

Output of Contact Group 1: Operating Principles

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Operating principles of the Panel from UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.2/INF/10

1. In carrying out its work, the science-policy Panel shall be guided by the following operating principles:
 - (a) Scientific independence and ensuring ~~[consensus,]~~ ~~[ethics,]~~ credibility, relevance and legitimacy including through peer review of its work, transparency ~~[and accountability]~~ ~~[in its decision-making processes]~~(del), and addressing potential conflicts of interest;
 - (b) Producing deliverables that are credible~~[, ethical]~~ and ~~[scientifically]~~(del) ~~[sound]~~~~[robust]~~(del) ~~[assessment process]~~ ~~[, as well as ensuring they are accessible by member states and relevant stakeholders]~~ ~~[and prevention focused]~~;
 - (c) Interdisciplinarity, ensuring contributions from experts with a broad range of disciplinary ~~[and sectoral expertise]~~(del) ~~[that adhere to ethical standards]~~;
 - (d) Inclusivity of participation and forms of knowledge shared ~~[from all relevant sources]~~, including by Indigenous Peoples ~~[and local communities, where appropriate]~~ ~~[indigenous and traditional knowledge, and]~~ ~~[local knowledge]~~(del)(del);
 - (e) Having ~~[sectorial,]~~ geographical, regional, ~~[and]~~(del) ~~[language and]~~ gender balance;
 - (f) Delivering outputs that are ~~[prevention focused and]~~ policy relevant ~~—without being policy prescriptive~~ ~~[for both the international, [regional] and national levels]~~ ~~[while respecting the mandates of relevant multilateral agreements and other international instruments and intergovernmental bodies]~~, avoiding overlap and duplication of work ~~[with other existing and future processes at the science-policy interface]~~, and promoting coordination and cooperation;
 - (g) ~~[Flexibility, so as to be responsive to member states' needs, in particular needs of developing countries, [while still preserving the scientific and policy bases upon which it operates;]]~~(del)
 - (h) ~~[Incorporating the precautionary approach, as stated in Principle 15 of the 1992 Rio Declaration;]~~(del)
 - (i) ~~[Incorporating [a human rights-based approach], [the respect and protection of human rights as a cross-cutting principle.] including [prevention-based approach] by recognizing [that the implementation of the sound management of chemicals and waste and prevention of pollution contributes to the full enjoyment of human rights and human well-being and dignity.] [the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, —the right to science, [intergenerational equity,]the importance of informed participation, and]~~(del) ~~the need to give special attention to [those populations]~~(del) ~~[groups and communities] most vulnerable to adverse impacts from chemicals, waste and pollution[, including from the perspective of racial and social equality];]~~(del)
 - (j) ~~[Addressing [the prevention of]]~~(del) all forms of ~~[existing and legacy]~~(del) pollution~~[, including pollution]~~(del) related to chemicals and waste and pollution released into the air, water ~~[(including oceans)]~~(del) and soil.~~]~~(del)
 - (1) Recognizing ~~[the relevant socioeconomic contributions and]~~ technical knowledge of workers, including informal workers, involved in the management of chemicals and waste, and promoting a safe and healthy work environment.
 - (2) ~~[Integrating capacity-building [and prevention focused principle] into all relevant aspects of its work.]~~(del)
 - (3) ~~[Deliverables that are ethical, and [ensuring that] experts [that]~~(del) ~~adhere to [the Conflict of Interest policy including] ethical standards.]~~(del)

- (4) Recognizing the unique scientific knowledge within and among regions and ensuring the ~~[full](del)~~ use of national, sub-regional and regional assessments and knowledge, as appropriate[, including a bottom-up approach](del).
- (5) Integrating gender equality ~~[and equity](del)~~ in all relevant aspects of its work;