

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?

I am not a national focal point

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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):

The following are the preference of needs the panel may handle:

- 1.1. Transparency and reliability of Data collection in Sub-Sahara African countries
- 1.2. Implementation of Science related decision-making in Sub-Sahara African countries
- 1.3. Awareness raising of communities in Sub-Sahara African countries
- 1.4. Efficiency of Capacity-building activities in Sub-Sahara African countries

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

There is rapid growth of the urban population in Sub-Sahara African countries such as Cameroon. A great portion of this urban population finds means to have an income through the informal sector with its related low-skilled jobs where chemicals and associated waste play an important role for the running of this sector. However, there is a widespread poor management of chemicals at all level of this sector coupled with the lack of relevant national infrastructures with poor implementation of existing policies. Then, there is a need for stakeholders to understand the specificity and importance of this sector in most developing countries. Then, any science-policy interface mechanism for sound chemicals management and pollution prevention should take into account the informal sector and its related low-skilled jobs present in most developing countries.

Then regarding the work of OEWG, any science-policy interface structure (encompassing data collection, awareness raising and capacity building activities, etc...) should incorporate the importance of the chemicals flowing in the informal sector and related low-skilled jobs and waste generated to contribute efficiently for pollution prevention and sound management of waste in most developing countries such as Cameroon.

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 following questions may be handled by the panel:

- 3.1. What are the issues facing the IPBES and IPCC which are considered as models of science-policy interfaces?
- 3.2. What are the specific problems that IPBES and IPCC are facing in developing countries?

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

IPBES and IPCC are considered as models of science-policy panel regarding present world climate challenges. These models should be used when looking forward for any science-policy panel in respect to chemicals and waste to prevent pollution. There is a need to know whether these models are hundred percent a success all over the world? And especially in developing countries? Any success and/or failure for IPBES and IPCC should be taken consideration to better shape the upcoming science-policy panel for chemicals and waste to prevent pollution.