

Briefing on the Second Session of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on a Science Policy Panel

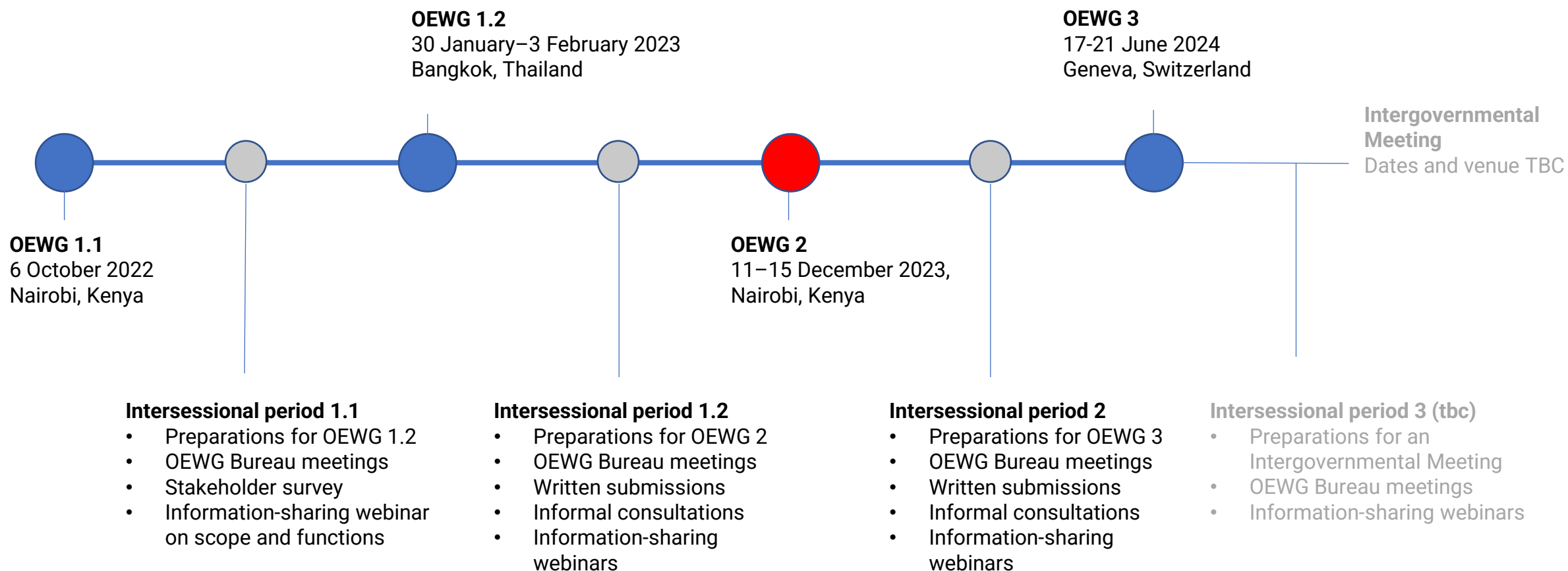
Committee of the Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting
4 December 2023

UNEA Resolution 5/8

UNEA Resolution 5/8: Science-Policy Panel to Contribute Further to the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste and to Prevent Pollution

- In March 2022, the United Nations Environment Assembly at its resumed fifth session (UNEA-5.2) decided that a **science-policy panel should be established** to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution.
- UNEA further decided to convene, subject to the availability of resources, an ad hoc open-ended working group (**OEWG**) to **prepare proposals for the science-policy panel**, to begin work in 2022 with the ambition of completing it by the end of 2024.

OEWG Process: Overall timeline



Bureau of the SPP OEWG

	Officer	Country	Region
Rapporteur	Oumar Diaoure Cisse	Mali	Africa
	Cyrus Mageria	Kenya	Africa
	Jinhui Li	China	Asia Pacific
	Saqlain Seydah	Pakistan	Asia Pacific
	Linroy Christian	Antigua and Barbuda	LAC
Chair	Valentina Sierra	Uruguay	LAC
	Gudi Alkemade	The Netherlands	WEOG
	Michel Tschirren	Switzerland	WEOG

Overview of the intersessional work undertaken since OEWG 1.2

Calls for written submissions:

- On operating principles
- On needs and questions the Panel may handle
- On capacity building in the space of chemicals, waste and pollution prevention
- On OEWG 2 documentation

Webinars:

- On operating principles (26 April)
- On stakeholder participation (26 September)
- On conflict of interest (18 October)
- On the skeleton outline and organization of OEWG 2 (28 November)

Preparation of OEWG 2 documentation:

- Working documents: UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/1 to UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/6
- Information documents: UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/1 to UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/11

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Side events:

- At BRS COPs (2 May)
- At the World Resources Forum 2023 (9 September)
- At Minamata COP-5 (9 October)

Regional meetings and briefings:

- 7 September – Asia Pacific regional meeting (Bangkok, hybrid)
- 14 September – Africa regional meeting (Nairobi)
- 7 October – GRULAC regional meeting (Brasilia)
- 8 and 9 November – WEOG regional briefings (online)
- 21 November – EEG regional briefing (online)

SPP OEWG 2 - General information

- **Host:** Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- **Venue:** UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya
- **Dates:**
 - 9 December: Informal consultation
 - 10 December: Regional and stakeholder meetings
 - 11–15 December 2023: OEWG 2
- **Modality:** OEWG 2 will be fully in person with plenary session live streamed. Links will be available on the OEWG 2 website in due course.
- **Meeting documents:** All meeting documents are available at the OEWG 2 website: [OEWG 2: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution \(unep.org\)](https://www.unep.org/oewg2)
- **WIFI:** OEWG SPP/ **Password:** *SPP@2023*

Location of the Meeting Documents



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Change of venue for OEWG-2

The venue of the second session 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 (OEWG-2) was changed from Dead Sea, Jordan, to the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya**.

The meeting will be held on the original dates, that is, **11 – 15 December 2023**. It will be preceded by briefings and regional and stakeholder consultations on 9 – 10 December 2023.

For applying to OEWG-2 and for more information on the meeting, visit the event page [at this link](#).



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CONFERENCE

OEWG 2: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution

11 - 15 December 2023
United Nations Environment Programme Headquarters, Nairobi



Overview **Pre-Session Documents** Pre-Session Submissions

Working Documents (Posted 15 NOV 2023, unless otherwise indicated)

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/1* - Provisional agenda (adopted at OEWG1.2)

[عربي](#) [中文版](#) [English](#) [Français](#) [Русский](#) [Español](#)

UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/Add.1* - Draft annotated agenda

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<https://www.unep.org/events/conference/oewg-2-science-policy-panel-contribute-further-sound-management-chemicals-and>



Elements of Skeleton Outline (OEWG.2/2)

A. Scope, objective and functions

B. Operating Principles

C. Institutional Arrangements

Annexes

Rules of procedure

Financial arrangements

Relationships with relevant key stakeholders

Process for determining and executing work programme, including prioritization criteria

Procedures for identifying/engaging experts

Procedures for review and adoption of reports and assessments

Conflict of interest policy



Corresponding working documents

OEWG.2/3* Scope and objective, functions and operating principles

OEWG.2/4* Institutional arrangements and rules of procedure

OEWG.2/5* Relationships with relevant key stakeholders

OEWG.2/6* Work-related processes and procedures

Corresponding information documents

OEWG.2/INF.2: Background document on operating principles

OEWG.2/INF.3: Mapping of capacity-building activities in the chemicals, waste and pollution space

OEWG.2/INF.9: Summary and analysis of submissions received on needs and questions the panel may handle

OEWG.2/INF/4. Background document on institutional arrangements of existing science-policy interfaces

OEWG.2/INF/5 Background document on the panel's relationships with relevant key stakeholders

OEWG.2/INF/6 - Background document on the process for determining and executing the work programme of the panel

OEWG.2/INF/7 - Background document on the arrangements for identifying and engaging with experts to contribute to the work of the panel and on procedures for the review and adoption of reports and assessments produced by the panel

OEWG.2/INF/8 - Background document on procedures for addressing potential conflicts of interest

OEWG 2 at a glance

Tentative schedule for OEWG 2 (11 – 15 December 2023)					
	Monday 11 December 2023	Tuesday 12 December 2023	Wednesday 13 December 2023	Thursday 14 December 2023	Friday 15 December 2023
8–9 a.m.	Bureau meeting (tentative)	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting
9–10 a.m.	Regional and other groups' meetings	Regional and other groups' meetings	Regional and other groups' meetings	Regional and other groups' meetings	Regional and other groups' meetings
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Agenda item 1 Agenda item 2 Agenda item 3 Agenda item 4	Agenda item 4 (<i>continued</i>) Agenda item 5	Plenary stocktake	Plenary stocktake	Plenary stocktake Agenda item 6 Agenda item 7
			Contact groups/ informal groups	Contact groups/ informal groups	
1–3 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i> Contact groups/ informal groups	<i>Lunch break</i> Contact groups/ informal groups	<i>Lunch break</i> Contact groups/ informal groups	<i>Lunch break</i>
3–6 p.m.	Agenda item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Contact groups/ informal groups	Contact groups/ informal groups	Contact groups/ informal groups	Agenda item 8 Agenda item 9
			Plenary stocktake		
6 p.m. onwards	Contact groups/ informal groups	Contact groups/ informal groups	Contact groups/ informal groups	Contact groups/ informal groups	

Informal consultations and meetings on 9 and 10 December

Schedule for official preparatory meetings prior to OEWG 2		
	Saturday, 9 December 2023 (Conference Room 1)	Sunday, 12 December 2023 (see screen)
9 a.m.– 12.30 p.m.	9 a.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting the Scene • Brief surprise exercise • Informal consultations on institutional arrangements 	Regional and other groups' meetings
12.30 – 1.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>
1.30 – 5 p.m.	1:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal consultations on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stakeholder relations - Prioritization framework - Conflict of interest 4 – 4.30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing session 	Regional and other groups' meetings
5 – 6 p.m.		5 p.m. Briefing on voting procedures
6 p.m. onwards		6 p.m. Bureau meeting

OEWG 2 pre-meetings

Saturday 9 December:

- Scene setting
- Informal consultations

Sunday 10 December:

- Regional and other groups meetings

Other meetings

- Youth Consultative Meeting (YCM) on OEWG-2, Saturday, 9 December 2023
- International Major Groups and Stakeholders preparatory meeting for the OEWG 2 SPP, 10 December 2023

Proposed clustering of contact groups

Contact group 1: Scope, functions, operating principles and conflict of interest

Contact group 2: Institutional arrangements and relationships with key stakeholders

Contact group 3: Work-related processes and procedures of the panel: determining the work programme; identifying and engaging experts; review and adoption of reports and assessments

Contact group 4: Intersessional work and budget in advance of OEWG 3 and beyond

Organization of work during OEWG 2

Contact Groups: Proposed approach

- Contact groups will work in 1.5 hours timeslots
- Maximum of two contact groups will run in parallel. No contact group will run in parallel to plenary
- Start contact groups as soon as possible and start with topics not yet considered by the OEWG
- Iterative process during the week to make as much progress as possible at OEWG 2
- From Day 3 (Wednesday), daily stock-taking plenary sessions for updates on progress and, if needed, to take further decisions on the organization of work
- Informal dialogues on specific topics may be convened as necessary
- Clear and concise mandates for contact groups and possible informal groups. Mandates to focus on development of text for proposals
- At the request of the Bureau, draft text proposals prepared by the secretariat for consideration by contact groups (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/10)

Organization of work during OEWG 2

Skeleton outline: Proposed approach (draft text proposal UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/10)

**Elements of secretariat proposals
(UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/10)**

- A. Scope, objective and functions**
- B. Operating Principles**
- C. Institutional Arrangements**
- D. Evaluation of the operational effectiveness and impact of the panel**

Annexes

- Rules of procedure**
- Financial rules and procedures**
- Process for determining work programme, including prioritization (Add.2)**
- Procedures for the preparation and clearance of panel deliverables**
- Conflict of interest policy (Add.1)**

**Elements of “Skeleton Outline”
(OEWG.2/2)**

- A. Scope, objective and functions**
- B. Operating Principles**
- C. Institutional Arrangements**

Annexes

- Rules of procedure**
- Financial arrangements**
- Relationships with relevant key stakeholders**
- Process for determining and executing work programme, including prioritization criteria**
- Procedures for identifying/engaging experts**
- Procedures for review and adoption of reports and assessments**
- Conflict of interest policy**

Other working documents

- OEWG.2/1* Provisional agenda
- OEWG.2/Add.1* - Draft annotated agenda
- OEWG.2/7 - Update from the secretariat on work undertaken in the period between the first and second sessions, budget and expenditure and the provisional workplan

Other information documents

- OEWG.2/INF/1/Rev.1 Scenario note
- OEWG.2/INF/11 Procedure for election of officers

Outcome of the second session of OEWG

- a) Agreement on skeleton outline for the proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel
- b) Finalized considerations on the objective and the principal functions of the panel
- c) Agreement on the proposal for the operating principles of the panel
- d) Agreement on institutional arrangements and the table of content for the rules of procedure
- e) Agreement on the modalities for relevant key stakeholders to participate in the panel's work
- f) Work-related processes and procedures of the panel considered
- g) Intersessional work to be carried out confirmed
- h) Remaining officers elected and full SPP OEWG Bureau established
- i) Agreement on the provisional agenda of the third session

Guidance on delivery of Statements

- Delegations are kindly requested to submit statements to be made on behalf of regional or political groups and national statements by email to spp-cwp@un.org.
- Major Groups and Stakeholder organizations are also invited to submit their statements to spp-cwp@un.org
- The statement should be submitted well in advance of the meeting, and no later than two hours before delivery, and only in soft copy (PDF format).
- It will greatly help the Secretariat and interpreters if the file name follows the format: “Agenda item X_ COUNTRY/ORGANIZATION NAME”.
- The statements will remain embargoed until their delivery, after which they will be available on the [OEWG 2: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution \(unep.org\)](https://www.unep.org/oewg2)
- No opening statements are expected under Agenda Item 1 (Opening of the session). Member States and stakeholders are welcome to submit statements in writing to the secretariat for posting as in-session documents on the OEWG 2 website.

Contributions

Contributions and pledges received as at 30 November 2023

(United States dollars)

<i>Contributor</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>Total</i>
Switzerland	809 234	445 545	1 266 977	2 521 756
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		327 360	192 252	519 612
France		158 395	285 330	443 725
Germany		196 514		196 514
Norway		140 890	649 879	790 769
European Commission			620 040	620 040
The Netherlands			108 326	108 326
Japan			136 986	136 986
United States			128 713	128 713
Belgium			63 762	63 762
Finland			10 627	10 627
Austria			10 672	10 672
UNEP Executive Director Reserve Allocation*		228 000		228 000
UNEP Environment Fund		275 000		275 000
Total income	809 234	1 771 704	3 473 565	6 054 503

Budget and expenditure summary

Budget and expenditure status

(United States dollars)

Contribution to date:	6 054 503
Expenditure as of 31 October 2023:	3 087 502
Remainder 2023 budget:	1 961 069
2024 budget:	3 603 631
Total to mobilize:	2 597 699

Registration information

	Approved registrations
Number of Member States	281
Major Groups and Stakeholder / others	260
Total	548

Registration by regional group	Number of Member States
Africa	42
Asia-Pacific	29
Eastern Europe	12
Latin America and the Caribbean	20
Western European and other States	20
Total	123

Thank you



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