



Global Consultation on Chemicals and Waste Issues of Concern

11-12 July 2023

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

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.

As part of a broader [consultation process](#), UNEP has launched a [call of written inputs](#) and is hosting this global consultation on issues of concern looking at the 19 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 8 are the [emerging policy issues and other issues of concern](#) identified under the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management.

AIM OF THE GLOBAL CONSULTATION MEETING

The Global Consultation aims to gather information about the priorities for further work and potential further international action on the 19 Issues of Concern of the Assessment Report on Issues of Concern. The Global Consultation will build upon initial findings and complement the call for written inputs.



Provisional Agenda

The consultation is held in person, as well as online. It will be moderated by John Roberts, Senior Consultant for UNEP, and Jessica Templeton, IISD.

Day 1 - Tuesday, 11 July	Day 2 - Wednesday, 12 July
<p data-bbox="282 722 626 747">8:30 – 9:00 – Check in & Arrival</p> <p data-bbox="107 772 799 856">9.00-10:30 - Welcome and opening plenary <i>This initial plenary will open the Global Consultation, and provide scene setting, and an overview of issues of concern.</i></p> <p data-bbox="250 1003 659 1029">10:30 – 11:00 – Tea and Coffee Break</p> <p data-bbox="107 1054 769 1163">11:00-13:00 - Discussions on metals and metalloids group (Arsenic, Cadmium, Lead, Lead in Paint and Organotins) <i>Discussions will take place in small groups and reconvene as plenary</i></p> <p data-bbox="331 1209 578 1234">13:00 – 14:00 – Lunch</p> <p data-bbox="107 1260 792 1398">14:00-16:30 - Discussions on chemicals in products group 1 (Endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs); Phthalates; Bisphenol A (BPA); Microplastics; Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)) <i>Discussions will take place in small groups and reconvene as plenary</i></p> <p data-bbox="250 1419 659 1444">15:20 – 15:50 – Tea and Coffee Break</p> <p data-bbox="107 1470 786 1608">16:30-17:00 - Introduction to chemicals in products group 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)</p> <p data-bbox="107 1633 467 1659">17:00-17:30 - Wrap up of the day</p>	<p data-bbox="997 722 1341 747">8:30 – 9:00 – Check in & Arrival</p> <p data-bbox="821 772 1500 919">9.00-11:00 - Discussions on chemicals in products group 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) <i>Discussions will take place in small groups and reconvene as plenary</i></p> <p data-bbox="967 1003 1370 1029">10:30 - 11.00 – Tea and Coffee Break</p> <p data-bbox="821 1054 1484 1188">11:30-13:00 - Discussions on bioactive substances group (Highly Hazardous Pesticides; Glyphosate; Neonicotinoids, Triclosan and Environmentally Persistent Pharmaceutical Pollutants) <i>Discussions will take place in small groups and reconvene as plenary</i></p> <p data-bbox="1049 1209 1289 1234">13.00 -14.00 – Lunch</p> <p data-bbox="821 1260 1516 1398">14:00-15:30 - Crosscutting issues and priorities <i>The session will help identify crosscutting issues to several issues of concern and reflect on priorities. It will further assist in drawing linkages to the international governance related to on chemicals and waste.</i></p> <p data-bbox="967 1419 1370 1444">15:30 – 16:00 – Tea and Coffee Break</p> <p data-bbox="821 1470 1484 1608">16:00-17:30 – Wrap up discussions and next steps <i>International organisations will hold a panel discussion on issues of concern: reflections and experience sharing; followed by summary of discussions, synthesis and way forward.</i></p>