

OEWG on a Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of Chemicals and Waste and to prevent Pollution (SPP-OEWG)

Background - UNEA Resolution 5/8

Decided that a Science-policy panel should be established to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution (para. 1)

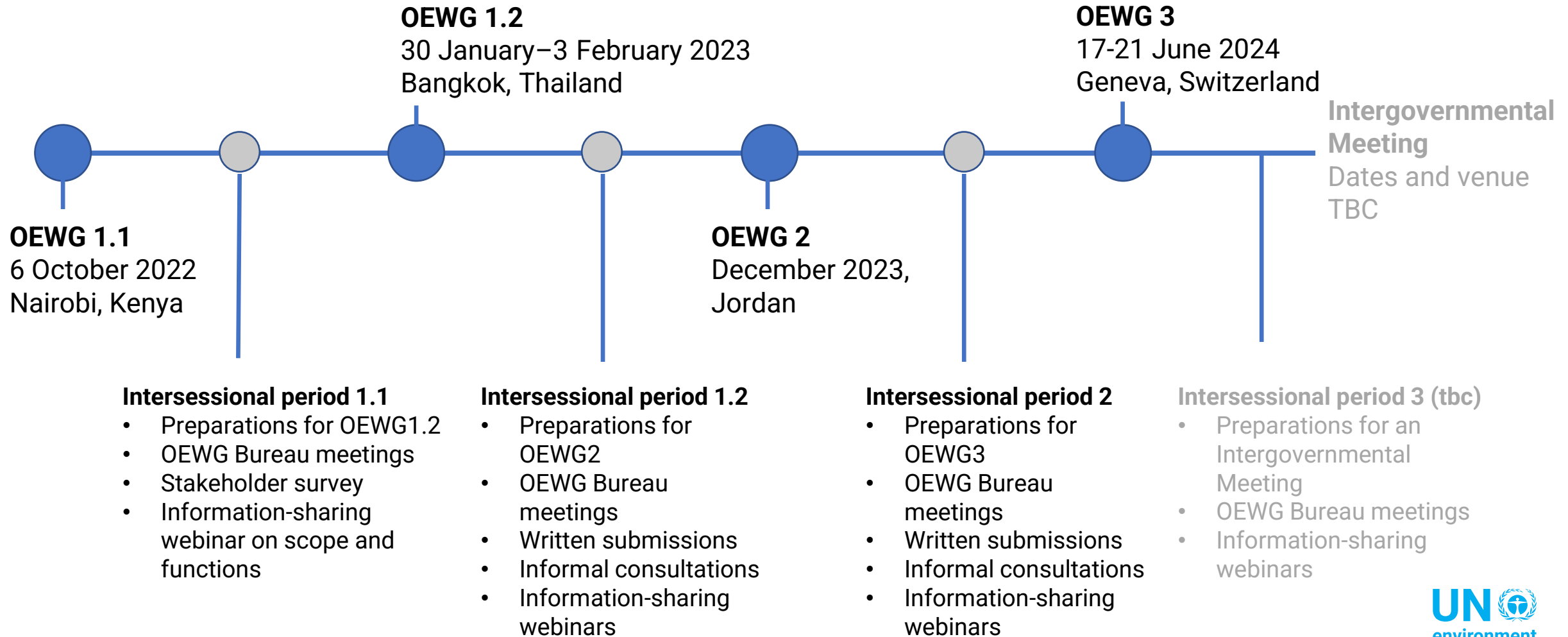
Decided to convene, subject to availability of resources, an ad hoc open ended working group that will begin work in 2022 with the ambition of completing it by the end of 2024 (para. 4)

Background - UNEA Resolution 5/8, Para 5

Decided that the ad hoc open-ended working group will prepare proposals for the science-policy panel to consider the following issues:

- (a) Institutional design and governance*
- (b) Name and scope*
- (c) Principal functions*
- (d) Relationships with relevant key stakeholders*
- (e) Processes for determining and executing the work programme*
- (f) Arrangements for identifying and engaging with experts to contribute to the work*
- (g) Procedures for the review and adoption of reports and assessments*
- (h) Arrangements for secretariat support*
- (i) Options for voluntary financing of the work*
- (j) Rules of procedure and the operating principles governing the work*
- (k) An indicative budget*
- (l) Any other relevant matters*

OEWG Process – Tentative Timeline



OEWG 1.2 Outcomes: scope and functions

- **The OEWG agreed on the following objective of the panel**
 - [The objective of the panel is to strengthen the science policy interface to contribute to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution for the protection of human health and the environment, with the following functions:]
 - The text on objective has been left in brackets with the understanding that future discussions of the OEWG may continue to inform the objective.

OEWG 1.2 Outcomes: scope and functions (*cont'd*)

The OEWG agreed on the following principal functions of the panel:

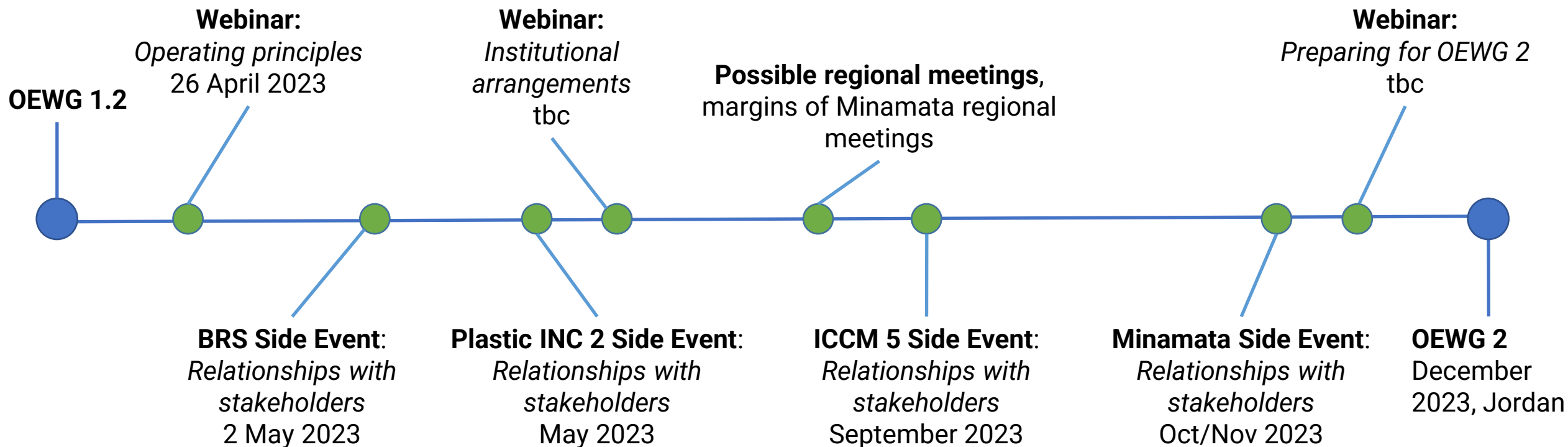
- **Undertaking “horizon scanning”** to identify issues of relevance to policymakers and, where possible, proposing evidence-based options to address them
- **Conducting assessments** of current issues and identifying potential evidence-based options to address, where possible, those issues, in particular those relevant to developing countries
- **Providing up-to-date and relevant information**, identifying key gaps in scientific research, encouraging and supporting communication between scientists and policymakers, explaining and disseminating findings for different audiences, and raising public awareness
- **Facilitating information-sharing with countries**, in particular developing countries seeking relevant scientific information
- A fifth principal function on **capacity building** was included, however further discussions are needed to finalize the text of this new principal function

Preparations for OEWG 2

Number	Doc Title
1	Agenda and annotated agenda
2	Update from the secretariat on its operations, the budget and expenditures, timetable and organization of the future work of the ad hoc open-ended working group
3	Skeleton outline of OEWG proposal
4	Scope, objective, functions and operating principles
5	Institutional arrangements and rules of procedure for sessions of the plenary
6	Relationship with relevant key stakeholders
7	Work-related processes and procedures
INF 1	Scenario note
INF X ...	Relevant information documents for Working Doc 4, 5, 6 and/or 7

Timeline Towards OEWG 2

- OEWG Meeting
- Stakeholder Engagement



An update of the stakeholder engagement activities such as additional webinars and side events can be found at the SPP OEWG website: <https://www.unep.org/oewg-spp-chemicals-waste-pollution>

Stakeholder engagement

Including with:

- IGOs such as WHO, ILO and other IOMC member organisations
- Relevant MEAs, including BRS, Minamata, Montreal Protocol, and SAICM
- Other panels and assessment bodies / processes
- Civil society organisations, academia, private sector

Intersessional activities

- Webinar series, side events, deep-dive dialogues, etc.
- Written submissions from Member States and other stakeholders
- Seize opportunities for back-to-back awareness raising/outreach and informal consultation meetings with relevant MEAs & other relevant international or regional meetings
- Social media (e.g., Twitter and LinkedIn)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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Intersessional workplan towards OEWG 2

UNEA Resolution 5/8, para 5	Intersessional activities / notes
(a) Institutional design and governance	Webinar + informal consultations / brainstorming
(b) Name and scope	Continue scope discussion; name → OEWG 3
(c) Principal functions	Mapping of capacity building
(d) Relationship with relevant key stakeholders	Webinar + informal consultations / brainstorming
(e) Processes for determining and executing the work programme	
(f) Arrangements for identifying and engaging with experts	
(g) Procedures for the review and adoption of reports	
(h) Arrangements for secretariat support	
(i) Options for voluntary financing of the work	
(j) Rules of procedure and operating principles	Written submissions on operating principles; webinars
(k) An indicative budget	OEWG 3
(l) Any other matters	Conflict of interest policy; MS and stakeholder input on needs and questions the Panel may handle

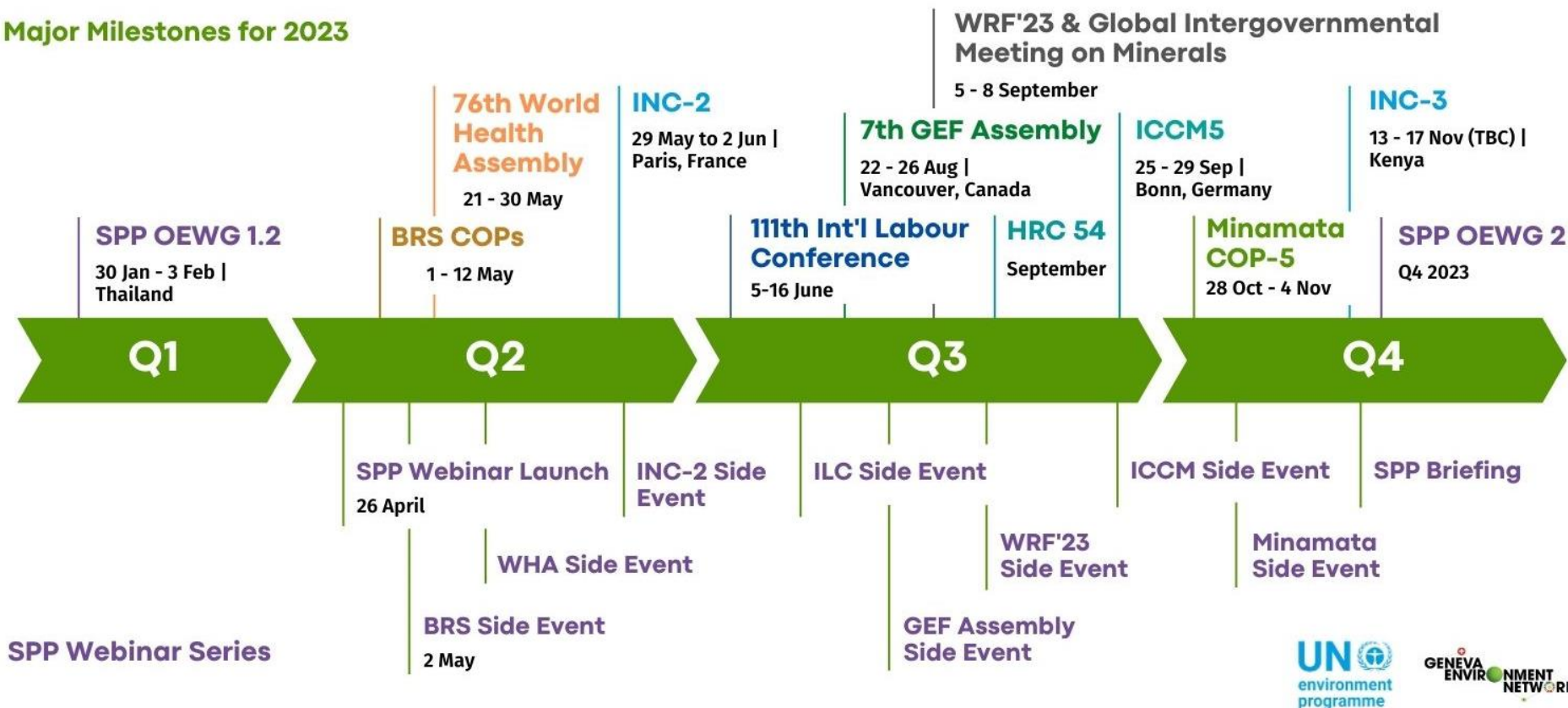
Green – continued discussion towards final text; **Blue** – working document to be developed for OEWG 2

Document Development Process

	Other consultation process	17 July	24 July – 21 August	23 October
Doc 1: Agenda		Draft 1	Bureau review	Posted online
Doc 2: Secretariat update				
Doc 3: Skeleton outline			Bureau review	
Doc 4: Scope, functions and operating principles	Webinar & written submissions on operating principles		Bureau/External review	
Doc 5: Institutional arrangements and RoP	Webinar & informal/regional consultation		Bureau/External review	
Doc 6: Stakeholder engagement	Side events at relevant meetings & informal / regional consultation		Bureau/External review	
Doc 7: Work-related processes	Webinar & informal/regional consultation, esp. on prioritization framework		Bureau/External review	

Stakeholder engagement (cont'd)

Major Milestones for 2023



Others: IPBES 10 Plenary (Bonn, Germany, 28 Aug–2 Sep); Montreal Protocol MOP 35 (Nairobi, Kenya, 23–27 Oct); Plastic INC 3 (Nairobi, Kenya, 13–17 Nov); Pan-Africa chemistry Network conference (Nairobi, Kenya, 15–17 Nov), sustainable nitrogen management, minerals and metals governance, and so on?