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Organizational matters: election of officers

**Nominations to the Bureau of the Intergovernmental
Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution****

Note by the secretariat

1. The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution was established at the intergovernmental meeting to establish a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution, held on 20 June 2025 in Punta del Este, Uruguay. The foundational document annexed to decision IM/1 on the establishment of the Panel, adopted at that meeting, outlines the membership and functions of the Bureau of the Panel.
2. The Bureau, expected to be elected by the Plenary at its first session, will be comprised of two members from each of the five United Nations regional groups, including one Chair and nine Vice-Chairs, one of whom acts as Rapporteur. Members of the Bureau will be selected for their expertise relevant to the Bureau's functions as outlined in the foundational document.
3. The secretariat circulated a letter to all members of the Panel on 2 October 2025, inviting them to submit nominations of candidates for the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution. The nominations received by the secretariat by 28 November are summarized below. The curricula vitae of the candidates are available on the website of the first session of the Plenary.
4. Plenary may wish to consider the information contained in the annex in view of electing the Panel Chair and Bureau members.

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Annex***African States**

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Nominated for</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Bureau member	Jean Marie Bope Bope Lapwong	Head of the Department of Marine and Coastal Environment, Ministry of Environment	Male
Kenya	Bureau member	Linda Chebichii Kosgei	Director, Multi-lateral Environmental Agreements, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Kenya	Female

Asia-Pacific States

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Nominated for</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
China	Bureau member	Chen Haijun	Deputy Director General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, China	Female
Iraq	Bureau member	Amer Abdalkareem Nasser	Manager, Chemical Management Division, Ministry of Environment, Iraq	Male
Japan	Bureau member	Ogawa Masako	Deputy Director General, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan	Female

Eastern European States

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Nominated for</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
Russian Federation	Bureau member	Vladislava Shlenskaia	Senior Specialist, International Branch of Chemical Safety Department, Non-profit Partnership Coordinating Informational Center of CIS member states on approximation of regulatory practices	Female

Latin America and Caribbean States

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Nominated for</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
Chile	Chair / Bureau member	Osvaldo Patricio Álvarez Pérez	Head of the Department of the Chemicals and Waste Cluster, Division for the Environment, Climate Change and Oceans, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile	Male
Mexico	Bureau member	Jose Isabel López Arroyo	Senior Researcher at the National Institute for Forestry, Agricultural, and Livestock Research (INIFAP), Mexico	Male

Western European and other States

<i>Nominated by</i>	<i>Nominated for</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>	<i>Gender</i>
Belgium	Bureau member	Bart Rymen	Attaché, Federal, Interfederal and International Coordination, Belgian Science Policy Office	Male
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Bureau member	Helena Richards	Team Lead – International Negotiations and Strategy, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Female

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