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5/8. Science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution

The United Nations Environment Assembly

Recalling its resolution 4/8 on sound management of chemicals and wastes, and stressing the urgent need to strengthen the science-policy interface at all levels to support and promote science-based local, national, regional and global action on the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020.

Recalling also its resolution 5/2, which approved the medium-term strategy of the United Nations Environment Programme for the period 2022–2025, with its subprogramme on chemicals and pollution action, alongside those on nature action and climate action, its promotion of sound science, and the sharing of information and knowledge.

Annreciating the work on the promotion of the sound management of chemicals and waste and

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

The science is crystal clear that we are putting extreme pressures on the planet.





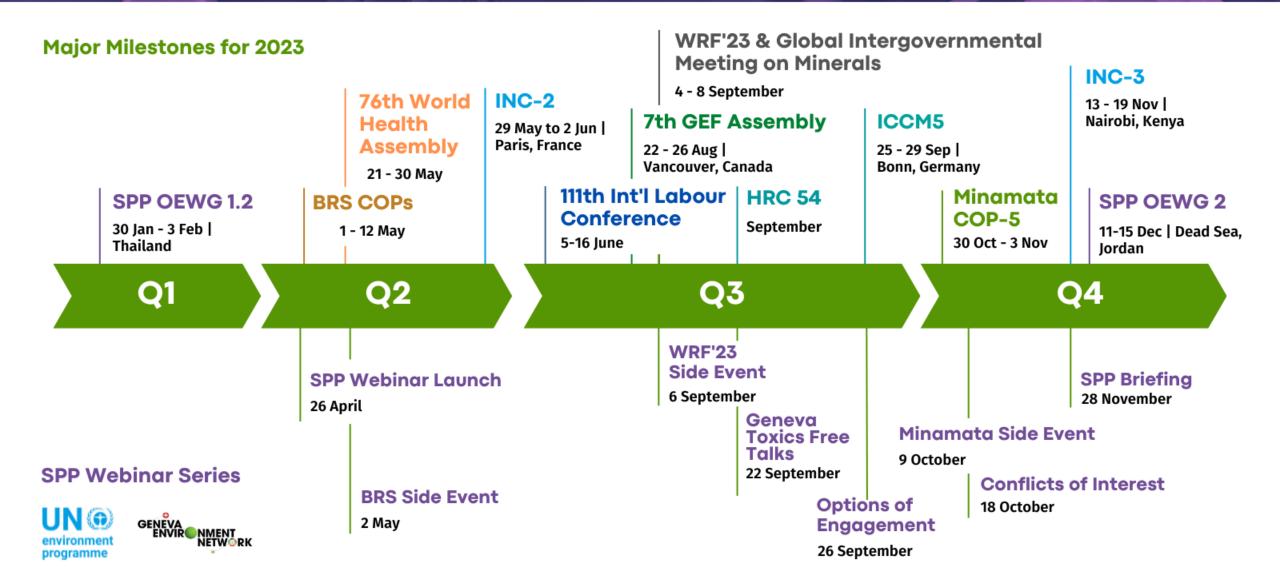
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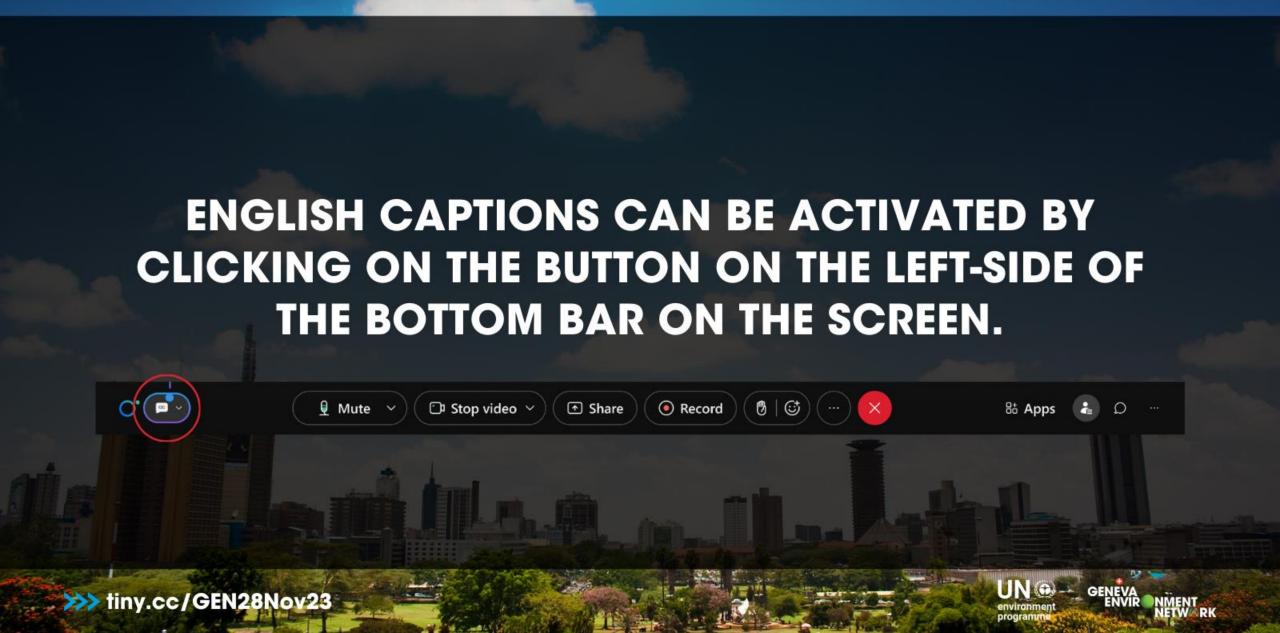
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Towards OEWG 2 on a science-policy panel on chemicals, waste and pollution prevention



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Briefing on the 2nd Session of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended **Working Group on the Science-Policy Panel to** Contribute Further to the **Sound Management of** Chemicals and Waste and to Prevent Pollution



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Approach for the OEWG process and its second session

Proposed skeleton outline for developing proposals for the Science-Policy Panel

- 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
- Annex 1. Rules of procedure
- Annex 2. Financial rules and procedures
- **Annex 3.** Relationships with relevant key stakeholders
- Annex 4. Process for determining and executing the work programme, including the prioritization criteria
- **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



Outcome of the OEWG process

Recommendation of the SPP OEWG to the Intergovernmental Meeting for a draft decision for consideration by the Intergovernmental Meeting on the establishment of an SPP [name], that includes:

- > Preambular paragraphs, including reference to the outcome document of the OEWG
- > Decision to establish an SPP [name] as set out in the first part of the skeleton outline agreed by the OEWG (sections A, B, C and D), annexed to the decision
- > Forward and recommend for consideration of the panel [at its first meeting] the documents set out in the annexes of the skeleton outline agreed by the OEWG, annexed to the decision



Proposed clustering of contact groups

Contact group 1: Scope, functions, operating principles and conflict of interest

Contact group 2: Institutional arrangements and relationships with key stakeholders

Contact group 3: Work-related processes and procedures of the panel: determining the work programme; identifying and engaging experts; review and adoption of reports and assessments

Contact group 4: Intersessional work and budget in advance of OEWG 3 and beyond

Outcome of the second session of OEWG

- a) Elected its remaining officers and established its full Bureau
- b) Agreed on the skeleton outline for the proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel
- c) Finalized considerations on the objective and the principal functions of the panel
- d) Agreed on the proposal for the operating principles of the panel
- e) Agreed on institutional arrangements and the table of content for the rules of procedure
- f) Agreed on the modalities for relevant key stakeholders to participate in the panel's work
- g) Considered work-related processes and procedures of the panel
- h) Agreed on the provisional agenda of the third session
- i) Confirmed any intersessional work to be carried out



SKELETON OUTLINE FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCIENCE-POLICY PANEL



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UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/2*



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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 Second session

Nairobi, 11–15 December 2023 Item 4 of the provisional agenda**

Preparation of proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel

Skeleton outline for proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel

Note by the secretariat

I. Introduction

At its resumed fifth session, held in Nairobi from 28 February to 2 March 2022, the
United Nations Environment Assembly decided, by its resolution 5/8 of 2 March 2022, to establish a
science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to
prevent pollution, with details to be further specified according to the resolution. The Assembly
considered that the panel should be an independent intergovernmental body with a programme of work
approved by its member Governments to deliver policy-relevant scientific evidence without being
policy prescriptive.





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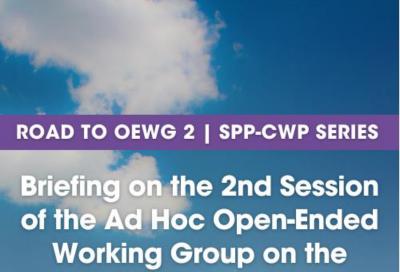
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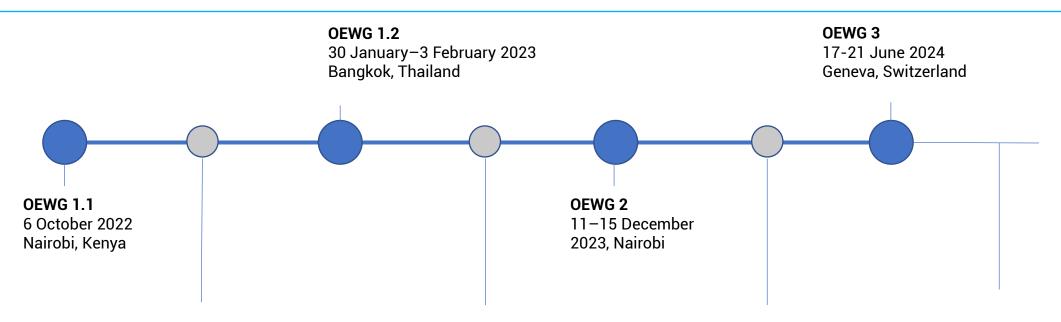
PREPARATIONS FOR OEWG 2

Overview and Regional Preparatory Meetings/Briefings



"The Road to OEWG 2"

OEWG Process: Overall Timeline



Intersessional period 1.1

- Preparations for OEWG 1.2
- OEWG Bureau meetings
- Stakeholder survey
- Information-sharing webinar on scope and functions

Intersessional period 1.2

- Preparations for OEWG 2
- OEWG Bureau meetings
- Written submissions
- Informal consultations
- Information-sharing webinars

Intersessional period 2

- Preparations for OEWG 3
- OEWG Bureau meetings
- Written submissions
- Informal consultations
- Information-sharing webinars

Intersessional period 3 (tbc)

- Preparations for an Intergovernmental Meeting
- OEWG Bureau meetings
- Information-sharing webinars



Bureau of the SPP OEWG

	Officer	Country	Region
Rapporteur	Oumar Diaoure Cisse	Mali	Africa
	Cyrus Mageria	Kenya	Africa
	Jinhui Li	China	Asia Pacific
	Saqlain Seydah	Pakistan	Asia Pacific
	Linroy Christian	Antigua and Barbuda	LAC
Chair	Valentina Sierra	Uruguay	LAC
	Gudi Alkemade	The Netherlands	WEOG
	Michel Tschirren	Switzerland	WEOG



Overview of the Intersessional Preparations

Calls for written submissions:

- On operating principles
- On needs and questions the Panel may handle
- On capacity building in the space of chemicals and waste
- On OEWG-2 documentation (by 30 November)

Webinars on:

- On operating principles (26 April)
- On stakeholder participation (26 September)
- On conflict of interest (18 October)
- On the skeleton outline and OEWG-2 (28 November)



Overview of the Intersessional Preparations

Side events:

- At BRS COPs (2 May)
- At the World Resources Forum 2023 (9 September)
- At Minamata COP-5 (9 October)

Regional meetings and briefings:

- 7 September Asia Pacific regional meeting (Bangkok, hybrid)
- 14 September Africa regional meeting (Nairobi)
- 7 October GRULAC regional meeting (Brasilia)
- 8 and 9 November WEOG regional briefings (online)
- 21 November EEG regional briefing (online)



Regional Meetings and Briefings

Common considerations across multiple regions

- Need for learning from and coordination with existing institutions to avoid duplication of efforts
- Call for "legitimacy", "inclusivity", "transparency", and "regional and gender balance"
- Call to enhance the capacity of developing countries
- Need for inclusive participation of stakeholders, including indigenous peoples and local communities
- Need for clear information requirements and prioritization of proposals leading up to new work programmes
- Request of preparing draft text proposals by the secretariat prior to OEWG 2



Outcomes of the Regional Meetings and Briefings

Other suggestions expressed in specific regions

- Views on the focus of the future panel
- Suggestions made on inclusion of "objectivity", "credibility", "precautionary principle", and "inter-generational balance" in the operating principles, and for considering and ensuring interdisciplinarity
- Need for diversifying funding sources
- Differences in scope and meaning of some terms in different languages







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Recap of the "Road to OEWG 2" series



Road to OEWG 2 | Developing Operating Principles of the Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution Prevention / SPP-CWP Series

26 April 2023 | 13:00 - 14:30 CEST









- their core operating principles
- how they operationalize their operating principles



Procedures for Addressing Conflicts of Interest: Lessons Learned from Existing Science-Policy Interfaces | Road to OEWG 2 Series

18 October 2023 | 14:00 - 15:30 CEST









- their conflict-of-interest policies, good practices & lessons learned
- the right to science

All webinars and hybrid events can be found at https://www.genevaenvironmentnetwork.org/resources/updates/road-to-oewg-2-science-policy-panel-to-contribute-further-to-the-sound-management-of-chemicals-and-waste-and-to-prevent-pollution-spp-cwp-webinar-series/



Recap of the "Road to OEWG 2" Series



Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution Prevention: Building the Linkages from Science to Action | BRS COPs 2023 Side Event / SPP-CWP Series

2 May 2023 | 13:15 - 14:45 CEST



Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution Prevention: Linking Science and Action Using a Life-Cycle Approach | WRF2023 Lab / Road to OEWG 2 Series

6 September 2023 | 11:00 – 12:30 CEST



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

9 October 2023 | 13:00 - 14:00 CEST

- raising public awareness among the BRS, resources and mercury communities about the SPP OEWG process
- understanding the roles of stakeholders in respective policy processes
- exploring possible linkages between the SPP and these communities

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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 | Road to OEWG 2 Series

26 September 2023 | 14:00 - 15:30

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Participation at events organized by others



- raising public awareness of the SPP
 OEWG process among the human rights
 and SAICM communities
- exploring possible linkages between the SPP and these communities



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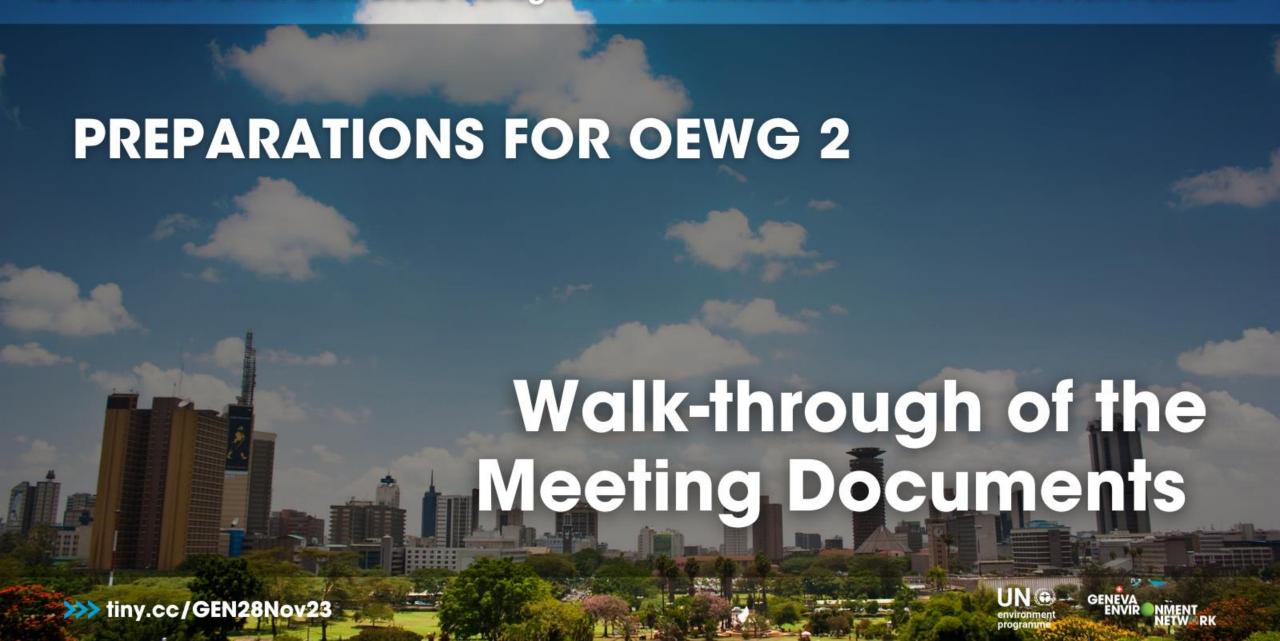
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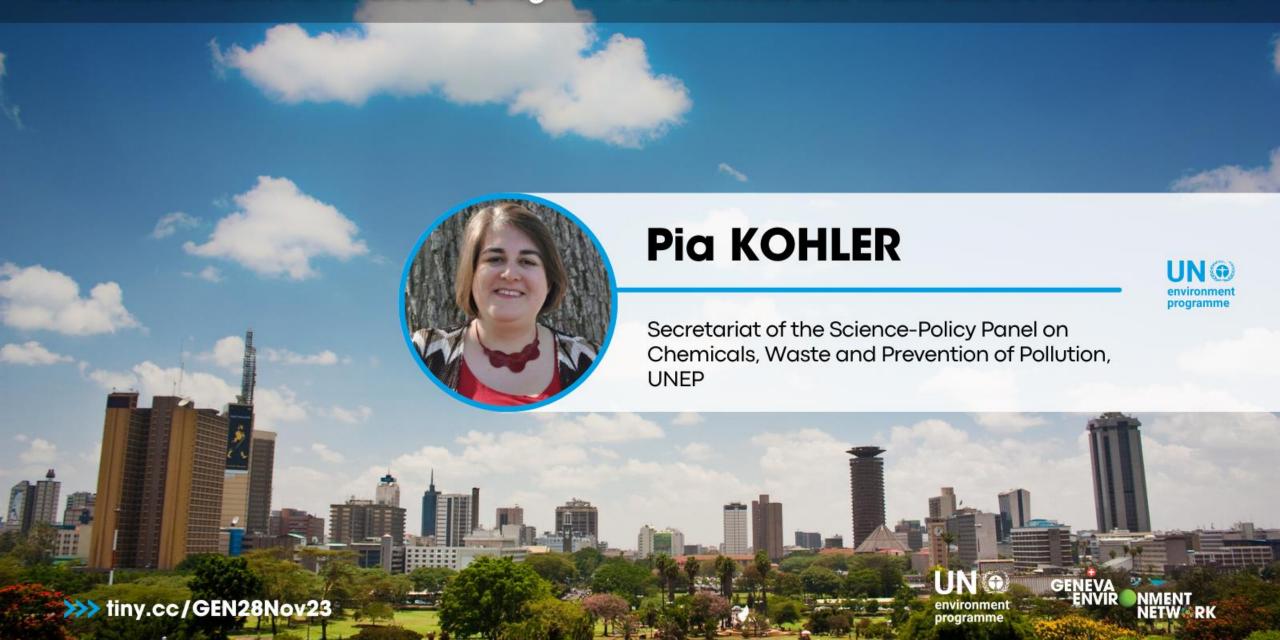
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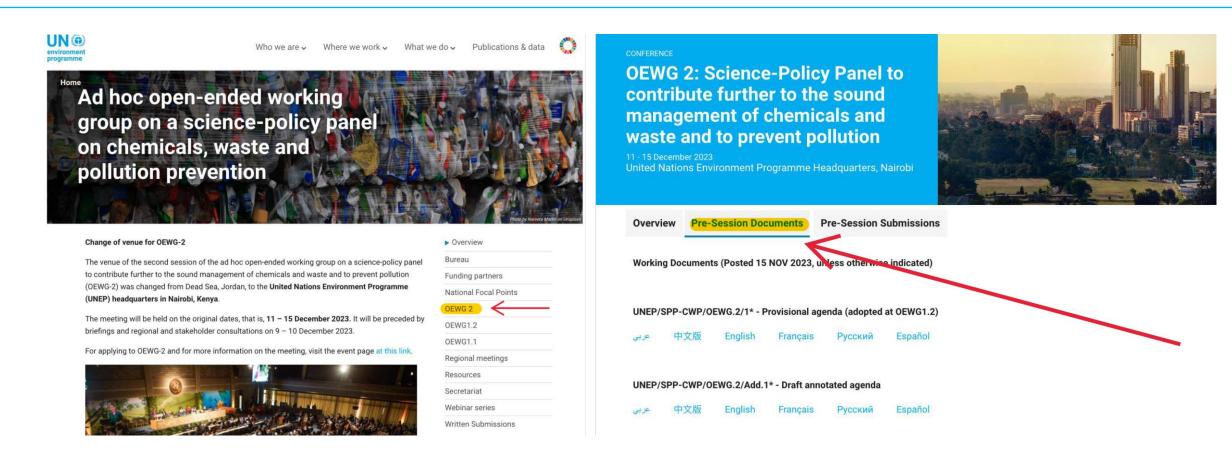








Location of the Meeting Documents



https://www.unep.org/events/conference/oewg-2-science-policy-panel-contribute-further-sound-management-chemicals-and



Agenda

Working Documents:

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/1* - Provisional agenda (adopted at OEWG1.2)
UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/Add.1* - Draft annotated agenda

Information Document:

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/1/Rev.1 - Scenario note for OEWG 2
UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/11 (not yet released) - Procedure for election of officers

Key items:

Items 1, 2 and 3: Opening of the session; Election of officers; Adoption of agenda/organizational matters **Item 4:** Preparation of proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel

Items 5 and 6: Options for timetable/organization of the future work of OEWG; OEWG 3 provisional agenda

Items 7, 8 and 9: Other matters; Adoption of report; Closure of session



Skeleton Outline

Agenda item 4: Preparation of proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel

Working Documents:

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/2* - Skeleton outline for proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel

Information Document:

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/10 (not yet released) - Draft text for proposals to establish a science-policy panel

Key items:

- A. Scope and objective and functions
- B. Operating principles
- C. Institutional arrangements

Annexes



Scope and objective, functions, operating principles

Agenda item 4: Preparation of proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel

Working Documents:

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/3* - Scope and objective, functions and operating principles

Information Document:

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/2 - Background document on operating principles
UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/3 (not yet released) - Mapping of capacity-building activities in the chemicals,
waste and pollution space

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/9 (not yet released) - Summary and analysis of submissions received on needs and questions the panel may handle

- Summary and analysis of submissions on operating principles
- Annex I: suggested text based on UNEA resolution 5/8
- Annex II: compilation of principles formulation drawing on agreed formulations of other science-policy interfaces + encompassing submissions

Institutional arrangements and rules of procedure

Agenda item 4: Preparation of proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel

Working Documents:

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/4* - Institutional arrangements and rules of procedure for sessions of the plenary

Information Document:

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/4 - Background document on institutional arrangements of existing science-policy interfaces

- A. Decision-making body
- B. Body/bodies providing administrative and scientific oversight
- C. Other bodies undertaking or supporting the science-policy interface's work
- D. Secretariat arrangements
- E. Financial arrangements



Relationships with relevant key stakeholders

Agenda item 4: Preparation of proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel

Working Documents:

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/5* - Relationships with relevant key stakeholders

Information Document:

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/5 - Background document on the panel's relationships with relevant key stakeholders

- Potential roles that stakeholders might have in the panel
- Approaches towards establishing relationships with relevant key stakeholders



Work-related processes and procedures

Agenda item 4: Preparation of proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel

Working Documents:

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/6* - Overview of work-related processes and procedures

Information Document:

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/6 - Background document on the process for determining and executing the work programme of the panel

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/7 - Background document on the arrangements for identifying and engaging with experts to contribute to the work of the panel and on procedures for the review and adoption of reports and assessments produced by the panel

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/8 - Background document on procedures for addressing potential conflicts of interest

- Process for determining and executing the work programme
- Process for preparing panel deliverables, including conflict of interest procedures



Update on intersessional work and budget

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

Working Documents:

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/7 - Update from the secretariat on work undertaken in the period between the first and second sessions, budget and expenditure and the provisional workplan

- Contributions and pledges, and 2023–2024 budget and expenditures
- Provisional timetable and programme of work of the ad hoc open-ended working group







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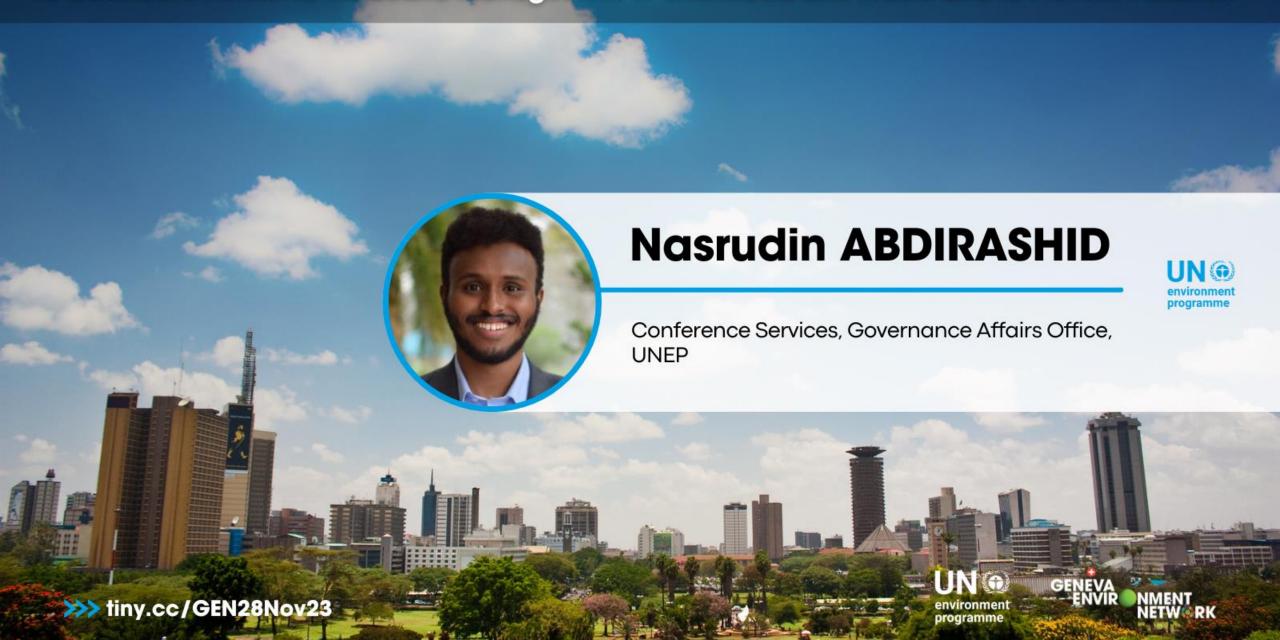
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General information

- Venue: UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi Kenya
 - 9 December: Informal consultations
 - 10 December: Regional and stakeholder meetings
 - 11–15 December 2023: OEWG 2
- Fully in person with plenary session live streamed. Links will be available on the OEWG 2 website in due course.
- Meeting documents available at: <u>OEWG 2: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution (unep.org)</u>
- WIFI: OEWG SPP/ Password: SPP@2023



Registration information

- To date: 514 approved participants for SPP OEWG 2.
- On-site registration only available for Member States delegates. If Member State delegates were
 unable to register by the pre-registration deadline, please contact the secretariat via spp-cwp@un.org.
- Presentation of credentials by Member States is not required. The online submission of a Note Verbal or letter from their government addressed to UNEP or the SPP OEWG Secretariat, with the composition of the national delegation to OEWG 2, suffices.
- As per general practice, provisional List of Participants will be circulated to delegations during the session. The final List of Participants will be made available on the meeting page after the closing of the session and will reflect those who attended OEWG 2.



Registration information

	Number of Member States/ Organization Represented	Total number of people from Member States/ Organization registered
Member States	118	256
Members of specialized Agencies	3	5
UNEP Accredited NGOs	122	184
BRS Accredited NGOs	7	9
SAICM Accredited NGOs	7	9
Minamata Accredited NGOs	3	3
Montreal Protocol Acc. NGOs	1	1
Total	261	514



Meeting badges

- An official SPP OEWG 2 badge is needed to access the premises of the session.
- For security reasons, all participants are requested to always wear their badges visibly.
- Loss of a badge should be reported immediately to the registration centre.
- There is no secondary access badges required to enter the plenary room.
- Badges can be collected from the UN compound main access point from 8 December 2023.
 Timing will be communicated via email.
- You will be required to bring your approval ticket (hardcopy or softcopy) as well as your passport or ID.



On-site disbursement of DSA

- Disbursement of the DSA will be made on-site, at the Glass Fishbowl near the Press Room, via physical prepaid cards in US dollars, according to the schedule below.
- Funded delegates that have a Swiss card and provided the number when applying for travel support, are kindly requested to bring their card with them.
- Sponsored participants will also be requested to present to the designated staff the original arrival boarding ticket and the physical travel identification document used to enter Kenya.
- Schedule for DSA disbursement will be shared closer to the date of the meeting.



Issuance of Visas

- Issuance of visas is determined solely by the national authorities of the venue.
- As recommended by the Kenyan authorities: Applications for entry visas for the Republic of Kenya can be made online via: https://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html
- Holders of service and diplomatic passports should apply for a courtesy visa via the eVisa portal.
- Holders of ordinary passports can apply for a single-entry visa via the eVisa portal. The cost of the visa is 51 US dollars.
- As supporting documents, participants are requested to upload the invitation letter and the letter confirming their registration.
- For more information, please contact the logistics note.



Guidance on Delivery of Statements

- Delegations are kindly requested to submit statements to be made on behalf of regional or political groups and national statements by email to spp-cwp@un.org.
- Major Groups and Stakeholder organizations are also invited to submit their statements to spp-cwp@un.org
- Statement should be submitted well in advance of the meeting, and no later than two hours before delivery, and only in soft copy (PDF format).
- It will greatly help the Secretariat and interpreters if the file name follows the format: "Agenda item X_ COUNTRY/ORGANIZATION NAME".
- Statements will remain embargoed until their delivery, after which they will be available on the <u>OEWG 2: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution (unep.org)</u>

Dining

The following cafes / restaurants are available to delegates

- Safari Park Hotel Main cafeteria located near the lobby of the UN Complex.
 - Dinner at the Main Cafeteria will be served until 9:00 pm from 11 December until 15 December
 - Delegates Lounge will be available until 9:00 pm during the same period.
- River Café in the Delegates Lounge Located on the lower level of the UNON Conference Room area
- Amaica Located near Block A
- The Good Food Company Located between Block 1 and 2 of the New Office Facility



Request for bilaterals

A limited number of small meeting rooms may be offered for bilateral meetings and/or internal meetings. To request bilateral rooms:

- Please email <u>nadya.omar@un.org</u>
- Reservations will be accepted for 30-minute durations starting on the hour and half hour.
- Include "SPP-2 bilats" in the email subject line.
- The request should specify the date and time of the bilateral meeting and the name of the other delegation participating in the meeting to avoid double booking.



Prayer and lactation rooms

- The Prayer and Lactation Rooms are located in the corridor adjacent to Conference Room 1.
- Please enter via the Conference room 1 door and you will see a sign on the left.



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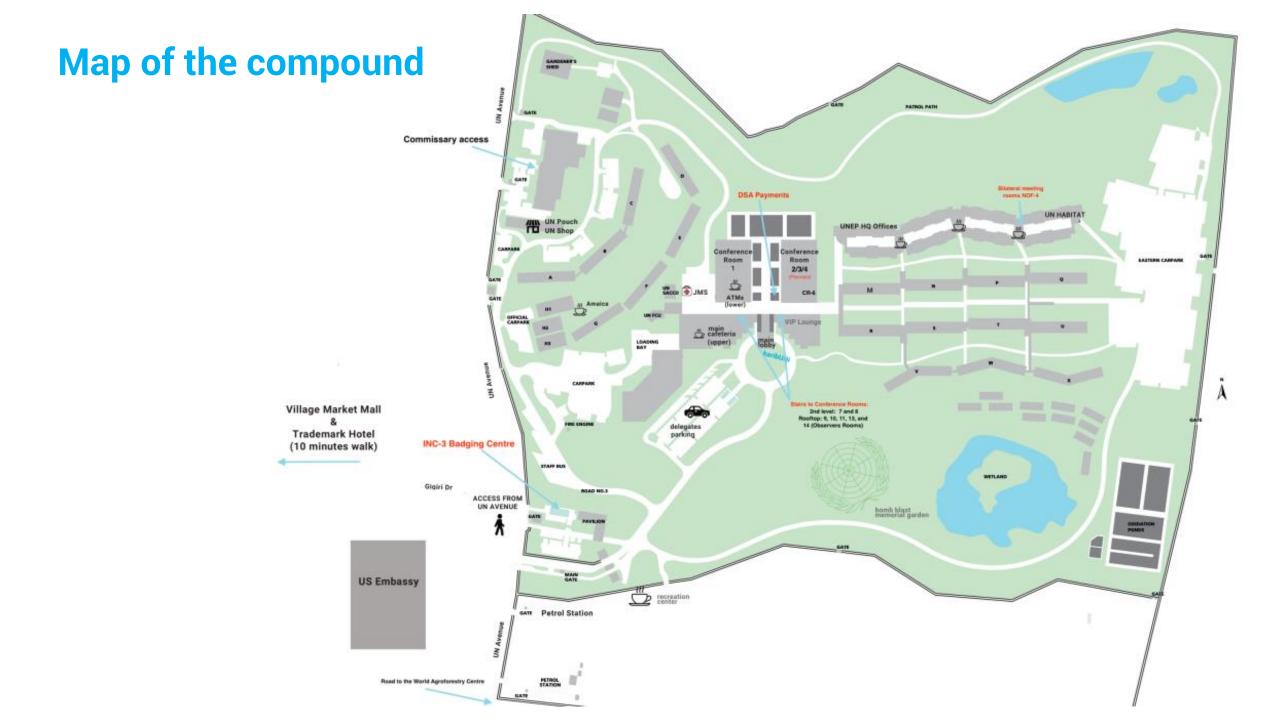
- Single use plastic bottles are not allowed within the premises of the UN compound.
- Each conference room will have a water dispenser. Please come with your water bottles.



UN Code of Conduct

- SPP OEWG 2 will be held in strict compliance with the UN code of conduct to prevent harassment, including sexual harassment, at UN System events.
- See SPP OEWG 2 meeting website for more information.





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