



## Global Consultation on Chemicals and Waste Issues of Concern

11-12 July 2023

Room V, Bâtiment A, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland & Online

### Provisional Detailed Agenda

#### BACKGROUND

At the fifth session of the **UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2)**, **Resolution 5/7** requested the Executive Director to seek views from Member States and other stakeholders on priorities for further work, building on existing measures and initiatives, and on potential further international action on the issues discussed in the Assessment Report on Issues of Concern. The resolution also requests for the preparation of a summary analysis, taking into account the views received.

UNEP has launched a [call of written inputs](#) and is hosting this global consultation looking at the nineteen issues of Concern discussed in the [Assessment Report on Issues of Concern](#). Eleven of these are issues with emerging evidence of risks were identified by the [Global Chemicals Outlook II](#), and eight are the [emerging policy issues and other issues of concern](#) identified under the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management. More information on current work responding to resolution 5/7 request on Issues of Concern can be found on the [UNEP website](#).

#### AIM OF THE GLOBAL CONSULTATION MEETING

The Global Consultation aims to gather views about the priorities for further work and potential further international action on the 19 Issues of Concern. The Global Consultation will complement the call for written inputs.

#### EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

The Global Consultation will provide information from countries and stakeholders which UNEP will use in preparing the summary of views on priorities for further work and potential international actions on issues of concern which will be submitted to UNEA 6. The Global Consultation will facilitate exchanges between stakeholders and allow them to expand on their views.

The Global Consultation will complement the call for written inputs launched in June 2023. Participants are thereby warmly encouraged to submit their responses to the [call for written inputs](#).



## MEETING DOCUMENTS:

- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/1 Summary Agenda](#)
- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/3 Provisional Detailed Agenda](#)
- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/4 UNEA resolution 5/7](#)
- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/5 Assessment Report](#)
- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/6 Opportunities for further action](#)
- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/7a Metals and Metalloids Fact sheets](#)
- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/7b Chemicals in Products Group 1 Fact sheets](#)
- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/7c Chemicals in Products Group 2 Fact sheets](#)
- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/7d Bioactive Substances Fact sheets](#)

**Moderation: John Roberts, senior consultant for UNEP and Jessica Templeton, IISD.**



## Detailed Provisional Agenda

**Day 1 Tuesday, 11 July – 8:30-9:00 – Check in & arrival**

### **9:00 - 10:30 Opening plenary**

- **Welcoming remarks**, Jacqueline Alvarez, UNEP and Pierre Strauss, Deputy head Global Affairs, Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations
- **Introduction to the meeting**, John Roberts and Jessica Templeton
- **Overview of issues of concern**, Zhanyun Wang, UNEP
- **Scene setting on international agendas**, Jacqueline Alvarez, UNEP
- **Questions and clarifications from the floor & Online**, John Roberts and Jessica Templeton

**10:30 – 11:00 – Tea and Coffee Break**

### **11:00 - 13:00 Discussions on Metals and Metalloids (Arsenic, Cadmium, Lead, Lead in Paint, and Organotin)**

- **Presentation covering issues from the Metals and Metalloids Group.** Zhanyun Wang, UNEP
- **Questions and clarifications from the floor & online**
- **Informal discussions in small groups and online breakout rooms** (45 minutes)

Bearing in mind the opportunities as discussed in the Assessment Report on Issues of Concern, participants will be asked:

- What potential international actions should be taken?
  - And which are priorities?
- Which international forum or instrument would be best placed to take the lead on international action on this issue
- For the Metals and Metalloids issues group, please highlight
  - economic industry sectors of relevance, and
  - linkages with other sustainability agendas.

*Meeting documents:*

- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/6 Opportunities for further action](#)
- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/7a Metals and Metalloids Fact sheets](#)

- **Reporting back session - floor and online** (50 minutes)
  - Reports back from small groups discussion and online break-out sessions
  - Summary wrap up from the moderators.



**13:00-14:00 – Lunch**

**14:00 - 16:30 Discussions on Chemicals in Products 1** (Endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs); Phthalates; Bisphenol A (BPA); Microplastics; Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs))

- **Presentation covering issues from the Chemicals in Products Group 1.** Zhanyun Wang, UNEP
- **Questions and clarifications from the floor & online**
- **Informal discussions in small groups and online breakout rooms** (45 minutes)

Bearing in mind the opportunities as discussed in the Assessment Report on Issues of Concern, participants will be asked:

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  - And which are priorities?
- Which international forum or instrument would be best placed to take the lead on international action on this issue
- For the Chemicals in Products Group 1 issues, please highlight
  - economic industry sectors of relevance, and
  - linkages with other sustainability agendas.

*Meeting documents:*

- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/6 Opportunities for further action](#)
- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/7b Chemicals in Products Group 1 Factsheets](#)

**15.20-15.50 – Tea and Coffee Break**

- **Reporting back session – floor + online** (50 minutes)
  - Reports back from small groups discussion and online break-out sessions
  - Summary / wrap up from the moderators.

**16:30 - 17:00 Discussions on Chemicals in Products 2** (Chemicals in Products; Hazardous Substances in the Lifecycle of Electrical and Electronic Products (HSLEEP); Nanotechnology and Manufactured Nanomaterials and Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFASs) and the transition to safer alternatives).

- **Presentation covering issues from the Chemicals in Products Group 2.** Zhanyun Wang, UNEP
- **Questions and clarifications from floor & online**

**17:00 – 17:30 Wrap up of the day**

- Summary of proceedings from day 1, from the moderators
- Closing day 1, UNEP





**Day 2 Wednesday, 12 July - 8.30-9.00 – Check in & arrival**

**9:00 - 10:30 Discussions on Chemicals in Products 2 continued** (Chemicals in Products; Hazardous Substances in the Lifecycle of Electrical and Electronic Products (HSLEEP); Nanotechnology and Manufactured Nanomaterials and Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFASs) and the transition to safer alternatives).

- **Informal discussions in small groups and online breakout rooms** (45 minutes)

Bearing in mind the opportunities as discussed in the Assessment Report on Issues of Concern, participants will be asked:

- What potential international actions should be taken?
  - And which are priorities?
- Which international forum or instrument would be best placed to take the lead on international action on this issue
- For the Chemicals in Products Group 2 issues, please highlight
  - economic industry sectors of relevance, and
  - linkages with other sustainability agendas.

*Meeting documents:*

- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/6 Opportunities for further action](#)
- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/7c Chemicals in Products Group 2 Fact sheets](#)

- **Reporting back session – floor and online**
  - Reports back from small groups discussion and online break-out sessions
  - Summary / wrap up from the moderators.

**10.30 – 11.00 - Tea and Coffee Break**

**11:00 - 13:00 Discussions on Bioactive Substances** (Highly Hazardous Pesticides; Glyphosate; Neonicotinoids, Triclosan and Environmentally Persistent Pharmaceutical Pollutants)

- **Presentation covering issues from the Bioactive Substances Group.** Zhanyun Wang, UNEP
- **Questions and clarifications from the floor & online**
- **Informal discussions in small groups and online breakout rooms** (45 minutes)

Bearing in mind the opportunities as discussed in the Assessment Report on Issues of Concern, participants will be asked:

- What potential international actions should be taken?
  - And which are priorities?



- Which international forum or instrument would be best placed to take the lead on international action on this issue
- For the Bioactive Substances issues group, please highlight
  - economic industry sectors of relevance, and
  - linkages with other sustainability agendas.

*Meeting documents:*

- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/6 Opportunities for further action](#)
- [IoC/GlobalConsultation/2023/7d Bioactive substances group Fact sheets](#)

- **Reporting back session on bioactive substances floor and online**
  - Reports back from groups discussion and online break-out sessions
  - Summary / wrap up from the moderators.

**13:00-14:00 – Lunch**

**14:00-15:30 – Discussion on Cross-cutting issues and priorities**

- Panel discussion on issues of concern: reflections and experience sharing by international organisations and MEAs, moderated by UNEP
- Plenary discussion, moderated by moderators:
  - Invitation to comment on cross cutting issues and themes that have come out from previous discussions.
  - Invitation to comment on wider lessons, given the current governance framework – e.g. Implications future work of establishing the Science Policy Panel, or the beyond 2020 framework on chemicals and waste sound management.

**15:30 – 16:00 – Tea and Coffee Break**

**16:00 - 17:30 – Wrap up and Next Steps**

- Summary and synthesis of what was heard from various sessions and invitation to hold final plenary discussion, moderators
- Presentation on next steps, Ludovic Bernaudat, UNEP
- Closure of the meeting, Ludovic Bernaudat, UNEP