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

The International Major Groups and Stakeholders
preparatory online consultation meeting for the Joint
Retreat of the UNEA 7 & CPR Bureaus

SPP OEWG Secretariat

UNEA resolution 5/8: Science-policy panel on chemicals, waste and pollution prevention

Adopted by UN Environment Assembly on 2 March 2022

*"Decides that a **science-policy panel should be established** to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and prevent pollution" (para 1)*

*"Decides to convene, subject to the availability of resources, an **ad hoc open-ended working group** that will begin work in 2022, with the ambition of completing it by the end of 2024" (para 4)*

*"Also decides that the ad hoc open-ended working group will **prepare proposals for the science-policy panel** to consider..." (para 5)*

*"Further requests the Executive Director, upon completion of proposals prepared by the ad hoc open-ended working group, to **convene an intergovernmental meeting** for the purpose of considering the establishment of a science-policy panel" (para 10)*

Progress at OEWG 3.1 in June 2024

- **The meeting report of OEWG 3.1** that includes the main outcomes is available on the SPP OEWG 3 website:
 - [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

Overview

Pre-Session Documents

Written Submissions

Statements

In-Session Documents

Please see the meeting report below.

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

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2025 Roadmap for the establishment of the Panel



Intersessional work: webinars and other events

Webinar on Strengthening Scientists Engagement: Shaping the Future of Chemicals, Waste, and Pollution Prevention (26 September 2024)

- Outlined how the broader scientific community from different disciplines can engage with the future panel

Information Session on Foundational Document and Rules of Procedure (10 October 2024)

- Informed governments and other stakeholders of the state of play at the close of OEWG 3.1

Webinar on Relevant Examples from Other Panels for the Establishment of a Science-Policy Panel to Contribute Further to the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste and to Prevent Pollution (23 January 2025)

- Shared relevant examples from IPCC and IPBES

Informal briefing on the OEWG 3.2 scenario note for Focal Points (25 March 2025)

Side event BRS COP / Webinar: From evidence to policy action (29 April 2025)

- Emphasized that such a panel can support international efforts to take action

Briefing on the Preparations for the Resumed 3rd Session of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on a Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution Prevention

- Date: 29 May 2025

All recordings can be found at: <https://www.unep.org/oewg-spp-chemicals-waste-pollution/webinar-series>

OEWG 3.2 and IM: Venue and dates

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: IM

IM website can be found [here](#)



Main focus of OEWG 3.2

- **Foundational document:**
 - Scope, objective and functions of the Panel
 - Operating principles and approaches of the Panel
 - Institutional arrangements for the Panel
 - Evaluation of the operational effectiveness and impact of the Panel
- **Draft Decisions:**
 - Draft decision on the establishment of the panel as specified in the foundational document (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/6)
 - Draft decision on arrangements in the interim period (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/8)
 - Draft decision to transmit the draft rules of procedure, policies, processes and guidance to the first session of the governing body of the science-policy panel (UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.3/7)
- **Annexes to transmittal decision**
 - **Draft rules of procedure**
 - Draft process for determining the work programme
 - Draft procedures for the preparation and clearance of panel deliverables
 - Draft conflict of interest policy

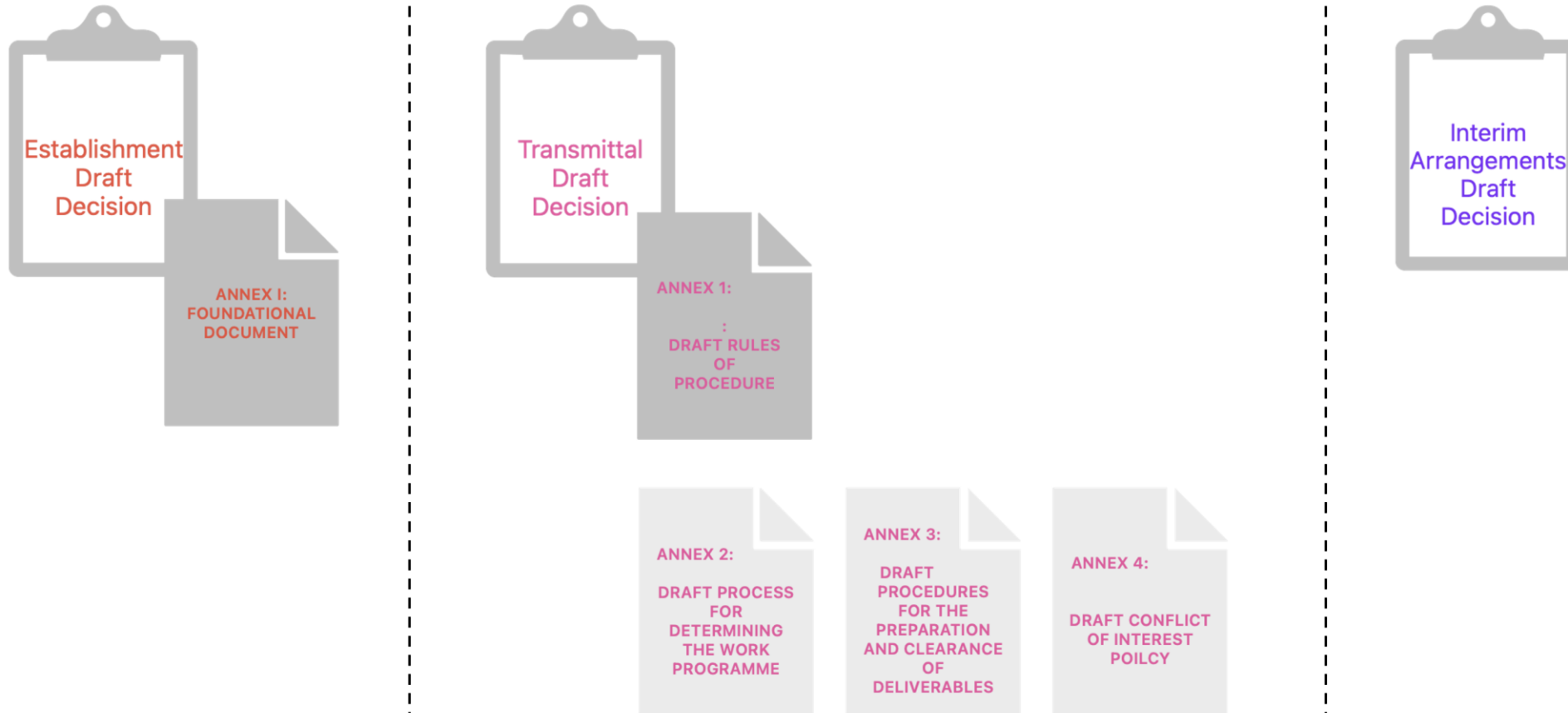
***Note:** Draft financial procedures were not considered at OEWG 3.1 and are forwarded to OEWG 3.2 as an information document*

Expected outcomes of OEWG 3.2

By the **end of OEWG 3.2**, the following is expected to be finalized:

- ✓ The **draft decision** on the establishment of the panel, including a proposal for the name of the panel and the **foundational elements**, as set out in the foundation document contained in the annex to the draft decision.
- ✓ The **draft decision recommending the consideration and adoption of the rules of procedure by the governing body of the panel at its first session**, and the forwarding for further consideration and finalization at this session of the draft procedures and policies in their present form as set out in annexes 2–4 to the draft decision.
- ✓ The **draft decision on arrangements for the interim period** that are required for the operation of the panel, including the preparation of the first session of the governing body of the panel.

Outputs of OEWG 3.2 recommended to IM



Thank you

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