

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

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## **Agenda item 5: Engagement with World Health Organization**

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### **Background document: WHO engagement in the OEWG SPP Open-Ended Working Group process**

#### **I. Engagement with WHO since the adoption of Resolution UNEA5/8:**

- Opening remarks via video message by the WHO Director General, Dr. Tedros at OEWG 1.1 and 1.2
- In person participation of WHO at OEWG 1.2
- Informal bilateral meetings between the SPP Secretariat and WHO SPP focal point
- Nomination and participation of Dr. Richard Brown, WHO in the UNEP ED's Technical Advisory Group
- Participation of Ms. Lesley Onyon from WHO at the webinar held on 5 October 2022

#### **II. Future engagement with and possible role of the WHO**

- Opening remarks by the DG at future OEWG meetings, via video message or in person
- In person participation of OEWG meetings, Bureau meetings (upon invitation) and other informal consultations
- Informal bilateral meetings between the SPP Secretariat and the WHO SPP focal point, as well as High-level dialogue(s) between UNEP and WHO senior management
- Participation of Dr. Richard Brown from WHO in the UNEP ED's Technical Advisory Group
- Participation as speakers/panelists at future informal consultations, webinars, side events, deep dive dialogues, in particular on issues relevant to WHO, such as prioritization criteria, governance and composition of the panel, stakeholder engagement, secretariat roles, etc.
- Providing initial inputs to the OEWG meeting documents (both working and information documents). Invite WHO to identify, based on the list of documents, where they see a role for the provision of initial inputs
- Peer review of meeting documents. Invite WHO to identify, based on the list of documents, where they see a role for WHO to peer review, before finalizing the document
- Organizing side event(s) at the World Health Assembly
- Outreaching and engaging stakeholders from the health sector in the OEWG process
- Joint UNEP and WHO outreach to IOMC organisations and other intergovernmental bodies