

# Towards a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution

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SPP OEWG Bureau Meeting  
13 May 2025 (virtual)

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SPP OEWG Secretariat

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Opening of the meeting and adoption of  
the agenda

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Adoption of the meeting summary

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## OEWG 3.2 preparations

## (a) Preparations for OEWG 3.2 – Registration status

| Registration OEWG 3.2 (as at 9 May 2025)                                                |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Total no. of approved registrants                                                       | 518 |
| No of approved registrants from governments<br>(including REIO and observer states)     | 246 |
| No. of governments represented<br>(including REIO and observer states)                  | 119 |
| Africa                                                                                  | 42  |
| Asia Pacific                                                                            | 23  |
| Eastern Europe                                                                          | 15  |
| GRULAC                                                                                  | 23  |
| WEOG                                                                                    | 16  |
| No. of other approved registrants<br>(Relevant MEAs, NGOs, other UN organisations, etc) | 272 |

## (a) Preparations for OEWG 3.2 - Logistics

### **Venue:**

Convention and Exhibition Centre, Punta del Este, Uruguay

### **Key Dates:**

15 – 18 June 2025: OEWG 3.2

14 June 2025: Preceding meetings (informal, regional and stakeholder consultations)

OEWG 3.2 website can be found [here](#)

19 and 20 June 2025: Intergovernmental Meeting  
IM website can be found [here](#)

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## (a) Preparations for OEWG 3.2 – Documentation (working documents)

| Document #                  | Title                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/1/Rev.1 | Agenda                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/1/Add.2 | Annotated agenda                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/5       | Report of the first part of the third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel to further contribute to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution                                                                         |
| UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/6       | Foundational document and related draft decision for consideration by the intergovernmental meeting to establish a science-policy panel                                                                                                                                              |
| UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/7       | Recommendations for consideration by the governing body of the science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution at its first session and related draft decision for consideration by the intergovernmental meeting |
| UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/8       | Proposal on interim arrangements to be considered by the intergovernmental meeting to establish a science-policy panel                                                                                                                                                               |

## (a) Preparations for OEWG 3.2 – Documentation (information documents)

| Document #                 | Title                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/INF/8  | Scenario note for the resumed third 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 |
| UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/INF/9  | Draft Financial Procedures                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/INF/10 | Compilation of written submissions on OEWG 3.2 working documents                                                                                                                                           |



## (b) Organization of work at OEWG 3.2 – Tentative schedule of sequencing of topics for contact groups

|             | Day 1                                                                  |                                                                            | Day 2                                                                 |                                                       | Day 3                                 |                            | Day 4                                 |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 8:00-8:30   | Bureau                                                                 |                                                                            | Bureau                                                                |                                                       | Bureau                                |                            | Bureau                                |
| 8:30-9:00   | Regional meetings/ stakeholder groups                                  |                                                                            | Regional meetings/ stakeholder groups                                 |                                                       | Regional meetings/ stakeholder groups |                            | Regional meetings/ stakeholder groups |
| 9:00-9:30   |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 9:30-10:00  |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 10:00-10:30 | Opening plenary                                                        |                                                                            | Plenary stocktake                                                     |                                                       | Plenary stocktake (TBC)               |                            | Plenary                               |
| 10:30-11:00 |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 11:00-11:30 |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 11:30-12:00 | CG 1<br>Governing body of the panel: general discussion                | CG 2<br>Secretariat & Financial arrangements                               | CG 1<br>Governing body continued, including decision making           | CG 2<br>Operating principles and approaches continued | CG 1<br>Continued                     | CG 3<br>Final read through |                                       |
| 12:00-12:30 |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 12:30-13:00 |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 13:00-13:30 | Lunch break                                                            |                                                                            | Lunch break                                                           |                                                       | Lunch break                           |                            | Lunch break                           |
| 13:30-14:00 |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 14:00-14:30 |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 14:30-15:00 |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 15:00-15:30 | CG 1<br>Function of the Governing Body + Decision-making               | CG 2<br>Operating principles and approaches                                | CG 1<br>Bureau                                                        | CG 3<br>Other rules                                   | CG 1<br>Final read through            | CG 2<br>Final read through | Plenary                               |
| 15:30-16:00 |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 16:00-16:30 |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 16:30-17:00 | Break                                                                  |                                                                            | Break                                                                 |                                                       | Plenary stocktake (TBC)               |                            |                                       |
| 17:00-17:30 | CG 1<br>Membership of the governing body<br>Participation of observers | CG 2<br>Strategic partnerships and Evaluation                              | CG 1<br>Other subsidiary bodies & Institutional arrangements (para 3) | CG 3<br>Other rules                                   |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 17:30-18:00 |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 18:00-18:30 |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 18:30-19:00 | Break                                                                  |                                                                            | Break                                                                 |                                                       | CG cont'd / informals if needed       |                            | CG cont'd / informals if needed       |
| 19:00-19:30 | CG 1<br>Interdisciplinary Expert Committee                             | CG 3<br>Draft decisions on interim arrangements/ transmission of documents | CG 2<br>Establishment decision                                        | CG 1<br>Continued                                     |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 19:30-20:00 |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 20:00-20:30 |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 20:30-21:00 | Break                                                                  |                                                                            | Break                                                                 |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 21:00-21:30 | CG1 informals                                                          | CG 3<br>Other rules                                                        | CG 2<br>Name, preamble, scope, objectives and functions               | CG 3<br>Continued                                     |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 21:30-22:00 |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |
| 22:00-...   |                                                                        |                                                                            |                                                                       |                                                       |                                       |                            |                                       |

## (c) Consideration of the name of the panel – advance consultation\*

### **Proposals at OEWG 3.1:**

*For more details on the proposals at OEWG 3.1, see paragraphs 54-57 of the OEWG 3.1 meeting report (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/5)*

| Proposed name 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    |

\*Regions are invited to provide any feedback to the Secretariat at [spp-cwp@un.org](mailto:spp-cwp@un.org) by 20 May 2025

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### **Analysis by UNEP Public Advocacy and Communications 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).

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## (d) Preparations for the Bureau meeting in Montevideo, 12 – 13 June 2025

**Venue:**

Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza Hotel, Montevideo,  
Uruguay

**Dates:**

Thursday, 12 June 2025 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday,  
13 June 2025 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m

Meeting documents will be made available on the [event webpage](#).

Group transportation from Montevideo to Punta del Este  
will be provided on 13 June 2025 after lunch break



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Update on IM preparations

## (a) Preparations for IM - Registration status

| <b>Registration</b> (as at 9 May 2025)                                                  |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Total no. of approved registrants                                                       | 402 |
| No of approved registrants from governments<br>(including REIO and observer states)     | 201 |
| No. of governments represented<br>(including REIO and observer states)                  | 107 |
| Africa                                                                                  | 33  |
| Asia Pacific                                                                            | 23  |
| Eastern Europe                                                                          | 16  |
| GRULAC                                                                                  | 19  |
| WEOG                                                                                    | 16  |
| No. of other approved registrants<br>(Relevant MEAs, NGOs, other UN organisations, etc) | 201 |

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Other matters

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## Closing of the meeting



# Thank you



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