

Interventions by the United Republic of Tanzania on the Function of the SPP – 31st Jan 2023

At the outset, my delegation would like to thank our hosts, the government of Thailand for the wonderful reception held yesterday.

On the issue of the functions of the panel,

My delegation would like to emphasise the need for the panel to be a platform that creates the much-needed interface between the scientists and policy makers, taking into account the wide range of relevant stakeholders within the space of managing chemicals, waste and pollution.

In the UNEA resolution, the panel has been mandated to conduct assessments of current issues and identifying potential evidence-based options to address them; however there is a gap in terms of the modality through which the panel can explain and disseminate the findings for different audiences especially policy makers.

Considering that resolution 5/8 in para 6 (g) directs the OEWG to ensure that the panel has the flexibility to respond, to the extent possible, to the needs identified by stakeholders, it is important that the panel becomes the body that provides an opportunity for all stakeholders at national, regional and global levels to jointly look at the science, interpret it and see how it can be used to influence policy at.

Therefore, within the functions of the SPP, my delegation proposes that function of providing a platform for interface between the stakeholders be established as among the key functions of the panel.

This would not only ensure that the generated information reaches the desired audience, that is the policy makers, but would also pave way for connecting the researchers and policy makers and bringing on board what is available at country level; allowing sharing of information and would facilitate development and transfer of technology with is vital in addressing the environmental challenges we all face.

Additionally, my delegation recommends for addition of capacity building particularly to developing countries in order to able to generate scientific data as another function of the panel.

Thank you Chair,