

Meeting of the Bureau 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

Tuesday, 25 April 2023

16:00 – 18:00 (EAT; GMT + 3)

Online meeting

Agenda item 3: Preparations for OEWG-2.

a) Date and venue OEWG-2.

Background document: Hosting of the second session of the Open-Ended Working Group on a Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution

I. Introduction

1. Following the SPP OEWG Bureau meeting held on 27 February 2023 in Nairobi, the Bureau requested the Secretariat to prepare an overview of the different options for the date and venue of the second session of the OEWG, including related costs and budgets for consideration by the Bureau at its next meeting.
2. As of 16 March 2023, only one offer had been confirmed to the SPP OEWG secretariat to host the second session of the OEWG, from the Kingdom of Jordan. The tentative dates are 11 – 15 December 2023.
3. It should also be noted that the secretariat received a generous contribution from the Government of Switzerland to host OEWG2 in Jordan amounting to USD 450,000. The procurement for the meeting venue will be undertaken by UNDP Jordan Office, subject to the legal agreement being developed by UNEP. The Bureau may wish to consider this offer with a view to taking a decision.
4. Should the offer from Jordan not be accepted, the default option would be to host the meeting at UNEP Headquarters in Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya.

II. Resource mobilization

5. **Contributions to date.** As at 16 March 2023, UNEP had received financial contributions and pledges in the amount of \$4,460,924, as is shown in table 1.

Table 1
Contributions and pledges received as at 16 March 2023
 (United States dollars)

<i>Contributor</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>Total</i>
Switzerland	809 234	445 545	445 545	1 700 324
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		327 360		327 360
France		158 395	159 009	317 404
Germany		196 514		196 514
Norway		140 890	139 726	280 616
Norway Thematic Allocation			500 000	500 000
EC			826 720	826 720
Japan			36 986	36 986
UNEP Environment Fund		275 000		275 000
Total income^a	809 234	1 543 704	2 107 986	4 460 924

^a These figures are net of the 1 per cent coordination levy (where applicable) but include the programme support costs (13 per cent where applicable) applied to all extrabudgetary contributions to the Organization.