

Science Policy Panel

Chemicals, waste and prevention of pollution

Briefing to CPR
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The road map to delivery of UNEA Resolution 5/8



- OEWG planning and provisional timetable
- Engagement with stakeholders
- Budget status
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OEWG planning and provisional timetable



- Letter to member states April 2022
 - Nominations for Focal Points
 - Nominations for Regional bureau members
 - Expressions of interest to host OEWG meetings
- Govt of Thailand has confirmed interest to host OEWG
- Govt of Brazil has confirmed interest to host a subsequent meeting
- Request to expand Bureau to 10
- Acknowledgements to nominations under way

OEWG planning and provisional timetable



- Congested timetable of international meetings
- Pressure on conference venue and services
- UN Conference Bangkok available week of Oct 3-7
- Preparations underway to organize meeting
- Deadline for documents is July 15
- Documents to be translated and shared in advance (subject to translation services)
- Timetable for the remainder of the process t.b.c. at OEWG 1

Engagement with stakeholders



- Informal dialogue with many of the co-sponsors
- Discussions via SAICM regional meetings and BRS COP
- Letter to UNEA Major Groups May 2022
- Engagement with WHO, BRS, Minamata and SAICM
- Briefing of IOMC
- Engagement with civil society, academia and private sector
- On-going stakeholder engagement via EDs advisory body
- Helsinki Chemicals Forum webinar
- Webinars scheduled July 25 and September

Budget status



- Thanks to governments of Switzerland, UK and France for financial contributions
- Cost of the Secretariat has been covered by UNEP
- Adequate resources to cover first OEWG meeting
- Long term sustainability of process requires support
- Cost of the Secretariat needs support

Wrap up



- Plans for first OEWG meeting in hand
- Wide range of stakeholders engaged in process
- Documents for first meeting under preparation
- Congested timetable placing pressure on conference services
- Limited budget hampering long term planning
- Plan for intercessional period and subsequent meetings to be defined

Thank you

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