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**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**

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**Preparation of proposals for the establishment of a science-policy
panel**

**Suggestion for a name for the science-policy panel to contribute
further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to
prevent pollution**

Submission by the Africa region

1. One of the primary objectives of the third session of 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 is to determine the name of the new panel. In view of the mandate given to the working group in United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/8, the name is expected to convey the fact that the panel is a science-policy body addressing the third element of the triple planetary crisis – namely, pollution – spanning the value chain of chemicals and waste.
2. In view of the precedents represented by the names of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, which do not include the element “science-policy”, the African Region proposes the name **Intergovernmental Panel on Chemicals and Waste and to Prevent Pollution**, to be abbreviated as **IPCWP**.
3. The following abbreviations are already used for the names of existing international platforms:
IPCHEM – Already used by the Information Platform for Chemicals Monitoring
IPCP – Already used by the International Panel on Chemical Pollution
4. The proposed name and abbreviation – Intergovernmental Panel on Chemicals and Waste and to Prevent Pollution (IPCWP) – aim to reflect the panel’s comprehensive mandate while maintaining consistency with the names of existing panels, and to address the third element of the triple planetary crisis – namely, pollution from chemicals and waste.