



**Ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel
to contribute further to the sound management of
chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution**

Third session

Geneva, 17–21 June 2024

Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda**

**Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters:
organizational matters**

Annotated provisional agenda

1. The United Nations Environment Assembly decided, in resolution 5/8, that a science-policy panel should be established to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution.
2. At its second session, the ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution requested the secretariat to develop draft text for proposals for consideration at the third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group. The outcomes of the second session are set out in document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/8.

Item 1

Opening of the session

3. The third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 17 June 2024 by the Chair, Gudi Alkemade (Kingdom of the Netherlands).
4. Opening statements will be delivered by a high-level representative of the Government of Switzerland, as well as representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and of the World Health Organization.

Item 2

Election of officers

5. At its first and second sessions, the ad hoc open-ended working group elected the following officers, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Environment Assembly.

Chair:

Gudi Alkemade (Kingdom of the Netherlands)

Vice-Chairs:

Linroy Christian (Antigua and Barbuda)

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Jinhui Li (China)
Oumar Diaouré Cisse (Mali)
Saqlain Syedah (Pakistan)
Alexandru Roznov (Romania)¹
Michel Tschirren (Switzerland)
Roman Filonenko (Ukraine)¹
Judith Torres (Uruguay)²

Rapporteur:

Cyrus Mageria (Kenya)

Item 3

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

6. The provisional agenda of the third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group is set out in document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/1.

(b) Organizational matters

7. The ad hoc open-ended working group may wish to meet in plenary session from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., subject to adjustments as necessary.

8. The ad hoc open-ended working group may wish to consider the scenario note prepared by the Chair (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/INF/1), which contains proposed plans and general expectations for the session.

9. The ad hoc open-ended working group may wish to establish contact groups as it may deem necessary, and to specify their mandates.

Item 4

Preparation of proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel

10. The outcome of the second session of the ad hoc open-ended working group was a compilation of proposals for establishing a science-policy panel, which is set out in document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/2, entitled “Compilation of proposals for establishing a science-policy panel”, for further consideration by the ad hoc open-ended working group at its third session.

11. At its second session, the ad hoc open-ended working group requested the secretariat to prepare draft text for proposals for consideration by the ad hoc open-ended working group at its third session, as follows:

(a) Draft rules of procedure (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/2/Add.1);

(b) Draft financial procedures (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/2/Add.2);

(c) Draft process for determining the work programme, including prioritization (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/2/Add.3);

(d) Draft procedures for the preparation and clearance of panel deliverables (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/2/Add.4);

(e) Draft conflict-of-interest disclosure form (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/2/Add.5).

12. The ad hoc open-ended working group may also wish to consider any information to be provided by Governments, observers and other relevant stakeholders.

¹ Alexandru Roznov (Romania) and Roman Filonenko (Ukraine) were elected as Vice-Chairs from the Eastern European States at the second session of the ad hoc open-ended working group.

² During the intersessional period between the resumed first session and the second session of the Open-ended Working Group, in accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the Environment Assembly, Judith Torres (Uruguay) was elected by means of a silence procedure to replace Valentina Sierra (Uruguay).

Item 5**Recommendations to the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for the preparation of the intergovernmental meeting to establish the science-policy panel**

13. At its second session, the ad hoc open-ended working group requested the secretariat to prepare, for consideration at the third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group:

(a) Proposals on the establishment of the panel to be considered by the intergovernmental meeting (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/3);

(b) Proposals to give effect to arrangements to be considered by the intergovernmental meeting (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/4).

14. The ad hoc open-ended working group will be invited to make recommendations to the Executive Director of UNEP for the preparation of the intergovernmental meeting for the purpose of considering the establishment of a science-policy panel.

Item 6**Other matters**

15. The ad hoc open-ended working group may wish to consider other matters raised during the session.

Item 7**Adoption of the report of the session**

16. At the third session, the ad hoc open-ended working group will be invited to consider and adopt a draft report reflecting the proceedings of the meeting, on the understanding that the Rapporteur will be entrusted with its finalization, in consultation with the secretariat, under the authority of the Chair, in accordance with standard United Nations practice. The final report of the session will be circulated after the closure of the session.

Item 8**Closure of the session**

17. It is expected that the ad hoc open-ended working group will conclude the work of the third session by 6 p.m. on Friday, 21 June 2024.