

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?

NO

What is your country?

TOGO

What is your title?

TECHNICAL ADVISOR

What is your gender?

MALE

What is your email address?

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):**
 - i. Keeping abreast with trends in the design, production, trade and use of chemicals.
 - ii. A reliable system of exchanging information between the panel, scientists and policy makers.
 - iii. Measuring effectiveness of these interfaces.
 - iv. Active engagement of all stakeholders
 - v. Link to regional and sub regional initiatives

2. **Please provide any relevant comments on the needs you have listed above:**
 - i. To execute its mandate in an effective way, the Panel needs to develop a strategy that will enable it to track these trends. This will ensure policies are informed by up to date scientific data and information otherwise there will be a mismatch between science and policies.
 - ii. Breakdown or irregular communication will degrade interface between policies and science.
 - iii. Which indicators will be used to measured effectiveness? For example, will effectiveness of interfaces involve studies on all pillars of sustainable development (social, economic and ecological)? What issues will be considered? Which stakeholders will take part or assume the leading role?
 - iv. Lack of linkages to regional or sub regional initiatives will undermine science and policy interfaces. Some of these initiatives are based on political, economic, peace and security considerations only and member states are obliged to implement them without giving consideration to science.

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):**
 - i. Which stakeholder engagement approach is the most appropriate? Is it the 9 Major Groups system that was adopted by UNEP in 1992 at the Rio Conference? In my experience this is the best approach as it ensure all types of CSOs are engaged, it recognize the participation of business and industry, it respects gender equality and regional and a global north-south balance, it allows indigenous knowledge and citizen science to be put under consideration, etc. The use of international networks (from the Global North) undermines most of these advantages.
 - ii. How should stocktaking be done? What is the best approach? Are there good examples e.g. stocktaking done by the Adhoc Expert Group on Marine Litter and Micro Plastics?
 - iii. How coordination between scientists and policy makers can be strengthened at the national, regional and international levels?
 - iv. Which sectors should be prioritized? Those having higher impacts on human and ecosystem health? Or all sectors? Which of these approaches will deliver faster and more effective results?
 - v. What will be the indicators for measuring results and impacts?

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

No comment