

WMG Closing Statement - OEWG - 2

Thank you for the floor

My name is Ndeye Fatou NDIAYE from Carbon Guinée and I'm speaking on behalf of the UNEP Women's Major Group.

We welcome the efforts made during this OEWG - 2 to achieve a general document road to the OEWG -3.

We need a comprehensive intervention plan aimed at enhancing inclusivity, overcoming discrimination, and promoting public engagement within the UNEP Science Policy Panel. Recognizing the importance of diverse perspectives and equal representation in shaping global environmental policies, we seek to urge a more inclusive and transparent decision-making process.

Regarding operating principles, according to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, General Comment 28 we want to underline that: **We propose Gender equality and fairness.**

About Institutional arrangements we wish to note that the effects of the exposure to chemicals have different effects depending on the territories and the human groups. Participation of scientific experts coming from groups in vulnerable situations such as women, youth, Indigenous Peoples, citizens science and other stakeholders from the global south and the global north is fundamental to bring to the panel a diversity of experiences and views. This will ensure a holistic representation of a panel with the ability and the tools to have concrete proposals adapted to the different realities and effects of chemicals and waste pollution. **Therefore we encourage the participation of affiliated NGO participants.**

As regards the fundament of the panel work, we wish to stress that in order to achieve gender-responsive results as the basis of gender-responsive decisions. We need the Panel to be able to work with as one of its results gender-disaggregated gender data, capturing health and safety information.

Finally, we would like to underline the importance of transparency on product information to promote informed decision in the selection, complemented by government-enforced policies and good manufacturing practices by industry in achieving the overall aim to prioritize well-being over profit, making human and ecosystem health a universal priority.

Thank you very much. We look forward to engaging further with you as we move forward further to establish this panel which is crucial to ensure the health of people and the planet.