

# Science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution

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# Background

- 2019, UNEA-4
  - science is needed to set priorities, for policy-making & monitor progress
  - science-based decision-making should be promoted at all levels
  - science-policy interface (SPI) needs to be strengthened
- 2022, The Lancet Planetary Health revealed that
  - pollution is responsible for one in 6 deaths worldwide, 9 million deaths per year
  - Pollution is largest environmental risk factor for disease and premature death
  - Little progress against pollution despite efforts by committed agencies
  - Highlight recommendations to address Triple planetary crisis (climate change, biodiversity & pollution)
- 2022, UNEA-5.2, **resolution 5/8**  
**“Science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution”**  
This resolution supports the establishment of a comprehensive and ambitious science policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution.

# The core functions of the SPP

- undertake **horizon scanning** to identify issues of relevance to policy makers and propose evidence-based options
- conduct **assessments** of current issues and identify potential evidence-based options, in particular those relevant to developing countries
- provide up-to-date and relevant information (and identify key gaps in scientific research)
- and finally **facilitate information sharing**, in particular with developing countries seeking relevant scientific information.
- (*Capacity building*)

# Process / Timeline

- 1<sup>st</sup> OEWG meeting Part 1. 6 October 2022 in Nairobi (hybrid)
- 1<sup>st</sup> session Part 2 Bangkok 30 January to 3 February 2023.  
Belgium represented by embassy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> session: physical meeting 11-15 December in Jordan.  
Belgium represented by Bart Rymen & Luc Int Panis
- **3<sup>rd</sup> and final session 17 to 21 June 2024 in Geneva.**  
**Belgium coordination EU+MS**

# Ongoing aspects/discussions

- Budget BE: 60000€ (approved by ICL) to be budgeted in '23; spent in '24
- SPP to be Modelled according to example of IPCC and/or IPBES?
- One of the focus points maybe capacity building & COI
- Financing of the panel
- ...