

# 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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- 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):**

**My response to this point are in following rank order.**

- (a) Research and Infrastructure development status inventories of member countries especially developing countries conducive for promoting science-based policies.
- (b) Absolute needs of developing infrastructure (well-equipped laboratory, trained human resources and enough budget allocation etc) in all developing countries to promote science and science based policies.
- (c) Develop culture of integrating science and policy formulation
- (d) How we can interface Gender and vulnerable population, Chemical and waste
- (e) Transparency on Chemical in products and thus in waste
- (f) Lifecycle management of chemical in products from extraction of raw materials to end-of-life management.
- (g) Science in monitoring and required infrastructure for regular long-term monitoring
- (h) Review of country policies made based on science
- (i) Mandatory Institutional and legal framework
- (j) Sustainable funding should be made available for development of science and science based policy formation through realizing Polluters pays principle.
- (k) Report should be local, national, regional and global and most importantly must be accessible to everyone needs for in the language they understand, the time they needs and in the format one can use it.
- (l) Report should also based on primary data and site specific along with inclusion of the data coming from the credible secondary sources.
- (m) SPI should be Tripartite platform between policymakers, Scientific community and Peoples (including vulnerable) etc.

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

There are the absolute needs of knowing the level of the science and culture of mandatory interfacing science based policy formulation with ensuring the enabling infrastructure (well-equipped laboratory, trained human resources and enough budget allocation etc). The listed needs listed above are also self-explanatory.

- 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):**

**The above lists are listed on my preference orders and also summarizes here.**

- (a) Promoting culture of research
- (b) Infrastructure development for enabling research and culture of interfacing the research finding with policy formulation.
- (c) Lifecycle approach of addressing chemical and pollution issues with full transparency throughout the lifecycle of chemicals and waste

- (d) Regular and long-term monitoring and making monitoring result public
- (e) Reporting should be also based on primary data and local, national, regional and global scale
- (f) Sustainable funding mechanism for science and science based policy formulation and its effective implementation and compliance monitoring

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

Most importantly, the culture of mandatory interfacing science with policy in order to make real science based policy is absolutely needed as in the past policy were made on ad hoc basis and hence most of the countries especially developing countries are struggling in their effective implementation and monitoring.