

Challenging chemistry: Encouraging solutions from sustainable chemistry and innovation approaches via a global Science-Policy Panel

Wednesday, 27th September 2023, 1:15 to 2:45 p.m.
In-person event, room "Berlin", WCCB, Bonn



Moderator

Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner, President of the German Environment Agency

Panelists

- Speaker on ad-hoc OEWG on science-policy panel for chemicals, waste and pollution prevention, UNEP
- Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. Peter H. Seeberger, Founding Director of the Center for the Transformation of Chemistry (CTC)
- Prof. Dr. Silke Beck, Professor for Sociology of Science, Technical University of Munich
- Abdelrahman Fahmy, Chairman at youthinkgreen Egypt and Managing Director of ECO Hubs Ltd.
- Magnus Lofstedt, Senior expert on chemicals, European Environment Agency (EEA)

Background

The goal of the panel is to map out the opportunities of a Science-Policy-Panel for holistic systems thinking towards solution-oriented innovation in the chemicals sector.

The discussion will focus specifically on how solutions from sustainable chemistry and related strategies can help us maximize benefits delivered by chemicals while keeping negative effects to a minimum. With a sound management of chemicals being the foundation, this emphasis on SDG 9 is the next step towards mainstreaming global chemicals and waste management for reaching Agenda 2030. The panelists will discuss how to promote innovation and implementation of sustainable chemistry via the upcoming Science Policy Panel, and what role research and science can play.

Agenda

Time	
1:15 p.m.	Welcome and opening remarks by the moderator Moderator: Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner, President, German Environment Agency
1:20 p.m.	Overview over the current status of the Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution Speaker on ad-hoc OEWG on science-policy panel for chemicals, waste and pollution prevention, UNEP
1:30 p.m.	Introduction of the panelists by the moderator
1:35 p.m.	Discussion of the panel Encouraging solutions from sustainable chemistry and corresponding innovation approaches via a global Science-Policy Panel
	Input from policymaker Michel Tschirren, Head of Global Affairs of Switzerland's Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)
	Input from innovative start-up Katerin Carrillo, Natupla, Colombia
2:40 p.m.	Wrap-up By the moderator
2:45 p.m.	Invitation to finger food buffet & coffee/tea In front of the room "Berlin"