

Briefing on the preparations for the third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel (OEWG-3)

Committee of the Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting
2 May 2024

UNEA Resolution 5/8: Science-Policy Panel to Contribute Further to the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste and to Prevent Pollution

- In March 2022, the United Nations Environment Assembly decided that a **science-policy panel should be established** to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution.
- UNEA further decided to convene an ad hoc open-ended working group (**OEWG**) to **prepare proposals for the science-policy panel**, to begin work in 2022 with the ambition of completing it by the end of 2024.

OEWG 3: Dates and venue



OEWG 3

Third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group

Venue

International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland

Dates: 17 – 21 June 2024

16 June 2024

Preceding meetings (informal, regional and stakeholder consultations)

OEWG 3: Provisional agenda

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organizational matters.
4. Preparation of proposals for the establishment of a science-policy panel.
5. Recommendations to the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for the preparation of the intergovernmental meeting to establish the science-policy panel.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report of the session.
8. Closure of the session.

Working documents

Document #	Title
UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/1	Provisional agenda
<i>Add.1</i>	<i>Annotated provisional agenda</i>
UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/2	Compilation of proposals for establishing a science-policy panel
<i>Add.1</i>	<i>Draft rules of procedure</i>
<i>Add.2</i>	<i>Draft financial procedures</i>
<i>Add.3</i>	<i>Draft process for determining the work programme, including prioritization</i>
<i>Add.4</i>	<i>Draft procedures for the preparation and clearance of panel deliverables</i>
<i>Add.5</i>	<i>Draft conflict-of-interest disclosure form</i>
UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/3	Proposals on the establishment of the Panel to be considered by the intergovernmental
UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/4	Proposals to give effect to arrangements to be considered by the intergovernmental meeting

Location of the OEWG 3 meeting documents

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Ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel on chemicals, waste and pollution prevention

CONFERENCE

OEWG 3: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution

17 - 21 June 2024
Geneva, Switzerland



The [third session of the OEWG](#) will be held at International Conference Center in Geneva (CICG), Switzerland from 17 to 21 June 2024. The meeting will be preceded by informal, regional and stakeholder consultations, on 16 June 2024 at the same venue.

About 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

In March 2022, the United Nations Environment Assembly at its resumed fifth session ([UNEA-5.2](#)) decided that a science-policy panel should be established to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution.

Through its [resolution 5/8](#), UNEA further decided to convene, subject to the availability of resources, an ad hoc open-ended working group (OEWG) to prepare proposals for the science-policy panel, to begin work in 2022 with the ambition of completing it by the end of 2024.

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UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/1 - Provisional agenda (adopted at OEWG 2) (posted 15 February)

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<https://www.unep.org/events/conference/oewg-3-science-policy-panel-contribute-further-sound-management-chemicals-and>

Webinars - “Road to OEWG 3” GEN series

Capacity building function:

- [Webinar on the capacity building function](#) organized on 11 April 2024 (two sessions).
- Views expressed summarized in information document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/INF/3.

Overview OEWG 3 documentation:

- Introduction to the documentation prepared for OEWG 3 by the secretariat
- Date: 7 May 2024 at 1400-1530 CET.

History of the Science-Policy Panel:

- Webinar presenting a historical record of the process to set up the Science-Policy Panel.
- Date: 16 May 1400-1530 CET.

Pre-session briefing:

- Briefing on the preparation and logistics of OEWG 3
- Date: 6 June 2024 at 1400-1530 CET.

Regional meetings

Asia Pacific regional meeting:

- 20 – 21 May, Hangzhou, China (in-person)

EEG regional meeting:

- 21 May (online)

GRULAC regional meeting:

- 23 – 24 May, venue tbc (in-person)

Africa regional meeting:

- 29 – 30 May, Accra, Ghana (in-person)

WEOG regional meeting :

- 8 May (online)



Documentation (Information documents)

Document #	Title
UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/INF/1	Scenario note by the OEWG Chair
UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/INF/2	Background document on financial arrangements of the science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution
UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/INF/3	Summary of views expressed on the capacity-building function of the panel
UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/INF/4	Supporting information on work-related processes and procedures
UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/INF/5	Possible modalities of cooperation and complementarities between the panel and WHO
UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/INF/6	Towards a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution: an overview
UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/INF/7	Compilation of written submissions on OEWG 3 meeting documents

Thank you



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