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

Major Milestones for 2023

**Q1**
- SPP OEWG 1.2
  - 30 Jan - 3 Feb | Thailand
- BRS COPs
  - 1 - 12 May
- SPP Webinar Launch
  - 26 April

**Q2**
- 76th World Health Assembly
  - 21 - 30 May
- INC-2
  - 29 May to 2 Jun | Paris, France
- 11th Int'l Labour Conference
  - 5-16 June

**Q3**
- WRF'23 & Global Intergovernmental Meeting on Minerals
  - 4 - 8 September
- 7th GEF Assembly
  - 22 - 26 Aug | Vancouver, Canada
- HRC 54
  - September
- WRF'23 Side Event
  - 6 September
- Geneva Toxics Free Talks
  - 22 September

**Q4**
- ICCM5
  - 25 - 29 Sep | Bonn, Germany
- Minamata COP-5
  - 30 Oct - 3 Nov
- INC-3
  - 13 - 19 Nov | Nairobi, Kenya
- SPP OEWG 2
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- SPP Briefing
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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

**United Nations Environment Programme**

**UNEP**

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

1. **Introduction**
   1. 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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“The Road to OEWG 2”
OEWG Process: Overall Timeline

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

**Intersessional period 1.1**
- Preparations for OEWG 1.2
- OEWG Bureau meetings
- Stakeholder survey
- Information-sharing webinar on scope and functions

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

**Intersessional period 1.2**
- Preparations for OEWG 2
- OEWG Bureau meetings
- Written submissions
- Informal consultations
- Information-sharing webinars

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

**Intersessional period 2**
- Preparations for OEWG 3
- OEWG Bureau meetings
- Written submissions
- Informal consultations
- Information-sharing webinars

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

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

More details of the regional meetings and summaries can be found at
https://www.unep.org/oewg-spp-chemicals-waste-pollution/Regional-meetings
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

- their core operating principles
- how they operationalize their operating principles
- their conflict-of-interest policies, good practices & lessons learned
- the right to science

Recap of the “Road to OEWG 2” Series

• 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

Recap of the “Road to OEWG 2” Series


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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Location of the Meeting Documents

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

Key items:
- 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

Key items:
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

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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

Key items:
• 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

Key items:
• 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

Key items:
• 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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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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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: [OEWG 2: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution (unep.org)](http://unep.org)

• **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

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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](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 OEWG 2: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution (unep.org)
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 nadya.omar@un.org

• 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.
Plastic-Free Conference

- 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.
Map of the compound
Follow daily coverage and photos of negotiations from the world’s trusted neutral reporting service.
Thank you

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