
Meeting of the Bureau of 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

Tuesday, 25 April 2023

16:00 – 18:00 (EAT; GMT + 3)

Online meeting

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

The Chair will open the meeting and the Bureau will be invited to adopt the provisional agenda.

2. Summary of the bureau meeting on 27 February 2023.

Bureau members will be invited to adopt the meeting summary from the previous meeting.

3. Preparations for OEWG-2.

a) Date and venue OEWG-2.

The Bureau will be invited to provide further guidance to the Secretariat and to decide on the proposed dates and venue, based on an update and a background document from the Secretariat, including an overview of estimated costs and available resources for the different options.

b) Roadmap for OEWG-2 and OEWG-3.

The Bureau will be invited to provide further guidance on the draft roadmap, including on the documents to be prepared for OEWG-2, the planned intersessional online webinars and informal consultations between Member States and Stakeholders, to ensure consistency with the outcome of OEWG-1, based on a revised draft roadmap for the preparations for OEWG-2 and OEWG-3, taking into account the guidance provided at OEWG-1 and by the OEWG Bureau at its previous meeting.

c) Organization of work for OEWG-2.

The Bureau will be invited to provide guidance on the organization of work for OEWG-2, including with regard to the preferred modalities for the contact groups and appointment of potential co-facilitators, based on a background document from the Secretariat with an overview of approaches applied in negotiating groups in other relevant UN fora, including in UNEA and Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

4. Engagement of civil society and academia in the OEWG meetings and process.

The Bureau will be invited to consider possible ways to further promote and facilitate the engagement of relevant civil society representatives, including from academia, to ensure an inclusive and transparent process in the context of the OEWG, taking into account the Major Groups and Stakeholders approach applied by UNEA, based on a background document from the Secretariat.

5. Engagement with World Health Organization

The Bureau will be invited to provide guidance to the Secretariat on further engagement with the World Health Organization in the OEWG process, based on a background document from the Secretariat.

6. Draft terms of reference for the OEWG Technical Advisory Group

The Bureau will be invited to consider the draft terms of reference (ToR) for the Technical Advisory Group on the establishment of a Science Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution, based on a draft ToR developed by the Secretariat, for possible recommendation to the Executive Director.

7. Organization of work.

The Bureau will be invited to consider the dates of upcoming meetings.

8. Other Matters

The Bureau will be invited to discuss any other matters related to its work.

9. Closing of the meeting.

The meeting is expected to close at 18:00.