

# Science Policy Panel

## Chemicals, waste and prevention of pollution

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Briefing to BRS workshop  
Barcelona, 19 October 2022

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# UNEA Resolution 5/8

*1. Decided that a Science-policy panel should be established to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution*

*4. Decided to convene, subject to 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.*

# OEWG

First session divided in **two parts**:

OEWG 1.1: Nairobi (hybrid)

OEWG 1.2: Bangkok (in person)

Call for:

- Nomination of **Focal Points** for the OEWG via a formal letter
- **Extrabudgetary resources** to support implementation of Resolution 5/8
- Interest in **hosting** an OEWG meeting

# OEWG 1.1

Nairobi, 6 October 2022 in a hybrid format

Member States, Accredited Stakeholders and other Agencies

- Election of seven of ten **Bureau Members**, including the Rapporteur
- Election of an interim **Chair** (pending election of remaining Bureau Members)
- Adoption of the **UNEA Rules of Procedure** mutatis mutandis for the remainder of the process
- Provisional adoption of the **draft meeting report**

# OEWG 1.2

**Bangkok, 30 January - 3 February 2023**

United Nations Conference Centre, ESCAP

- Finalisation of election of Bureau Members, including election of Chair of the OEWG
- Engagement in discussion on issues outlined in para 5 of the Resolution
  - Options for the scope of the panel
  - Options for functions, operating principles and institutional arrangements

Invitation letters will be sent out soon along with details for registration and funding

# Budget status

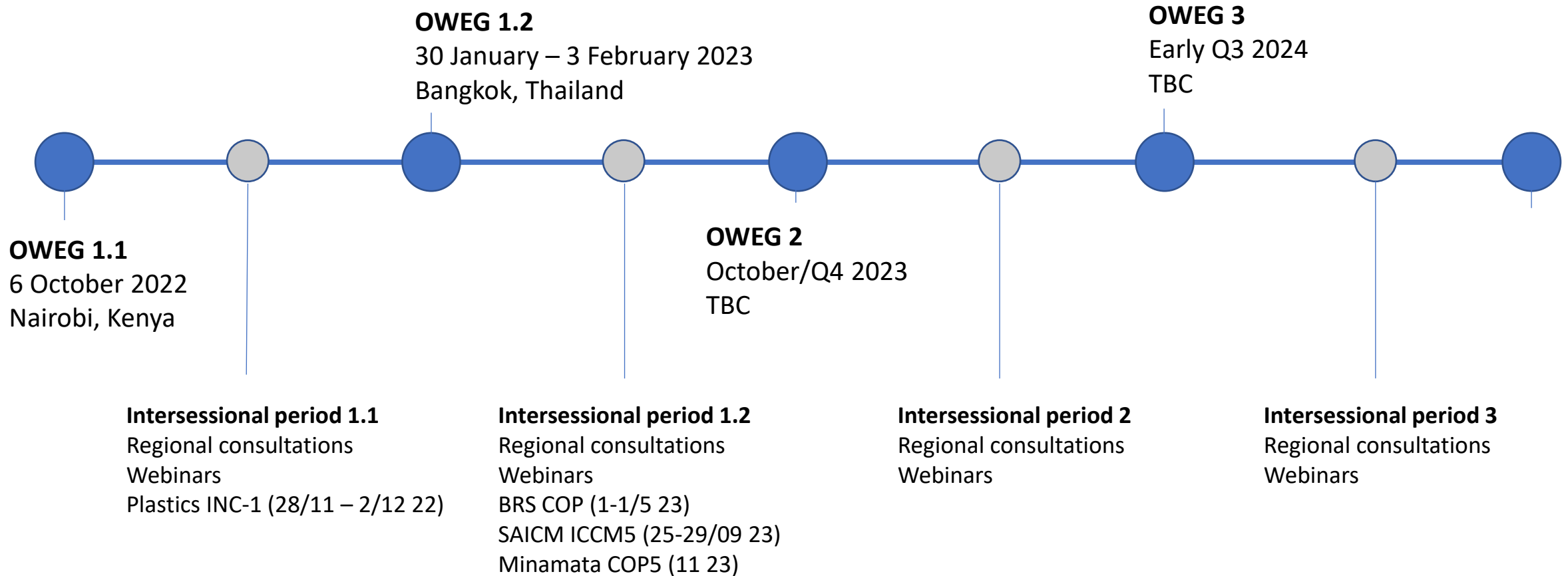
Thanks to governments of Switzerland, UK and France for financial contributions

Cost of the Secretariat has been covered by UNEP, adequate resources to cover first OEWG meeting

Long term sustainability of process **requires support**

Cost of the Secretariat needs support

# Timeline



Government of Brazil has confirmed interest to host one of the OEWG meetings

# Stakeholder engagement

With:

- WHO, BRS, Minamata and SAICM
- CSO, Academia, Private Sector

## **Intersessional period**

Regional consultations in conferences (COPs, IOMC, AMCEN, etc.)

Stakeholder Engagement Survey

Webinar series



# Stakeholder Engagement Survey

Circulated on 18 October 2022, [deadline on 30 November 2022](#)

First of a series

Designed for Member States, but has been circulated to stakeholders

Opportunity to provide input on some topics to facilitate preparation of OEWG 1.2

# Webinar series (2022)

25 July: Introducing the science-policy panel

5 October: Lessons learned from WHO, IPCC, IPBES, IRP, Ozone

November: Updates on OEWG 1.2

December: Industry engagement

# In summary

Plans for OEWG1.2 meeting in hand

Wide range of stakeholders engaged in process

Documents for meeting under preparation

Limited budget hampering long term planning

# OEWG webpage

CONFERENCE

## OEWG1: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution

30 January - 3 February 2023  
Bangkok, Thailand



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# Thank you

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