

OEWG1.2: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution - 30 January - 3 February 2023 - Bangkok, Thailand

Contact Group on Scope and Functions 31 January 2023

Co-Chair's proposal on objective and scope

Following the exchanges in the contact group, the co-chairs would like to suggest the following text on the objective and scope of the panel:

- The objective of the panel is to deliver policy relevant scientific evidence on the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution, with a view to minimize and prevent their adverse impact on human well-being, including human health, and the environment.
- The panel's scope is to address the sound management of chemicals and waste and the prevention of pollution.

In addition, the co-chairs, when presenting the outcome of the contact group on the scope and objective to the Plenary will further highlight that:

- It was agreed by the contact group that the objective and scope of the panel should be complemented through the development of prioritization criteria and the preparation of a conceptual framework to further guide the work of the panel. A first draft of these documents could be prepared during the intersessional period.
- It was also agreed by the contact group that the deliverables of the panel should be policy relevant, and not policy prescriptive, inclusive and complementary. This could be further defined through the development of operating principles for the Panel, which could be prepared during the intersessional period.