

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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Who are you submitting on behalf of?

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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):*
 - improving knowledge about microplastics as chemicals, in waste and impact on pollution in the environment;
 - improving knowledge about nanotechnology and manufactured nanomaterials
 - best practices regarding circularity from the aspect of chemicals in recycled material
 - best practices regarding end of waste and nus products as chemikals
2. Please provide any relevant comments on the needs you have listed above:
 - the lack of a legislative framework for the safe management of microplastics, the development of analytical methods for assessing the risk of microplastics on human health, especially children and youth;
 - as nanotechnology, has developed rapidly in the last few decades and led to the widespread presence of nanomaterials in consumer products and industrial applications, they also need an understanding of the impact of nanomaterials on human health and the environment, especially scientific papers regarding this issue.
 - A legislative framework has been established in our country, so that the need of the industry and the scientific sector for the application of best practices has been recognized
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):*
 - Will SPP--CWP take into consideration chemical risk assessment management and incorporate this knowledge into the field of climate change and biodiversity.
 - Will SPP--CWP include collection of data regarding chemicals human biomonitoring in order to improve human health of exposure of hazardous chemicals?
4. Please provide any relevant comments on the questions you have listed above:
 - The role of chemical risk management in the field of climate change and biodiversity is not adequately recognized in many countries.
 - Serbia among many countries has not yet established the mechanism of human biomonitoring of chemicals