

Office of the Chief Scientist

Strengthening Science and New Directions

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Role of Chief Scientist

The Chief Scientist provides strategic coordination of the science and analytics that inform the organization's decisions, policies, interventions and publications. In this capacity, the Chief Scientist performs the following functions with the support of the Office of the Chief Scientist (OSC):

1. Serves as a primary advisor on science: setting scientific priorities for the organisation, including advising on emerging science
2. Ensures rigor and soundness of science in UNEP, including by providing the final clearance on key scientific publications
3. Oversees UNEP's publications architecture by forming the big picture/master plan of all science-related outputs for the year
4. Is the scientific spokesperson, on behalf of the Executive Director, on scientific matters of importance to UNEP

MTS Readiness and Focus for CS

- Measuring and maximising policy uptake and influence of UNEP science, analysis, and policy advice - strengthening the Science-Policy-Interface
- To develop an action plan for improving uptake of UNEP assessments and analytics into its own interventions
- To review, develop and implement a revised Publications System and Process with the aim of delivering joined-up publications and analytics responding to the 'global conversation' mapped against the calendar of key international policy meetings, other major events and major anniversaries, etc.
- To Facilitate Strategic Foresight: methods, capacity and capability

The Work of the OCS 2022-2023

- Facilitating **Strategic Foresight**: review methods and approaches
- **Publications** prioritization - publish robust timely publications with automation
- Considering the science – policy interface and how to **measure** and **improve impact**
- Designing for Impact (data capture, management, analytics, benefits realization in projects and programmes)
- External Engagement and Advocacy

SPI - Strengthening and new directions



UNEA Resolutions (UNEP/EA.4/Res.23 & 4/8)

Thank you



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