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Intergovernmental meeting to establish a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution
Punta del Este, Uruguay, 19 and 20 June 2025
Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda

1. The United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in resolution 5/8, requested the Executive Director of UNEP to convene an intergovernmental meeting for the purpose of considering the establishment of a science-policy panel, upon the completion of proposals prepared by 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.

Item 1
Opening of the meeting

2. The intergovernmental meeting will be opened at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 19 June 2025 by Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP.

3. Opening statements will be delivered by a representative of the host country, by Ms. Andersen, by ministers and deputy ministers from national Governments, and on behalf of groups of States.

Item 2
Election of officers

4. The intergovernmental meeting may wish to elect its own officers, including two Co-Chairs, one of whom should be from a developing country and one from a developed country.

Item 3
Organizational matters

(a) Rules of procedure

5. The rules of procedure of the Environment Assembly will be applied mutatis mutandis to the work of the intergovernmental meeting.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

6. The meeting will consider for adoption the provisional agenda of the intergovernmental meeting, as set out in document UNEP/SPP-CWP/IM/1.

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(c) Organization of work

7. The intergovernmental meeting may wish to meet in plenary session on Thursday, 19 June from 3 to 6 p.m. and on Friday, 20 June from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., subject to adjustments as necessary.

8. The intergovernmental meeting may wish to consider the scenario note prepared by the secretariat (UNEP/SPP-CWP/IM/INF/1), which contains proposed plans and general expectations for the meeting.

Item 4
Credentials of representatives

9. The intergovernmental meeting will be invited to consider and approve the report of the Co-Chairs on the credentials of representatives in attendance.

Item 5
Establishment of a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution

10. Gudi Alkemade, Chair 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, will be invited to present a report on the outcomes of the work of the ad hoc open-ended working group.

11. The intergovernmental meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the following draft decisions submitted by the ad hoc open-ended working group:

(a) The draft decision on the establishment of the science-policy panel;

(b) The draft decision on recommendations for consideration by the governing body of the science-policy panel at its first session;

(c) The draft decision on arrangements for the interim period.

12. After consideration and adoption of the draft decisions, representatives of Governments, representatives speaking on behalf of groups of States, and stakeholders will be invited to make statements.

Item 6
Other matters

13. Under this item, the intergovernmental meeting may wish to consider other matters raised during the meeting.

Item 7
Adoption of the report of the meeting

14. The intergovernmental meeting will be invited to consider and adopt a draft report reflecting the proceedings of the meeting, on the understanding that the Co-Chairs will be entrusted with its finalization, in consultation with the secretariat, in accordance with standard United Nations practice. The final report of the intergovernmental meeting will be made available after the closure of the meeting.

Item 8
Closure of the meeting

15. It is expected that the intergovernmental meeting will conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Friday, 20 June 2025.

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