

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](#)

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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):**

Following are the recommended needs to the panel:

Discussions shall be within the mandate laid out in [UNEA Res. 5/8](#), and we are highlighting the needs in the following points:

- Multiple options are needed for the consideration of policymakers instead of one set approach.
- Decision-making process is driven by consensus and panel output.
- Assess, address & communicate the socio-economic impacts resulting from policy interventions, for developing countries.
- Promote advanced technologies and/or explore ways to remove barriers in scaling up such technologies, particularly for developing countries.
- processes used for scientific research must be based on well known and strong based studies.

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

- 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):**

- I. Undertaking “horizon scanning” to identify issues of relevance to policymakers and, where possible, proposing evidence-based options to address them:
 - What are the available alternatives for the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution to mitigate the socio-economic impacts resulting from Policy interventions.
 - I’m What are the options of the advanced technology that has the potential for scaling up to further contribute to the sound management of waste chemicals?
- II. Conducting assessments of current issues and identifying potential evidence-based options to address, where possible, those issues, in particular, those relevant to developing countries:
 - What are the existing available advanced technological options and has the potential to scale up that promote the sound management of chemicals and waste those particularly relevant to developing countries?
 - What role does financial and technical assistance for developing countries play in contributing to the sound management of chemicals and waste?
 - Which global policies have socioeconomic implications, particularly those relevant to developing countries?

III. Facilitating information-sharing with countries, in particular developing countries seeking relevant scientific information:

- Which kinds of information-sharing have the biggest impact on building the capacity needed and requested by developing countries?
- How can information-sharing on scaling up advanced technological options promote the sound management of chemicals and waste, focusing on developing country parties?
- Which methods of information-sharing are appropriate for facilitating equitable access to scientific information, particularly for developing countries?

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

The questions are directly related to its principal functions, which identified in paragraph 2 of UNEA Resolution 5/8;