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UNEPA RESOLUTION “SCIENCE-POLICY PANEL TO CONTRIBUTE FURTHER TO THE SOUND MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICALS AND WASTE AND TO PREVENT POLLUTION”

Resolution adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly on 2 March 2022

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 waste, 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 2023–2025, 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,

Annexes the work on the promotion of the sound management of chemicals and waste and
The science is crystal clear that we are putting extreme pressures on the planet.
Road to OEWG 3 on a science-policy panel on chemicals, waste and pollution prevention

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    - 24 February
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Third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group (OEWG 3)

**Venue:** International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland

**Key dates:**
- 17 – 21 June 2024
  OEWG 3
- 16 June 2024
  Preceding meetings (informal, regional and stakeholder consultations)

**Website:**
https://www.unep.org/events/conference/oewg-3-science-policy-panel-contribute-further-sound-management-chemicals-and

https://www.unep.org/oewg-spp-chemicals-waste-pollution
Compilation of proposals for a Science-Policy Panel

➢ Outline agreed by OEWG 2 and draft text forwarded to OEWG 3

Foundational elements:
A. Scope, objective and functions of the panel
B. Operating principles of the panel
C. Institutional arrangements for the panel
D. Evaluation of the operational effectiveness and impact of the panel

Annexes:
1. Rules of procedure
2. Financial procedures
3. Process for determining the work programme, including prioritization
4. Procedures for the preparation and clearance of panel deliverables
5. Conflict of interest policy

Note: The OEWG 2 meeting report is available here in all languages
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Annex 5: Conflict of interest policy

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Provisional Agenda & Compilation of Proposals for Establishing a Science-Policy Panel

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Provisional Agenda

1 Opening of the session
2 Elections of officers
3 Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
4 Preparation of proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel
5 Recommendations to the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for the preparation of the intergovernmental meeting to establish the science-policy panel
6 Other matters
7 Adoption of the report of the session
8 Closure of the session
Proposals for establishing a science-policy panel

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/2

The compilation of proposals is the outcome of OEWG 2 and can be found in the meeting report (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/8) – available in all UN languages.

The compilation includes proposed [bracketed] text on:

A. Scope, objective and functions of the panel
B. Operating principles of the panel
C. Institutional arrangements for the Panel
D. Evaluation of the operational effectiveness and impact of the Panel

Annex 5: Conflict-of-interest policy
A. Scope, objective, and functions of the panel

[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:]
Proposals for establishing a science-policy panel

(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 → two proposals included in document 2: OEWG 3 to finalize on text for the capacity building function of the panel.
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B. Operating principles of the panel

- Scientific independence, credibility and accessibility of deliverables, interdisciplinarity, inclusivity in participation and knowledge, balanced representation, policy relevance, flexibility, precautionary and human rights-based approaches, pollution prevention, capacity building, ethical standards and gender equality
C. Institutional arrangements for the Panel

I. [Plenary] [Governing Body of the SPP]

II. Bureau

III. Committees and subsidiary bodies

IV. Secretariat

V. Financial Arrangements

VI. Strategic Partnerships
D. Evaluation of the operational effectiveness and impact of the Panel

42. The Panel's efficiency, effectiveness and impact shall be [independently and externally reviewed and] evaluated on a periodic basis as decided by the [Plenary][Governing Body of the Panel]. [The Panel should produce a framework for the assessment to include the periodicity of the evaluation with the primary goal of mapping the output to [the main][its] functions and to assess the adherence to the core principles][, with adjustments to be made as necessary]
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Draft Rules of Procedure

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Draft rules of procedure

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Outline
1. Scope/Purpose
2. Definitions (for example, of what is meant by “Bureau" or “Session")
3. Venue, dates and notification of sessions
4. Members and observers
5. Admission of observers
6. Agenda
7. Representation, credentials and accreditation
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Draft financial procedures

At OEWG 2, the Secretariat was requested to develop a draft of the financial procedures for the Panel.

The draft financial procedure include several sections that lay out key aspects of the panel including scope of financial procedures, financial year and budgeting period, trust fund, budget, contributions, capital reserves, accounts and audit, and general provisions.

OEWG 3 will consider the draft financial procedure to be submitted for subsequent consideration by the intergovernmental meeting for consideration and possible adoption by the governing body of the panel, once established, at its first session.
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Draft process for determining the work programme, including prioritization

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The draft process builds on the views expressed during OEWG 2 and takes into account lessons and experiences of existing procedures, in particular those of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).
## Draft process for determining the work programme

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**min. 6 months before a gov. body session**

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### STEP 2: PRIORITISATION

**approx. 6 weeks**

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3. IEC (+ additional experts as relevant) systematically reviews/ranks topics through the transparent application of a rigorous interdisciplinary review
4. Secretariat, with IEC’s guidance, prepares a report on the top-ranked topics

**Report includes:**

1. Information on the issues
2. Rationale for the prioritization
3. Analysis of the scope and types of potential outputs

### STEP 3: DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME

**approx. 6 weeks**

1. Secretariat in consultation with IEC & Bureau prepares a draft work programme

   **Draft work programme includes such elements as:**
   - Objectives and associated deliverables
   - Timelines for producing the deliverables
   - Institutional arrangements for the implementation of the work programme
   - Budgetary implications

2. Draft work programme submitted to governing body
Draft process for determining the work programme

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Draft procedures for the preparation and clearance of panel deliverables

At OEWG 2, the Secretariat was requested to develop draft procedures for the preparation and clearance of panel deliverables.

The draft procedures for the preparation and clearance of panel deliverables build on the views expressed during OEWG 2 and take into account lessons and experiences of existing procedures, in particular those of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), the Global Environment Outlook (GEO), and the Stockholm Convention's POPs Review Committee.
Draft procedures for the preparation and clearance of panel deliverables

This document contains sections on:

- Definitions
- Deliverables
- General procedures
- Error protocol
- Procedure for the use of sources
- Policy on data and knowledge management and guidance on the use of digital tools and artificial intelligence
- Procedure for safeguarding commercially sensitive information
- Procedure for languages and translations
At OEWG 2, the Secretariat was requested to prepare a proposal for a revised conflict-of-interest disclosure form based on the discussions held at the second session.

Relevant issues were addressed and subsequently the revised conflict-of-interest disclosure form submitted by the secretariat during the second session of the ad hoc open-ended working group has been re-issued in the present document with minor modifications.
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The main outcome of the third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group will be a final text proposal (Sections A to D), which is essential for the establishment of the panel.

The OEWG may wish to transmit to the intergovernmental meeting for its consideration:

- **A draft decision** establishing the panel as specified in the foundational document (Sections A to D), annex;
- Foundational document (Sections A to D) – final text proposal
The OEWG may transmit to intergovernmental meeting for consideration:

A draft decision forwarding the draft rules, procedures, policies and guidelines to the governing body of the panel for consideration at its first session, and the following annexes:

- Draft rules of procedure;
- Draft financial procedures;
- Draft process for determining the work programme, including prioritization;
- Draft procedures for the preparation and clearance of the panel deliverables;
- Draft conflict-of-interest policy
Proposals to give effect to arrangements to be considered by the intergovernmental meeting

The governing body of the panel at its first session will be invited to consider:

**Election of officers:** Bureau, subsidiary bodies

**Secretariat:** administrative and financial arrangements of the secretariat

**Financial arrangements:** including the establishment of a trust fund

**Strategic partnerships:** proposal for the Secretariat to prepare guidelines

**Process for determining the work programme, including prioritization**

Annex:

Draft decision [---] Recommendations to give effect to arrangements in the foundational document
Draft Decisions

Doc #  Title

OEWG.3/2  Compilation of proposals for establishing a science-policy panel
Add.1  Draft rules of procedure
Add.2  Draft financial procedures
Add.3  Draft process for determining the work programme, including prioritization
Add.4  Draft procedures for the preparation and clearance of panel deliverables
Add.5  Draft conflict-of-interest policy

OEWG.3/3  Proposals on the establishment of the Panel to be considered by the intergovernmental meeting

OEWG.3/4  Proposals to give effect to arrangements to be considered by the intergovernmental meeting

Draft Decision
Establishing the Panel
Annex: Foundational Document

Draft Decision
Forwarding: Drafts of Rules of Procedures, financial procedures, work programme, prep & clearance of deliverables, and Col policy

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https://www.unep.org/events/conference/oewg-3-science-policy-panel-contribute-further-sound-management-chemicals-and
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Summary and next steps

• **Advance English versions** of the working documents are all available online.

• All working documents will be made available on the website in **six UN languages**.

• Governments and stakeholders are invited to **provide written comments on the working documents for OEWG 3 by 31 May 2024**.

• **Governments** are invited to provide submissions through their national focal points.

• **Non-government stakeholders** are invited to provide submissions on behalf of their organization or group.
THANK YOU!

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