

**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
18 February 2025, 15:30 - 17:30 (EAT; GMT + 3)**

OEWG 3.2: Proposed clustering of topics for contact groups

The clustering of topics below reflects initial thinking by the Chair and the Secretariat. By considering together related passages of the foundational document and the rules of procedure, this approach aims to pre-empt issues being parked pending resolution in another setting.

The table below is a more detailed elaboration based on what was presented at the last Bureau meeting and taking into consideration comments received from Bureau members. The table provides references to the specific section(s) / paragraph(s) of the foundational document and the draft rules of procedure for the governing body of the panel. It also indicates where related decisions are proposed to be considered (in which cluster).

Proposed clustering of topics	Specific sections of the foundational document and rules of procedure for the governing body of the panel, and related decisions
Decision making and institutional arrangements, and related rules of procedure	Decision making + Rules 35 – 45, 49 - Foundational document: Paragraph 4 (Alt 1 and Alt 2) and related paragraphs on consensus 2(a)ter, 8(j) - Rules of procedure: Rules 35 – 45 (these were parked at OEWG 3.1), Rule 49 (first reading at OEWG 3.1) Functions of the Governing Body + Rule 2 - Foundational document: Paragraph 8 (a), (c) (could also be discussed under participation of observers), (j) (discussed under decision-making) - Rules of procedure: Rule 2 (f), (g), (l) (these were parked at OEWG 3.1) Membership of the Governing Body - Foundational document: Paragraphs 5 alt 1, alt 2, - Rules of procedure: Rules 2 (h), 5, 6 (these were parked at OEWG 3.1) Participation of observers - Foundational document: Paragraphs 6, 6 alt, 7 - Rules of procedure: Rules 2 (i), 7, 8 (these were parked at OEWG 3.1), Annex to the rules of procedure (not touched) Bureau - Foundational document: Paragraphs 9, 10, 11, 12 - Rules of procedure: Rules 2(a) (this was parked at OEWG 3.1), 13 (paragraphs 1 – 3 were parked at OEWG 3.1), 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 (first sentence was parked at OEWG 3.1), 20 Interdisciplinary Expert Committee - Foundational document: Paragraphs 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 - Rules of procedure: Rules 2(m) (this was parked at OEWG 3.1), 20 <i>bis</i> (first reading at OEWG 3.1), 21 – 23 (were parked at OEWG 3.1), 24, 25 – 29 (first reading at OEWG 3.1) Other subsidiary bodies

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	- Foundational document: Paragraph 20 - Rules of procedure: Rule 30 (was parked at OEWG 3.1)
Name, scope, functions and operating principles, other institutional arrangements (secretariat, financial arrangements, strategic partnerships and evaluation) + establishment decision	Operating principles - Foundational document: paragraph 2 Scope, objective and functions - Foundational document: Section A Scope, objective and functions of the panel Name of the Panel - Foundational document: Annex I to draft decision [--] Proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel: outcome of the 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 Secretariat - Foundational document: paragraphs 21 and 22 Financial arrangements - Foundational document: paragraphs 23, 24, 24 alt, 25, 25 bib, 26, 27, 28, 28 alt Strategic partnerships - Foundational document: paragraphs 29, 30, 31, 31 alt, 32, 33 (a) – (c), 34 (a) – (d) Evaluation of the operational effectiveness and impact of the Panel - Foundational document: paragraph 35 Establishment decision - Draft decision [--] of the intergovernmental meeting to establish the panel: Establishment of the [insert full name of the panel]
Other rules of procedure + transmittal decision	Rules of procedure: - Rule 1 (scope) - Rule 2 (b) - (e), (k) - Rules 3 – 4 (venues, dates and notification of sessions) - Rules 9 – 11 (agenda) - Rule 12 (representation, credentials and accreditation) - Rules 31 – 34 (conduct of business) (had a first reading only) - Rules 46 – 48 (languages) (had a first reading only) - Rule 50 (in the event of conflict between FD and RoPs) (had a first reading only) Draft decision on recommendations for consideration by the governing body of the panel at its first session
Interim arrangements	[could be clustered with group considering the transmittal decision, to be confirmed]