

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):

1. Loss of biodiversity and effects on human health from the increasing use of pesticides.
2. Limited assessment capacity for the increasing number and quantity of chemicals produced.
3. Trends towards a circular economy, but hampered by a non-circular chemical industry.
4. Transfer of waste from rich countries to low-income countries.
5. Depuration of urban and industrial waters discharged into the sea

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

The loss of biodiversity is one of the main challenges of current environmental concern

Many/most low and middle income countries need capacity and efforts towards policy coherence to implement policies/regulations that can have an impact

Transfer of residues between countries should not be allowed. They are usually transferred to countries that do not have the technology to treat them

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):

1. Loss of biodiversity and effects on human health from the increasing use of pesticides.
2. Transfer of waste from rich countries to low-income countries.
3. Depuration of urban and industrial waters discharged into the sea
4. Limited assessment capacity for the increasing number and quantity of chemicals produced.

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

1. The huge loss of flying insects in the developed countries is a main issue of concern
2. There is an urgent need to decrease/stop the pollution load on the marine systems, particularly in the coastal regions
3. The transfer of waste from rich to poor countries violates environmental justice.