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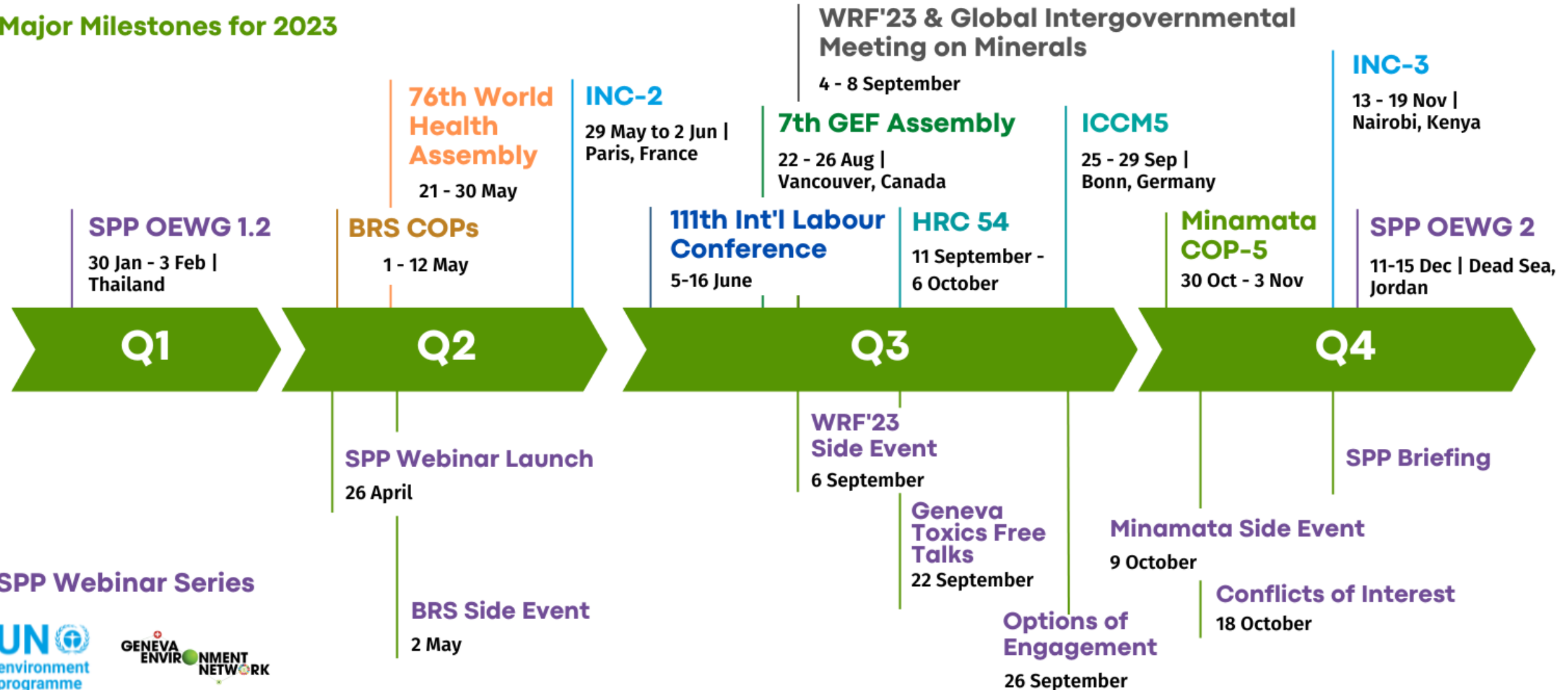
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## Major Milestones for 2023



## SPP Webinar Series



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## SPEAKERS



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# Towards a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution

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*Presentation for the webinar on "Options of engagement and participation modalities for major groups and stakeholders to the ad hoc open-end working group on a science policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution"*

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# UNEA Resolution 5/8:

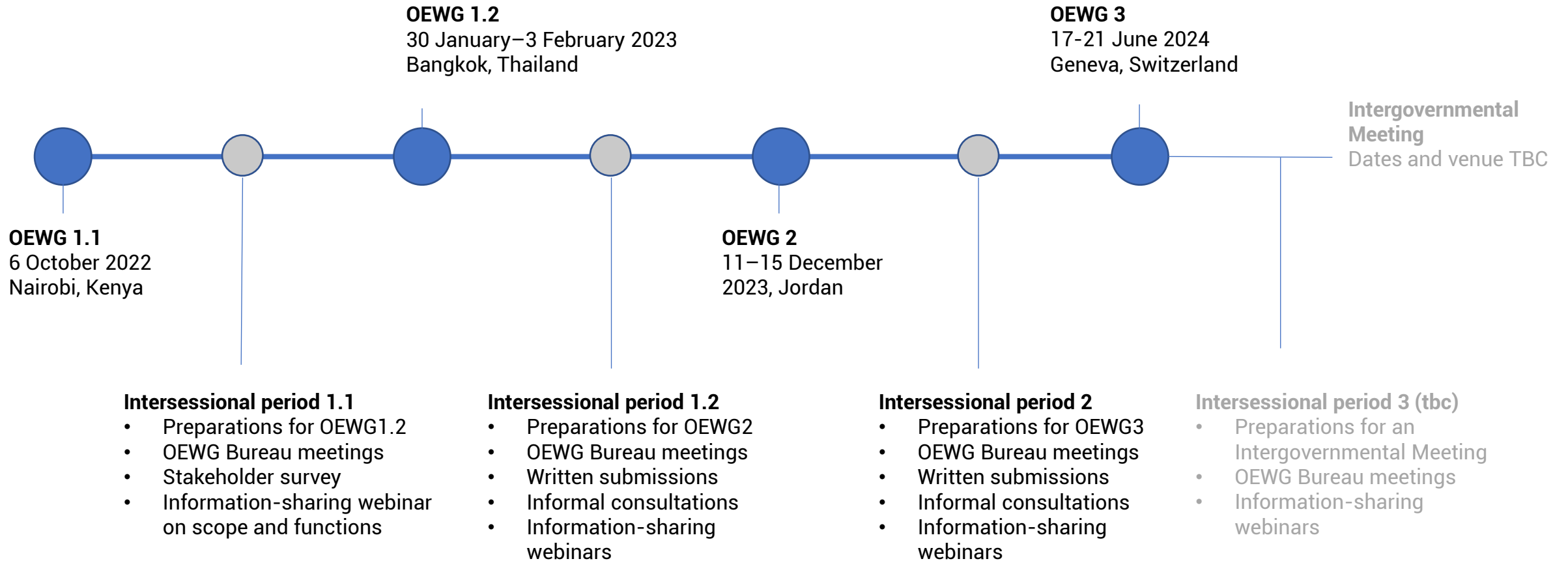
In March 2022, the United Nations Environment Assembly

***Convinced*** that a science-policy panel could support countries in their efforts to take action, including to implement multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant international instruments, promote the sound management of chemicals and waste, and address pollution ... and that it could further **support relevant multilateral agreements, other international instruments and intergovernmental bodies, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders in their work**

***Decides*** that a science-policy panel should be established to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution

***Decides*** to convene an *ad hoc* open-ended working group (OEWG) to prepare proposals for the science-policy panel, to begin work in 2022 with the ambition of completing it by the end of 2024

# OEWG Process: Overall Timeline



# OEWG 1 Outcomes: SPP objective

- **[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 ... ]**
- The text on objective has been left in brackets with the understanding that future discussions of the OEWG may continue to inform the objective.

# OEWG 1 Outcomes: SPP Principal Functions

- a) Undertaking “**horizon scanning**” to identify issues of relevance to policymakers and, where possible, proposing evidence-based options to address them;
- b) Conducting **assessments** of current issues and identifying potential evidence-based options to address, where possible, those issues, in particular those relevant to developing countries;
- c) Providing up-to-date and relevant information, identifying **key gaps** in scientific research, encouraging and supporting **communication** between scientists and policymakers, explaining and **disseminating findings** for different audiences, and raising **public awareness**;
- d) Facilitating **information-sharing** with countries, in particular developing countries seeking relevant scientific information;
- e) **Capacity building**



# OEWG 2: 11-15 December 2023

CONFERENCE

## OEWG 2: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution

11 - 15 December 2023  
Dead Sea, Jordan



<http://tinyurl.com/2tej9esw>

<https://www.unep.org/oewg-spp-chemicals-waste-pollution>

# OEWG 2: Draft agenda

Item 1: Opening of the session

Item 2: Election of officers

Item 3: Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

**Item 4: Preparation of proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel**

Item 5: Options for the timetable and organization of the future work of the OEWG

Item 6: Provisional agenda for the third session of the OEWG

Item 7: Other matters

Item 8: Adoption of the report of the session

Item 9: Closure of the session

# OEWG 2: Draft agenda

## **Item 4: Preparation of proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel**

1. Scope and objective, functions, and operating principles
2. Institutional arrangements and rules of procedure
3. Relationships with relevant key stakeholders
4. Work-related processes and procedures

# Skeleton outline of proposals for SPP

- A. Scope and functions of the Panel – Capturing Annex II of UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.1/7
- B. Operating principles of the Panel
- C. Institutional arrangements of the Panel

## **Annexes**

*Annex 1. Rules of procedure*

*Annex 2. Financial arrangements*

*Annex 3. Relationship with relevant key stakeholders*

*Annex 4. Process for determining and executing the work programme*

*Annex 5. Procedures for the review and adoption of reports*

*Annex 6. Arrangements for identifying and engaging with experts*

*Annex 7. Conflict of interest policy*

# Regional meetings

**Asia Pacific:** 7 September 2023, hybrid (Bangkok, online)

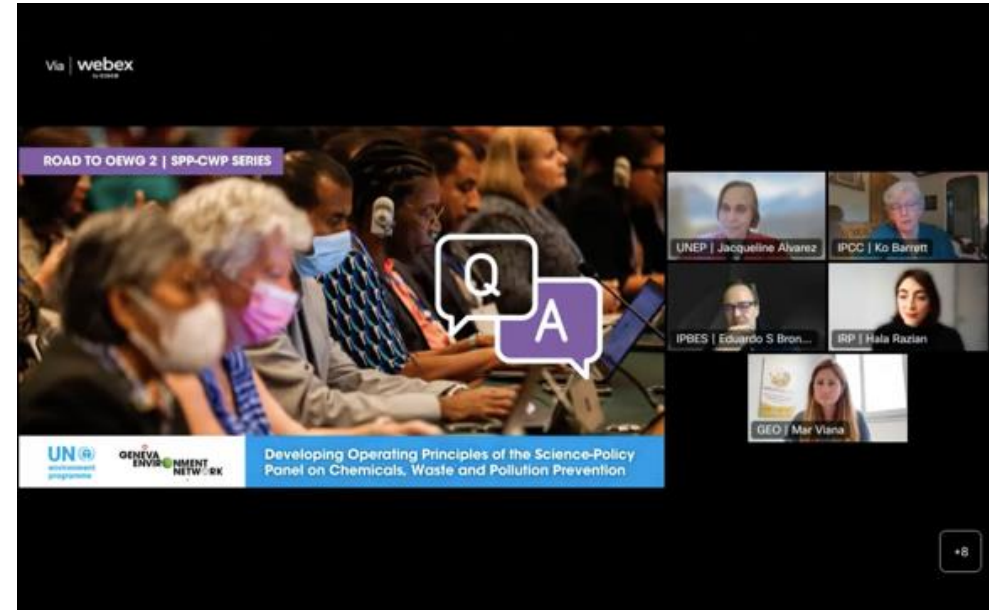
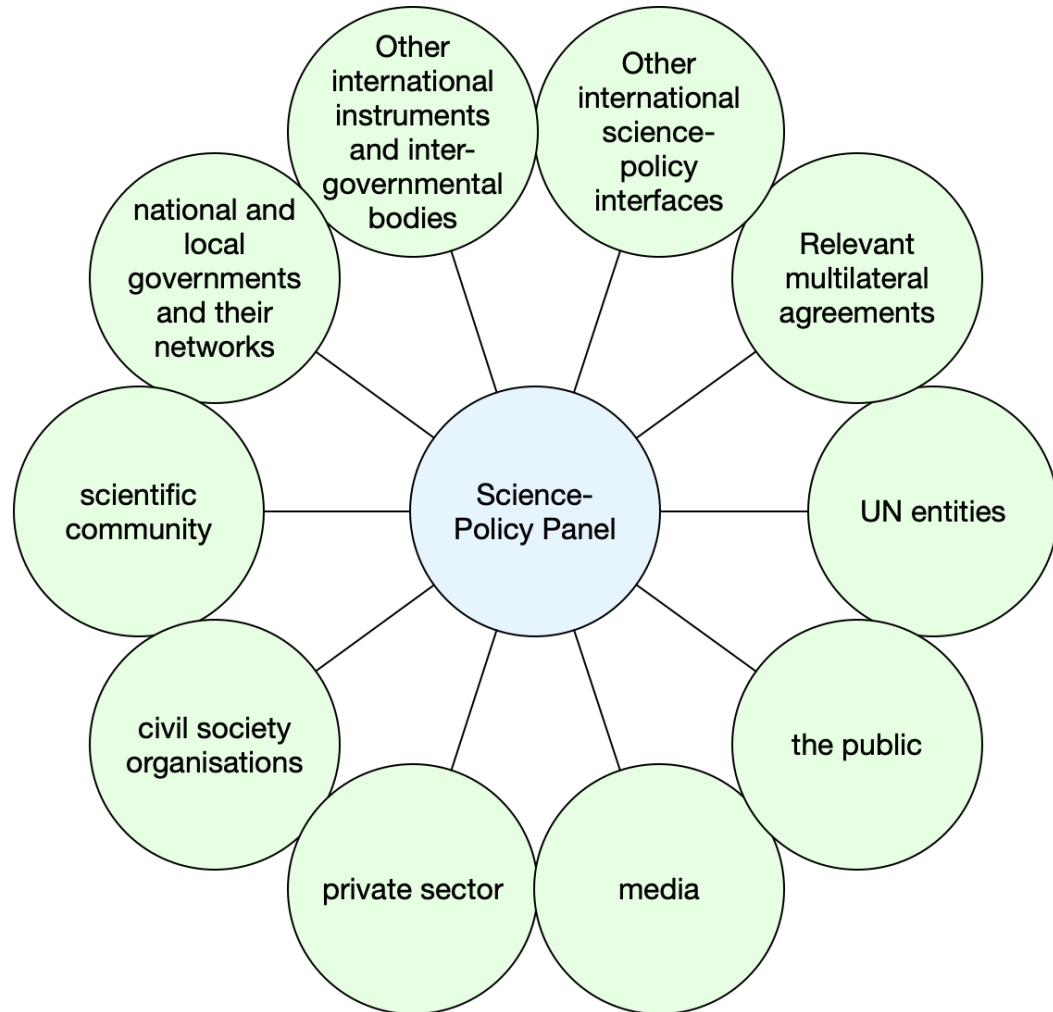
**Africa:** 14 September 2023, Nairobi

**GRULAC: 7 October 2023, Brasilia**

*Pre-session documents (advance unedited):*

<https://www.unep.org/events/working-group-meeting/lac-regional-meeting-2nd-owg-science-policy-panel-chemicals-waste-and>

# Outreach initiatives



Series of webinars and other events focusing on the process for establishing a science-policy panel, substantive matters to be considered by the OEWG, lessons learned from existing science-policy interfaces, and **exchanges on how stakeholders can contribute to the OEWG process and the panel once established.**

# Thank you



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# Major Groups and Stakeholders Engagement in the OEWG Process

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## Webinar

Tuesday 25 September 2023

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# Major Groups and Stakeholders participants into OEWG

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- **Who can participate as major groups and stakeholder observers to the meetings?**
- UNEP accredited observers <https://www.unep.org/civil-society-engagement/accreditation/list-accredited-organizations>
- ILO accredited NGOs
- WHO accredited NGOs
- SAICM accredited NGOs
- BRS (Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Convention) accredited NGOs
- Minamata Convention
- Montreal Protocol

# Accreditation of Major Groups and Stakeholders

- Observers must be accredited to the relevant MEA secretariats or UN sister agencies or UNEP
- Prove of accreditation is checked upon registration to the relevant meeting (OEWG 2)
- **Independent scientists or researchers** whose institutions or universities are not accredited to any MEA or UNEP, need to find a relevant host who is accredited
- UNEP accreditation process:  
<https://www.unep.org/civil-society-engagement/accreditation>



# Morning Briefings, and Preparations by MGS Towards Statements and Contributions

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- **UNEP encourages self- organisation by all major groups:**
- webinars/ online meetings by major groups constituencies or relevant networks are encouraged
- one day Civil Society meeting/ Forum prior to OEWG 1 and OEWG 2
- daily morning briefings in dedicated room with rotating chairman ship during OEWGs
- Coordination of statements and briefings

# Seating Arrangement in the Plenary According to the 9 Major Groups

## 9 Major Groups signs with 2 seats each

- Indigenous peoples
- Women
- Children and Youth
- Science and Technology
- Business and industry
- Workers and Trade unions
- Local Authorities
- Farmers
- NGOs (with additional 2 seats)



MGS are expected to coordinate in the morning briefings around statements and interventions prepared for relevant sessions and agree among their constituencies who will be seated at what moment behind their name signs.

# Statements and submissions by MGS to the OEWG Process

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- Oral statements made in plenary by MGS are uploaded in writing on the OEWG website
- Consideration of potential option of written submission by MGS to engage prior to the OEWG 2 session- depending on interest by Civil Society and the decisions by the Secretariat
- MGS representatives will be invited to also sit and contribute in relevant contact groups during the OEWG session.

# Key Deadlines for Registration and Travel Support Submission

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Registration deadline for participation in OEWG 2 (Jordan) is **31 October 2023**

Registration for travel support **closes 30 September** (end of this week)- travel support will be provided to 2 participants per MG across the accreditation constituencies.

Register [here](#)

# Thank you!

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# Options of Engagement and Participation Modalities for Major Groups and Stakeholders to the OEWG on a **Science-Policy Panel** to Contribute Further to the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste and to Prevent Pollution



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## OEWG 2 Major Groups and Stakeholder Engagement

*Ensuring participatory, self-organized but  
coordinated and inclusive engagement of all  
relevant Major Groups and Stakeholders  
(CYMG as an example)*

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## Engagement Avenues

01

- **OEWG Meetings**
- Accreditations and Registration Process
- Coordinated statements and Interventions


02

- **OEWG Submissions.**
- Collecting inputs and discussing the collective views of the global youth.
- Keeping tracks of the submissions and the deadlines.

03

- **Capacity Building Sessions** through the working group monthly meetings
- Keeping track of relevant webinars, reports and relevant sessions
- Chemicals, waste and pollution capacity building series

04

- **Regional meetings & ensuring youth access to regional meetings**
  - Selection processes
  - Coordinating the youth interventions to align the collective input but in a regional context
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# OEWG1.2 Youth Participation



## Children and Youth Major Group's Statement for OEWG 1.2: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution

Children and Youth Major Group to United Nations Environment Programme [hereinafter CYMG] is the mandated official, formal and self-organized space for children and youth to contribute to and engage in intergovernmental and allied policy processes at the UNEP and relevant environmental governance and conservation processes in the broader UN system. CYMG has the role of the official youth engagement mechanism to UNEP.

The current situation of the risk, hazard, exposure, and impact of Chemicals, Waste, and Pollution are directly proportional to the youth and children due to the time and quantity of doses exposed to them. The one who is exposed and can solve it is us. We have basic information regarding what is happening, how it is happening, and how we are impacted by it. However, we need to be noticed when legislating the intrinsic policy processes. The youth experts could acquire the best of the process by bridging community, science, and policy-based stakeholders, identifying the aspect of risk and hazard at the local and global levels, and taking the policy to the implementation level. This can be seen as an accomplishment if rights holders and vulnerable stakeholders are involved, such as children and youth, women, indigenous communities, farmers, and more.

First of all, We appreciate that the ad hoc open-ended working group has been established as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations Environment Assembly and that the rules of procedure of UNEA are applied to the group's work which supports the mandate of Major Groups and Stakeholders accredited to UNEP to fully engage in OEWG process.

We support the integrative approach to establishing the broad scope of the panel with equal attention to three working streams (chemicals, waste, and pollution), including pollution of air, water, soils, and oceans. The panel's objective must address environmental human rights in coherence with UNGA resolution 76/300, which recognizes the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a human right. We support Africa Group's call for a re-orientation of focus on preventing pollution before it happens while also tackling future pollution.

We demand capacity building as one of the core functions of the future science-policy panel. This function should also include enhancing the knowledge and skills of youth and future generations so that they can contribute substantially to the panel's work. In the intersessional period, we request the OEWG secretariat to convene a webinar to facilitate the exchange of ideas and concepts from youth with member states and other stakeholders. We also request further to organize another special capacity development session for early career scientists, youth advocates, and researchers.


As another intersessional work, the secretariat should call for submissions from major groups and stakeholders more amalgamating ideas and concepts on principle functions and rules of procedures of the science-policy panel.





# OEWG Submissions

- ❖ **OEWG Submissions towards OEWG 2:**
  - Operating Principles Governing the work of the Science-Policy Panel on Chemical. Waste and Pollution Prevention.
  - Needs and Questions the panel may handle
- ❖ **Collecting inputs and discussing the collective views of the global youth.**
- ❖ **Keeping tracks of the submissions and the deadlines.**



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Written Submission of the **Children and Youth Major Group to UNEP (CYMG)**  
on the Operating Principles Governing the Work of the Science-Policy Panel on  
Chemicals, Waste and Pollution Prevention

Name of the entity	<b>Children and Youth Major Group</b> (the mandated youth constituency to United Nations Environment Programme)
Contact persons and contact information for the submission	Submitted on behalf of the constituency by Zuhair Ahmed Kowshik & Gyubin Hwang Global Focal Points <a href="mailto:zakowshik@gmail.com">zakowshik@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:gyubin.hwang@youthenvironment.org">gyubin.hwang@youthenvironment.org</a>
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# OEWG2 Regional Meetings

- ❖ Asia Pacific, Africa, GRULAC Regional meetings & ensuring youth access to regional meetings
- ❖ Selection processes to ensure the relevant expertise and motivations
- ❖ Coordinating the youth interventions to align the collective input but in a regional context



# CWP Capacity Building Series



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## UNEA Resolution 5/8 - Overview of OEWG1.1 & 1.2

Ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution

Friday, 29 September 2023 | 15:00 UTC Online via Zoom



Ratna Singh  
Moderator



Mario Galbert  
Speaker

Register Now: [tinyurl.com/cymg-cwpcb](https://tinyurl.com/cymg-cwpcb)



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## The road to OEWG 2.0 SPP CWP

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Saturday, 07 October 2023 | 15:00 UTC Online via Zoom



Olga Skaredina  
Speaker



Aseel Abo-Taleb  
Speaker

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Moderated by Laetitia ZOBEL | Programme Management Officer, Civil Society Unit, Governance Affairs Office, UNEP

### Opening

- Tessa GOVERSE | Principal Officer, Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Prevention of Pollution, UNEP
- Gudi ALKEMADE | Chair, OEWG | Deputy Permanent Representative to UNEP, Netherlands

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## CONFERENCE

### Advancing a Human Rights-based Approach to Accelerate the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste for People and the Planet | ICCM5 Side Event

27 SEP 2023 13:15 - 14:45

WCCB | Room Addis Abeba and Online | Youtube

OHCHR, Special Procedures of the UN Human Rights Council, GEN, UNECE, UNEP, IPEN, ITUC

📍 Chemicals and Pollution | Human Rights and Environment

🌐 SDG12



## CONFERENCE

### Briefing on the 5th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury

05 OCT 2023 14:00 - 15:30

International Environment House I, Room 2 & Online | Webex

Minamata Convention on Mercury, GEN

📍 Chemicals and Pollution

🌐 SDG3 | SDG12



## VIRTUAL

### Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution Prevention: Building the Linkages from Science to Action | Minamata COP-5 Online Event / Road to OEWG 2 Series

09 OCT 2023 13:00 - 14:00

Online | Webex

OEWG SPP CWP, GEN

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