

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 (SPP OEWG)

13 May 2025

15:00 - 17:00 (EAT; GMT + 3)

Online meeting

Name of the Panel: Advance consultations

Introduction

At OEWG 3.2, OEWG members will need to agree on a name for the panel to be included in the proposals forwarded to the Intergovernmental Meeting. This document may assist Bureau members in conducting advance consultations with their regions, helping to initiate a process that facilitates consideration of panel's name at OEWG 3.2. Inputs from the regions are invited through the Bureau by Tuesday, 20 May 2025.

A number of proposals were made during OEWG 3.1 (see paragraphs 54 – 57 of the OEWG 3.1 meeting report (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/5)). Building on these, and drawing from the names of sister science-policy panels, as well as communications expertise, UNEP's Public Advocacy and Communications section further analysed possible options for the panel's name.

Proposals made during OEWG 3.1

The table below provides an overview of the proposals made during OEWG 3.1. For more details on the proposals presented at OEWG 3.1 and their rationale, see paragraphs 54 – 57 of the OEWG 3.1 meeting report (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/5).

Proposals for names of the panel made at OEWG 3.1	Acronym
Intergovernmental Panel on Chemicals and Waste and to Prevent Pollution (CRP by the African Group)	IPCWP
Intergovernmental Panel on Chemicals	IPC
Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Pollution	SPP/ ISP
Intergovernmental Panel on Waste and Pollution	IPWP

Analysis by UNEP Public Advocacy and Communications¹ section

Recommendation: Intergovernmental Panel on Pollution, Chemicals and Waste (IPPCW)

Rationale:

- Places emphasis on *pollution*;
- Follows the naming structure of sister bodies such as IPCC and IPBES, with the core subject area appearing directly after "Panel";
- Has a more rhythmical acronym than the other options, such as IPCWP (see below).

Notes on other options considered:

1. Intergovernmental Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution (IPCWP):

- Complex and less intuitive acronym;
- Does not communicate directly on pollution.

¹ Process included discussions within the UNEP Public Advocacy and Communication section, and inputs from the head of Digital Strategy and the Communications Division's Deputy Director and Director.

2. **Intergovernmental [optional: Science-Policy] Panel on Pollution (IPP or ISPP):**
 - Simple and strong acronym;
 - However, omits *chemicals* and *waste*, which could limit engagement from those sectors
3. Including “**and to prevent**” before Pollution (e.g. “...*and to prevent Pollution*”)
 - Not recommended: the use of a verb disrupts the naming structure;
 - No equivalent construction is used in names of other science-policy bodies (e.g. IPCC, IPBES).