



**Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on
Chemicals, Waste and Pollution**

First session

Geneva, 2–6 February 2026

Item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda

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, by the adoption of decision IM/1 on the establishment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution.
2. Decision IM/2 of the intergovernmental meeting, on recommendations for consideration by the Plenary at its first session, includes in its annex I draft rules of procedure for consideration and possible adoption by the Plenary of the Panel at its first session. Annexes II–IV to decision IM/2 contain additional documents for consideration by the Plenary at its first session.
3. Acknowledging the need for preparatory activities for the operationalization of the Panel, in particular the preparation of the first session of the Plenary, the intergovernmental meeting in its decision IM/3, on arrangements for the interim period, requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to provide the interim secretariat to support the operation of the Panel. It also requested the Executive Director, subject to the availability of resources, to convene the first session of the Plenary, guided by the draft rules of procedure, and to ensure inclusive participation.
4. Following a consultation with Member States, held on 28 October 2025, on documentation and preparations for the first session of the Plenary, the Plenary may wish to prioritize notably the election of officers (item 2 (d) of the provisional agenda), consideration of the physical location of the Panel secretariat (item 5 (a)), rules of procedure for the Plenary (to be taken up under item 5 (b)) and consideration of intersessional work (item 5 (c)).

Item 1

Opening of the session

5. The first session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution will be held at the International Conference Centre in Geneva from 2 to 6 February 2026. The session will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, 2 February 2026.
6. Welcoming remarks are expected to be delivered by a representative of UNEP and by a representative of the Government of Switzerland.

* UNEP/ISP-CWP.1/1.

Item 2

Organizational matters

1. The rules of procedure of the United Nations Environment Assembly will be applied *mutatis mutandis* to the work of the first session of the Plenary, pending the formal consideration and adoption of the rules of procedure for the Plenary.
- (a) **Adoption of the agenda**
 7. The provisional agenda of the first session of the Plenary is set out in document UNEP/ISP-CWP.1/1.
- (b) **Organization of work**
 8. The Plenary may wish to hold plenary meetings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., subject to adjustment as necessary.
 9. The Plenary may wish to consider the scenario note prepared by the interim secretariat (UNEP/ISP-CWP.1/INF/1), which contains proposed plans and general expectations for the session.
 10. The Plenary may wish to establish contact groups and informal groups as it may deem necessary, and to specify their mandates.
- (c) **Status of the membership of the Panel**
 11. The Plenary may wish to consider the status of the membership of the Panel on the basis of an oral report.
- (d) **Election of officers**
 12. The Plenary may wish to elect the officers of the Bureau of the Panel, which, in accordance with the Panel's foundational document (set out in the annex to decision IM/1), 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 are selected for their expertise relevant to the functions of the Bureau.
 13. Document UNEP/ISP-CWP.1/INF/2 provides an overview of the nominations of candidates for the Bureau of the Panel.

Item 3

Credentials of representatives

14. The Plenary will be invited to consider and approve the report of the Bureau on the credentials of representatives in attendance.

Item 4

Report on activities of the interim secretariat

15. The interim secretariat will present a report (UNEP/ISP-CWP.1/2) on its activities during the period between the intergovernmental meeting and the first session of the Plenary.

Item 5

Operational arrangements for the Panel

- (a) **Consideration of the physical location of the Panel secretariat**
 16. As is specified in paragraph 22 of the foundational document, at its first session the Plenary will secure secretariat services provided by UNEP. The secretariat is to be hosted in a single location chosen on the basis of proposals submitted by members of the Panel.
 17. The Plenary may wish to consider the physical location of the secretariat of the new Panel on the basis of the offers submitted by members to the secretariat. Document UNEP/ISP-CWP.1/INF/3 presents a compilation of the offers to host the physical location of the secretariat.

- (b) **Rules, procedures and policies transmitted by the intergovernmental meeting to establish a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution to the Plenary at its first session**

- (i) **Rules of procedure for the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution**

18. Annex I to decision IM/2 contains draft rules of procedure for consideration and possible adoption by the Plenary at its first session. The draft rules of procedure are also set out in document UNEP/ISP-CWP.1/3 for ease of reference. The Plenary may wish to consider the draft rules of procedure with a view to aligning the text with the foundational document and finalizing and adopting it.

- (ii) **Conflict-of-interest policy**

19. Annex IV to decision IM/2 contains a draft conflict-of-interest policy for further consideration by the Plenary at its first session. The draft conflict-of-interest policy is also set out in document UNEP/ISP-CWP.1/4 for ease of reference. The Plenary may wish to further consider the draft conflict-of-interest policy with a view to finalizing it.

- (iii) **Process for determining the work programme**

20. Annex II to decision IM/2 contains a draft process for determining the work programme for further consideration by the Plenary at its first session. The draft process is also set out in document UNEP/ISP-CWP.1/5 for ease of reference. The Plenary may wish to further consider the process for determining the work programme with a view to finalizing it.

- (iv) **Procedures for the preparation and clearance of Panel deliverables**

21. Annex III to decision IM/2 contains draft procedures for the preparation and clearance of panel deliverables for further consideration by the Plenary at its first session. The draft procedures are also set out in document UNEP/ISP-CWP.1/6 for ease of reference. The Plenary may wish to consider the procedures with a view to deferring their further consideration and possible adoption to a later session.

- (c) **Consideration of intersessional work**

22. The Plenary may wish to mandate intersessional work, including on partnerships, between its first and second sessions to ensure continued progress in the operationalization of the Panel.

23. As is specified in paragraph 26 of the foundational document, at its first session, the Plenary will request the secretariat to develop a proposal on establishing different types of partnerships to be considered by the Panel.

Item 6

Financial and budgetary arrangements for the Panel

24. Paragraph 25 of the foundational document specifies that at its first session the Plenary will decide on financial procedures, including the details of the modalities related to the provision in paragraph 24 (c) of the foundational document. Draft financial procedures for consideration by the Plenary are set out in document UNEP/ISP-CWP.1/7.

Item 7

Provisional agenda, dates and venue of the next session of the Plenary

25. The Plenary may wish to consider the provisional agenda, dates and venue of its next session.

Item 8

Adoption of decisions and the report of the session

26. The Plenary will be invited to consider and adopt the decisions proposed during its first session.

27. The Plenary will also be invited to consider and adopt a draft report reflecting the proceedings of the session, on the understanding that the Chair and the Rapporteur will be entrusted with its finalization, in consultation with the secretariat, in accordance with standard United Nations practice.

The final report of the first session of the Plenary will be made available after the closure of the session.

Item 9

Any other matters

28. Under this item, the Plenary may wish to consider any other matters raised during the adoption of the agenda.

Item 10

Closure of the session

29. It is expected that the session will be closed by 6 p.m. on Friday, 6 February 2026.

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