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

**OEWG 1.1**
6 October 2022
Nairobi, Kenya

- Preparations for OEWG1.2
- OEWG Bureau meetings
- Stakeholder survey
- Information-sharing webinar on scope and functions

**OEWG 1.2**
30 January–3 February 2023
Bangkok, Thailand

- Preparations for OEWG2
- OEWG Bureau meetings
- Written submissions
- Informal consultations
- Information-sharing webinars

**OEWG 2**
11–15 December 2023, Jordan

- Preparations for OEWG3
- OEWG Bureau meetings
- Written submissions
- Informal consultations
- Information-sharing webinars

**OEWG 3**
17-21 June 2024
Geneva, Switzerland

- Preparations for an Intergovernmental Meeting
- OEWG Bureau meetings
- Written submissions
- Informal consultations
- Information-sharing webinars

**Intersessional period 1.1**
- Preparations for OEWG1.2
- OEWG Bureau meetings
- Stakeholder survey
- Information-sharing webinar on scope and functions

**Intersessional period 1.2**
- Preparations for OEWG2
- OEWG Bureau meetings
- Written submissions
- Informal consultations
- Information-sharing webinars

**Intersessional period 2**
- Preparations for OEWG3
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**Intersessional period 3 (tbc)**
- Preparations for an Intergovernmental Meeting
- OEWG Bureau meetings
- Information-sharing webinars

**Intergovernmental Meeting**
Dates and venue TBC
## Intersessional workplan towards OEWG 2

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*Other consultation process?*

- Bureau review
- Webinar & written submissions on operating principles
- Webinar & informal/regional consultation
- Side events at relevant meetings & informal/regional consultation
- Webinar & informal/regional consultation, esp. on prioritization framework

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Timeline Towards OEWG 2

- **BRS Side Event**: Operating Principles 26 April 2023
- **Webinar**: Institutional design, tbc
- **Proposed Bureau meeting**: 24 July
- **Possible regional meetings**: margins of Minamata regional meetings
- **Proposed Bureau meeting**: end September (Margins of ICCM5)
- **Proposed Bureau meeting**: 14 November
- **Proposed Bureau meeting**: 10 December
- **Webinar**: Preparing for OEWG 2, tbc

**OEWG 1.2**

- **BRS Side Event**: Relationships with stakeholders 2 May 2023
- **Plastic INC 2 Side Event**: Relationships with stakeholders May 2023
- **ICCM 5 Side Event**: Relationships with stakeholders September 2023
- **Minamata Side Event**: Relationships with stakeholders Oct/Nov 2023
- **OEWG 2**: 11–15 December 2023, Jordan

*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.”
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- 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.
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](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.


(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](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](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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**Chemicals**
- Hazardous chemicals (such as ozone-depleting chemicals, HFCs, highly hazardous pesticides, CMBs, POPs, EDCs, PBT and PMT substances, toxic metals/iodine)
- Unintentional production of hazardous chemicals
- Innovations such as nanotechnology
- Sourcing (such as fossil extraction and mining)
- Product design, eco-standards, green procurement, supply-chain communication, (illegal) trade

**Waste**
- Waste prevention
- Sound management of food waste
  - Agricultural and animal waste
  - Radioactive waste
  - Municipal solid waste
  - Incineration residues
  - Sewage sludge/biosolids
- Waste management infrastructure and informal waste management (including addressing open dumping)

**Pollution**
- Light pollution
- Noise pollution
- Vehicle exhaust pollution
- Indoor cooking pollution
- Industrial combustion of fossil fuels and biomass
- Methane from agriculture and animal husbandry

**Impacts**
- Ozone depletion
- Climate change by HFCs, methane and other greenhouse gases
- Biodiversity loss through air pollution, eutrophication, exposure to hazardous chemicals and plastic debris
- Human health impacts from air pollution, eutrophication, exposure to hazardous chemicals and plastics
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Impact on food production and security
- Human rights violations

Abbreviations: CMR — carcinogenic, mutagenic and reproductive toxic chemicals; EDCs — endocrine disrupting chemicals; HFCs — hydrofluorocarbons; PBT — persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic; PMT — persistent, mobile and toxic; POPs — persistent organic pollutants
Areas for Scientific Bodies’ Input

- 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!