

# 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](mailto: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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Government

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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):*

Capacity building and transfer of skills to enable, among other things, the carrying out of situation assessments and the production of reliable data necessary for the development and implementation of relevant policies for the sustainable management of products chemicals and waste, while strengthening exchanges between scientists, politicians and other stakeholders

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

Chemicals are omnipresent in our daily lives. Some of them may present immediate or delayed dangers to human health and the environment.

Chemicals have made it possible to considerably improve the living conditions of populations with, for example, new drugs, better treatment of drinking water or even increased food production.

However, poor management of chemicals and waste represents a significant threat to the environment (water, soil and air pollution), identified as one of the five direct drivers of biodiversity degradation. . This poor management also has impacts on human health (acute and chronic diseases, disabilities).

Once dispersed in the environment, chemicals can travel short or long distances, depending on their mode of dissemination (food chain, atmosphere, water, etc.). They can have a more or less long lifespan, accumulate in human and animal fatty tissues, as well as in water and soil, and prove toxic to humans, flora and fauna and this on long periods of time.

Better management of chemicals must be accompanied by rational management of waste, the impacts of which can be significant (pollution of soil, surface and underground water, greenhouse gas emissions, emissions of toxic products and heavy metals). , etc.), particularly in developing countries, which are often less well equipped to cope with the influx of waste from industrialized countries.

The ecologically sound management of chemicals and waste requires technology and substantial resources. An assessment of the situation with a view to developing the National Chemicals and Waste Management Plan appears to be a current concern. This evaluation involves the implementation of a large funded project.

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):*

By order of priority

1- Inventory or assessment of the situation in order to obtain reliable data on the sustainable management of chemicals and waste

2-Capacity building for sustainable management of chemicals and waste

3- Transfer of skills for sustainable management of chemicals and waste

4- Development and implementation of relevant policies for sustainable management of chemicals and waste

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

