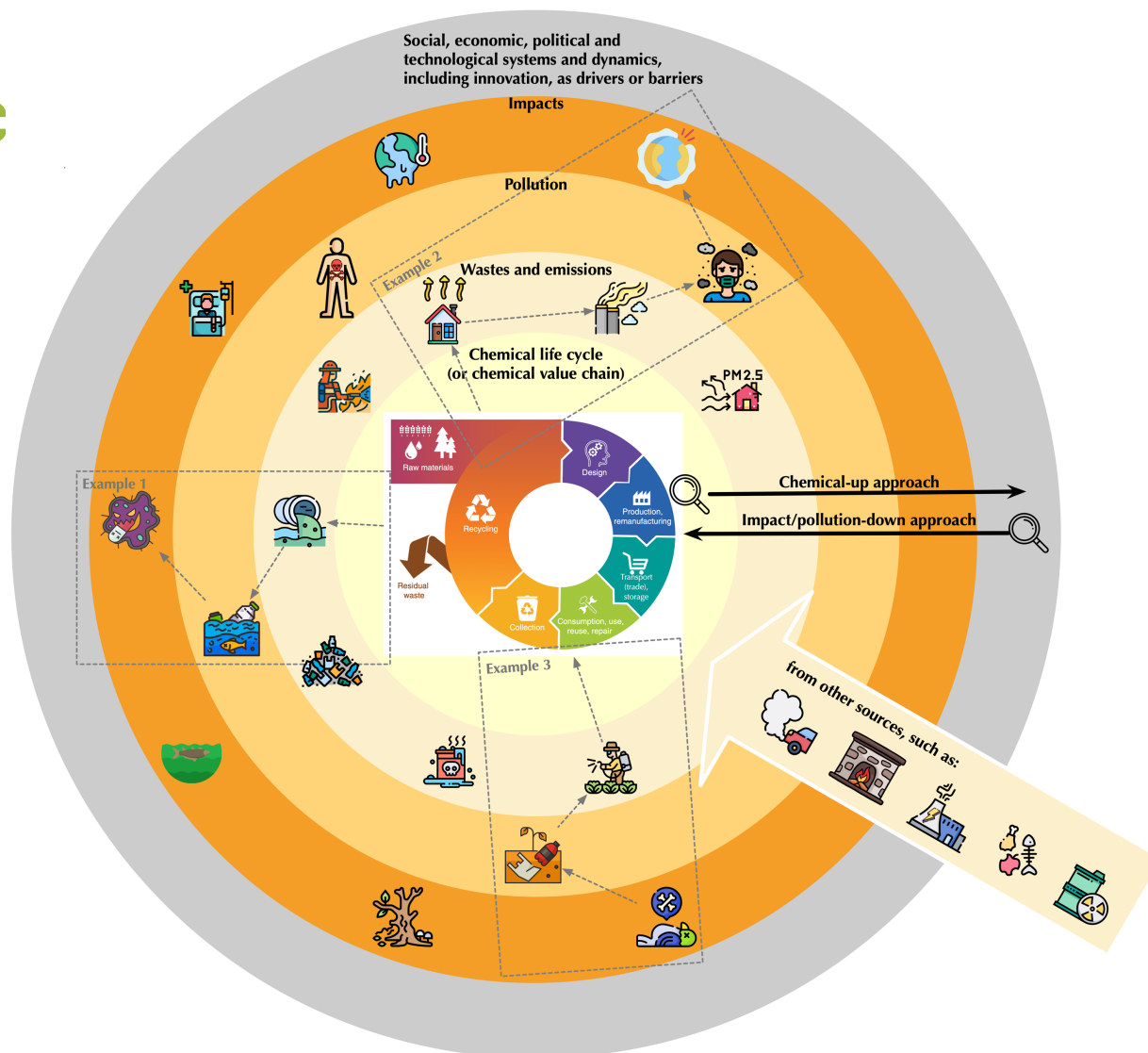
- ▶ (c) Subject to the decision of the respective government, representatives may also **participate as a part of the Member State delegation** to a meeting and be a part of a government's credentials.
- ▶ (d) Subject to a decision by the chair or bureau, government-affiliated individual experts from universities or other scientific and/or expert bodies and organizations that have not applied for or do not meet the accreditation criteria may **be invited in their personal capacity** to the OEWG as "individual experts", on a case-by-case basis.
 - ▶ Such experts are not considered part of the Major Groups System and are required to clearly state their status during written or oral interventions.

Scientific Bodies' Engagement (cont')

- ▶ In addition to participation at the OEWG meetings, universities, independent experts and other scientific bodies may **participate in the OEWG process** by
 - ▶ Participating in the SPP webinar series: <https://tiny.cc/GENSPP-CWP>
 - ▶ Participating in the written submissions
 - ▶ Participating in informal/regional consultations
 - ▶ Initiating discussion with the national focal point of their respective government

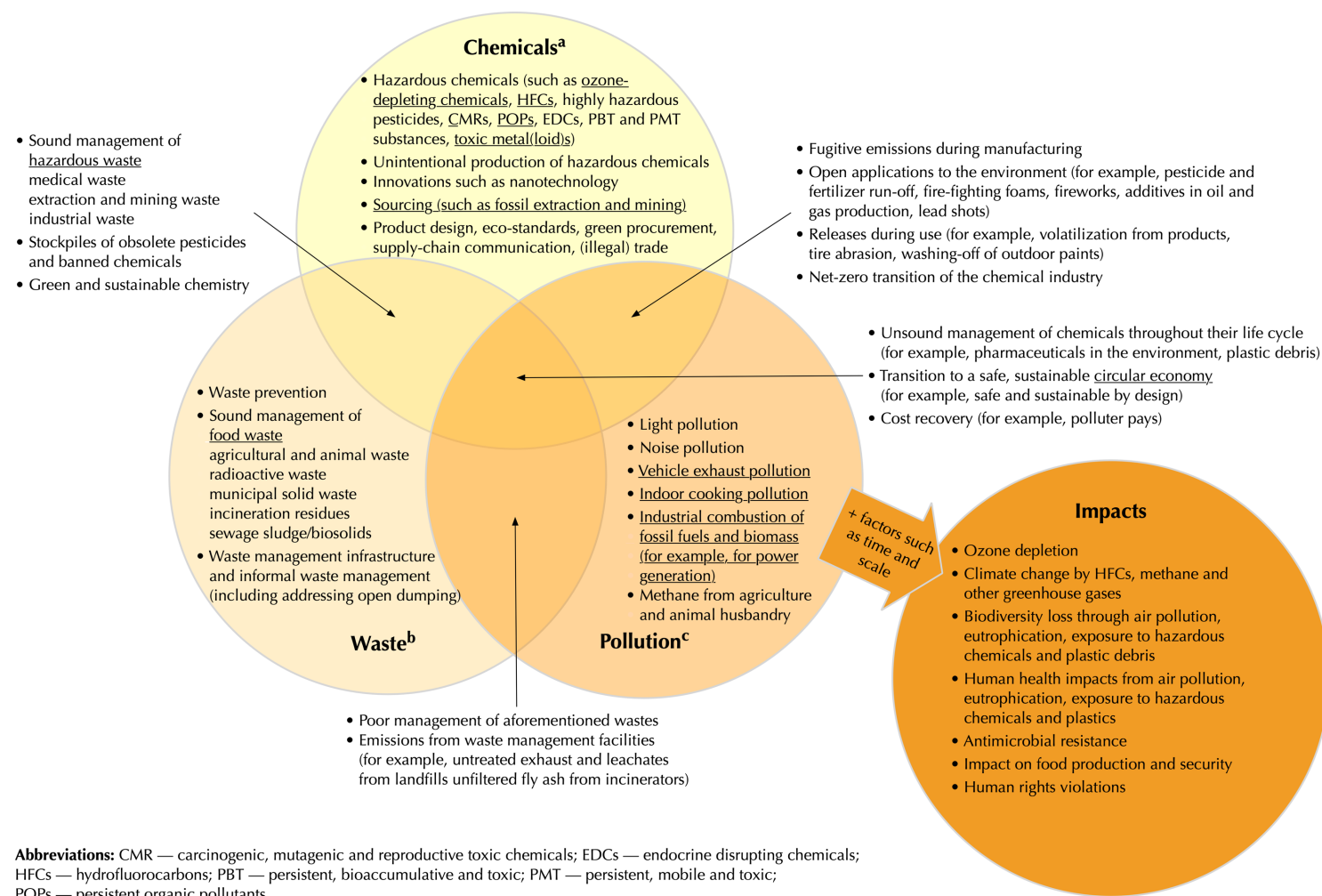
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- ▶ **The OEWG agreed on**

- ▶ [The **objective** of the panel is to strengthen the science policy interface to contribute to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution for the protection of human health and the environment, with the following functions:]
- ▶ Four **principal functions**: horizon scanning, assessments, communication, information-sharing
- ▶ A fifth **function** on capacity building, with further discussions to be made on the details

- ▶ **Moving forward**, inputs on the following aspects are needed

- ▶ Operating principles governing the work of the panel
- ▶ Prioritization framework for determining the work programme
- ▶ TBC (see the SPP's website for updates: <https://www.unep.org/events/working-group-meeting/oewg-2-science-policy-panel-contribute-further-sound-management>)

Thank you!