

Needs and Questions the Panel May Handle

Request for Written Submissions from Member States and Relevant Stakeholders

Member states, during the resumed first session of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG1.2), requested the Secretariat of the OEWG to solicit input from Member States and relevant stakeholders regarding the **needs** and **questions** the panel may handle in order to inform negotiations through the OEWG process (OEWG2 and OEWG3).

In support of this request, member States are invited to provide submissions through their respective national focal points (list of focal points available [at this link](#)). Non-government stakeholders are invited to submit their submissions on behalf of their organization or group. Once complete, please submit this filled document to SPP-CWP@un.org. All submissions will be uploaded online and will be summarized in an INF document in order to inform the work undertaken at OEWG2 and OEWG3.

Please complete and submit this form by 5 September 2023.

Several documents prepared by the secretariat for OEWG1.2 are of relevance to this submission, including:

- The Mapping and Gap analysis that was presented at UNEA 4 ([UNEP/EA.4/INF.9](#))
- The UNEP report “Assessment of options for strengthening the science-policy interface at the international level for the sound management of chemicals and waste” <https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/33808/OSSP.pdf>
- UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.1/INF/1 - [UNEA Resolution 5/8 entitled “Science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution”](#)
- The stakeholder survey conducted between OEWG 1.1 and OEWG 1.2, which was summarized in Information document “Stakeholder Engagement Feedback” ([UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.1/INF/6](#))
- Reports of OEWG1.1 and OEWG1.2, available with all other meeting documents on the [OEWG website](#)

Contact information

What is your name/surname

Who are you submitting on behalf of?

Argentina

Are you a national focal point?

Yes

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1. Please list and if appropriate briefly describe, your preference for which needs the panel may handle. (If possible, please rank your responses, where 1 indicates your top preference):

- Chemicals that do not fulfil Stockholm criteria but are either toxic but not persistent or/nor long-range travel has not been proven. **1**
- Issues of Concern, such as: Cadmium, Lead, Arsenic and Mercury synergic approach, PAHs, microplastics, EDCs, Nanotechnology and manufactured nanomaterials, EPPPs, Chemicals in products, organotins **1**
- Conduct regional analysis of pollutants **2**.
- Analysis of substitutes in order to avoid regrettable substitution, for example for the issues of concern: Glyphosate, BPA, Neonicotinoids, Phthalates, PFOAs, HHPs **2**
- Research on issues requested by Parties or region. **1**
- Identify possible synergies between existing initiatives related to chemical pollution. **1**
- Research on issues requested by Secretariat following COPs' decisions from different MEAs in order to provide scientific evidence to enhance decisions **3**
- Provide information on concrete capacity building/technological transfer **1**

2. Please provide any relevant comments on the needs you have listed above:

Research requested by the Parties may be related to urgent needs, or a particular knowledge gap with a concrete interest in regulate a certain aspect.

Regional, seasonal, local information is important especially in developing countries that use, for example, toolkits developed with information that may be very different for them.

Research on unresolved issues on COPs from different MEAs in order to provide scientific evidence to enhance decisions would give a practical use of SPP's work since it has a direct recipient.

3. Please list, and if appropriate briefly describe, your preference for which questions the panel may handle. (If possible, please rank your responses, where 1 indicates your top preference):

- What successful experiences in policies related to chemical pollution management could be useful for other Parties? What made them successful? **1**
- What issues related to chemical pollution are not being addressed by any MEA? **1**
- What knowledge gaps can be addressed and are not already being addressed? **2**
- What issues that are already being worked at by different MEAs or governments are related? Could they be addressed in a synergic way for a better outcome? **3**
- How can capacity building/technological transfer be enhanced? **1**
- What are the challenges concerning effective chemical policies? **3**

4. Please provide any relevant comments on the questions you have listed above: