



**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
First session**

Nairobi, 6 October 2022 and Bangkok, 30 January–3 February 2023*

Annotated provisional agenda

1. In resolution 5/8, the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) decided to convene an 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 that would begin its work in 2022, with the ambition of completing it by the end of 2024.
2. The first part of the first session of the ad hoc open-ended working group was held in Nairobi in a hybrid format, with online participation, on 6 October 2022. During the meeting, the working group agreed to apply, *mutatis mutandis*, the rules of procedure of the Environment Assembly to its work and adopted the rules of procedure as outlined in document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.1(I)/INF/2. The working group also elected seven of the 10 members of its Bureau, including its Rapporteur. Representatives also had the opportunity to present initial views on the establishment of a science-policy panel, as well as on the timetable and organization of work of the ad hoc open-ended working group. The report of that meeting is set out in document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.1/3.
3. The resumed first session will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok from 30 January to 3 February 2023.
4. The present document has been prepared by the secretariat taking into account the discussions during the first part of the first session.

Item 1

Opening of the session

5. The resumed first session of the ad hoc open-ended working group will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 30 January 2023 by the interim Chair, Saqlain Syedah (Pakistan).
6. Opening statements will be delivered by a representative of the Government of Thailand and representatives of UNEP and of the World Health Organization.

* The first session of the 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 is being held in two parts. The first part of the session was held in Nairobi and online on 6 October 2022, while the second part, namely the resumed first session, will be held in person in Bangkok from 30 January to 3 February 2023.

Item 2

Election of officers

7. During the first part of the first session, the ad hoc open-ended working group elected the following officers, in accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Environment Assembly.

Vice-Chairs: Linroy Christian (Antigua and Barbuda)
Salma Qadoori Jabir (Iraq)
Oumar Diaouré Cisse (Mali)
Saqlain Syedah (Pakistan)
Michel Tschirren (Switzerland)
Valentina Sierra (Uruguay)

Rapporteur: Cyrus Mageria (Kenya)

8. The ad hoc open-ended working group also agreed that Ms. Syedah would chair the meetings of the session pending the election of a Chair at the resumed first session.

9. The ad hoc open-ended working group will be invited to finalize the election of its officers, including the Chair. It will be invited to ensure adequate regional representation in the composition of the Bureau, taking into account the need to also ensure gender balance.

Item 3

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the rules of procedure of the ad hoc open-ended working group

10. The open-ended working group, during the first part of the first session held in Nairobi on 6 October 2022, agreed to apply, mutatis mutandis, the rules of procedure of the Environment Assembly to its work and adopted the rules of procedures as outlined in document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.1(I)/INF/2.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

11. The agenda of the first session, as adopted by the ad hoc open-ended working group during the first part of the session, is set out in document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.1(I)/1.

(c) Organizational matters

12. The ad hoc open-ended working group may wish to meet in plenary session from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., subject to adjustment as necessary.

13. The ad hoc open-ended working group may also wish to establish contact groups and other in-session working groups as it deems necessary and to specify their mandates.

14. The ad hoc open-ended working group may wish to consider the scenario note prepared by the secretariat (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.1/INF/3) setting out proposed plans and general expectations for the session.

15. As the ad hoc open-ended working group decided during the first part of its first session, time limits for statements of three minutes for individual representatives and observers and five minutes for representatives speaking on behalf of groups of States will be applied. Given the limited time available and the full agenda, it is encouraged that statements be delivered on behalf of groups of States and observers.

Item 4

General statements

16. During the first part of the first session of the open-ended working group, Member States and observers delivered general statements on the establishment of a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution. As is proposed in the scenario note (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.1/INF/3), additional general statements are hence not

encouraged at the resumed first session. However, should Member States and observers wish to provide additional general observations, they may consider doing so in writing.

Item 5

Options for the timetable and organization of the work of the ad hoc open-ended working group

17. During the first part of the first session, the ad hoc open-ended working group agreed to conduct its work over the course of three sessions, followed by an intergovernmental meeting for the purpose of considering the establishment of a science-policy panel.
18. At its resumed first session, the ad hoc open-ended working group may wish to consider the proposed timetable and budgetary considerations presented in document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.1/6.

Item 6

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

19. In resolution 5/8, the Environment Assembly decided that a science-policy panel should be established to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution, with details to be further specified according to the provisions in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the resolution. In the same resolution, the Environment Assembly also decided that the ad hoc open-ended working group was to prepare proposals for the science-policy panel to consider the issues outlined in paragraph 5 of the resolution.
20. In the light of the initial exchange of views during the first part of the first session and as proposed in the scenario note, the ad hoc open-ended working group may wish to continue its consideration of the item through an exchange of views on the scope and functions of a science-policy panel, taking into account the issues set out in paragraphs 5 and 6 of resolution 5/8. In doing so, it may wish to refer to document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.1/4, which presents options on the scope of the panel, and document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.1/5, which presents options on the functions of the panel. It may also wish to consider whether proposals should be developed on any other matters.
21. Finally, the ad hoc open-ended working group may wish to consider any information to be provided by Member States, observers and other relevant stakeholders, as well as intersessional work to be conducted in advance of the second session, including potential documentation to be prepared by the secretariat in the light of the discussions, including on issues yet to be considered pursuant to resolution 5/8.

Item 7

Other matters

22. The ad hoc open-ended working group may wish to consider any other matters raised during the session.

Item 8

Adoption of the report of the session

23. The report of the first part of the first session of the ad hoc open-ended working group was adopted on 6 October 2022 and is available on the meeting portal.¹ At the resumed first session, the working group will be invited to consider and adopt an additional draft report reflecting the proceedings of the second part of the session, on the understanding that the Rapporteur will ensure the finalization of the report with the support of the secretariat, under the authority of the Chair, consistent with standard United Nations practice. The two reports will together constitute the proceedings of the first session. The final report of the resumed session will be circulated after the closure of the session.

¹ <https://www.unep.org/events/conference/oewg1-science-policy-panel-contribute-further-sound-management-chemicals-and>.

Item 9

Closure of the session

24. It is expected that the resumed first session will conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Friday, 3 February 2023.
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