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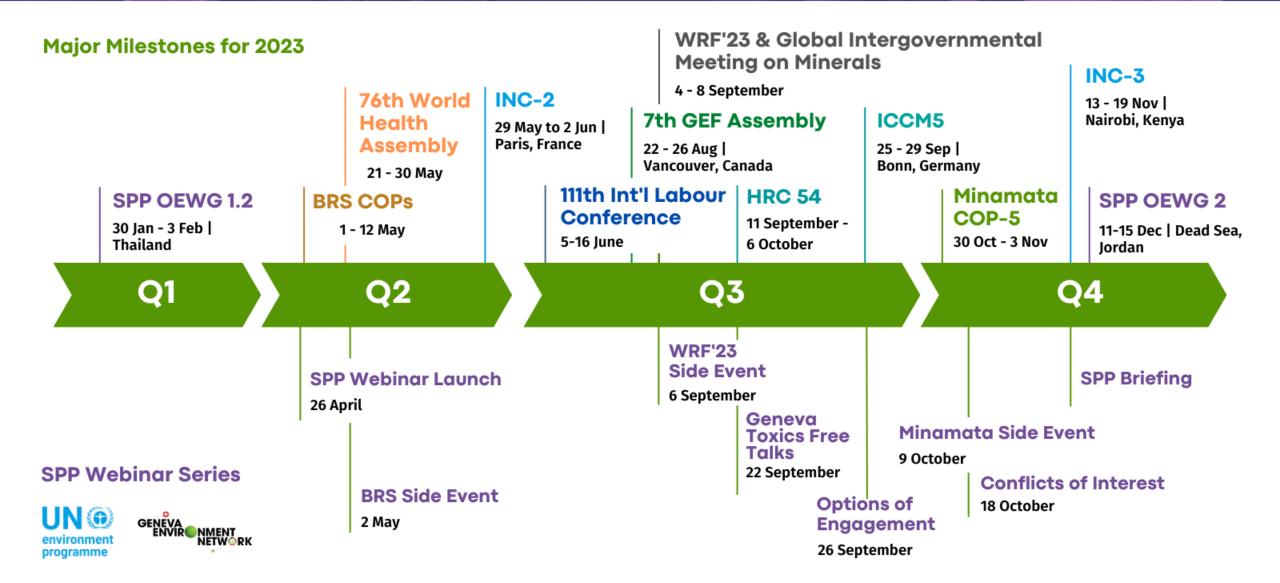






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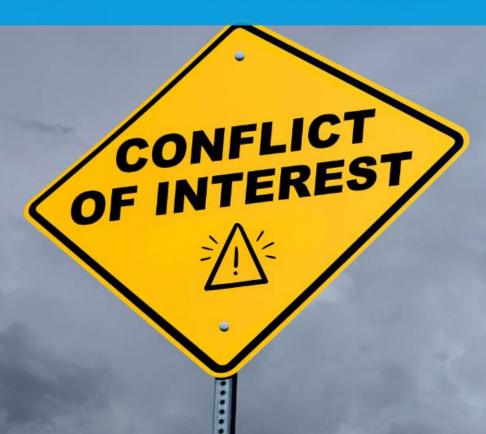
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# Procedures for Addressing Conflicts of Interest

Learning from previous practice

# UNEA Resolution 5/8 and OEWG 1

- UNEA Resolution 5/8 decided that a science-policy panel should be established to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and prevent pollution
- Further decides that the ad hoc open-ended working group should take into account the need to ensure that the panel:
  - (f) Has the ability to address potential conflicts of interest and safeguard commercially sensitive information;
- A working document on work related processes and procedures has been prepared, with a section dedicated to conflict of interest



# **Existing Conflict of Interest Procedures**

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)
- Global Environment Outlook (GEO)
- Montreal Protocol Assessment Panels
- World Health Organization (WHO)



# What are conflict of interest procedures?

- The purpose of conflict of interest policies is to protect the legitimacy, integrity, credibility, transparency, trust, and independence of their associated interface
- Conflict of interest policies define what constitutes a conflict of interest, and whom the policy applies to
- Some establish dedicated group to address potential conflicts of interest and implement the policy
- Establish a procedure for when actual or perceived conflicts of interest arise



# Common Elements of Conflict of Interest Procedures

- Purpose
- The scope of the policy (whom it applies to)
- Definition
- A "conflict of interest" refers to any current interest of an individual that could:
  - (a) Significantly impair the individual's objectivity in carrying out his or her duties and responsibilities for the Platform;
  - (b) Create an unfair advantage for any person or organization.
- Designation of a dedicated body to oversee the process



# Thank you



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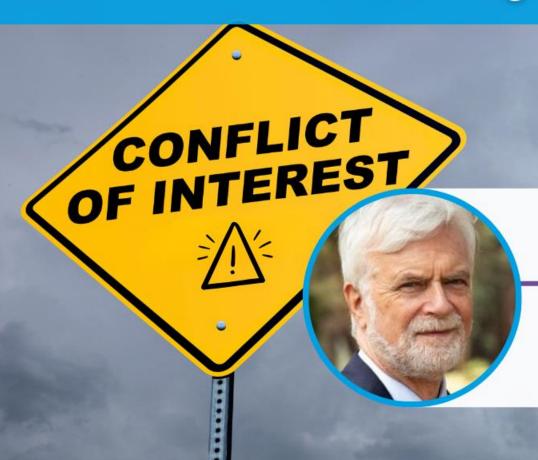
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