

Burlington Consensus 3

An Intergovernmental Science-Policy Panel for Chemicals and Waste and to Prevent Pollution - Scientists at the Heart of Global Policymaking

Friday 27th September 2024

In person at the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), Burlington House, Piccadilly, London
and online hybrid for inclusive and international participation

09:30-10.00 *Arrival with tea/coffee*

10.00-10.10

Welcome, Introductions and Aims of the day

Annette Doherty - President of the Royal Society of Chemistry 2024-2026

10.10-10.15

A Message from the UK Defra Minister – Emma Hardy MP

10.15-10.40

What is the Science-Policy Panel (SPP) and How did we get here?

Camilla Alexander-White FRSC ERT CChem

(Lead Policy Advisor – International Chemicals, Royal Society of Chemistry)

Tom Welton OBE FRSC

(President of the RSC 2020-2022; RSC Ambassador for Sustainable Chemicals Policy)

Tessa Govere – United Nations Environment programme (UNEP)

- Principal Coordinator, UN SPP OEWG Secretariat

Rachel Irving – UK Department for Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)

- Deputy Director of Chemicals, Pesticides and Hazardous Waste

Session 1

10:40-12:00

The Science-Policy Panel and the International Chemical Policy Landscape in 2024-2040 – what role will it play?

Chair: Annette Doherty, President of the RSC

Professor Jim Skea CBE FRSE – **Chair of the IPCC** (10 min presentation - in person)

– **Interfaces for the interfaces: science and policy for the three planetary crises**

Kay Williams MBE – UNEP Global Framework on Chemicals Lead secretariat - online

Lesley Onyon – World Health Organisation – in person.

Stewart Owen – Astra Zeneca – in person

Mengjiao (Melissa) Wang – University of Exeter, Greenpeace Fellow – in person.

Frankie Orona – Executive Director, Society of Native Nations - San Antonio, online.

Aseel Abotaleb – Children & Youth UNEP Major Group – online

Q&A and contributions from the floor and online

12:00-12:15 *Short break*

Session 2**Interdisciplinary Skills and Expertise for the SPP**

12:15-13:30

A thought leadership session on the scientific and technical skills and expertise that will be needed to support governments in defining the work programme and deliverables of the SPP.

Chair: Gill Reid, President of the RSC 2022-2024

Camilla Alexander-White – RSC Lead Policy Adviser (10 min slide presentation) followed by PechaKucha style presentations from

Yolanda Lopez-Maldonado - Indigenous Science, Mérida, Yucatan, Mexico, online

Natalie Burden – NC3Rs – NAMs training and networks – in person

Richard Thompson OBE – Univ. of Plymouth – environmental sciences, online

Matthew Davidson - Bath Institute of Sustainability and Climate Change, in person

Ally Lewis – University of York, Air Quality monitoring expertise, in person

Ovnair Sepai – Health Security Agency UK, EU PARC rep, in person

Christian Zerfaß – RSC Water Science Forum - online

Michael Walker – Queen’s University Belfast – **pre-recorded video**

Paul Whaley – Lancaster University, in person

Angeliki Balayannis – University of Wageningen, in person

Chris Barber – Lhasa Ltd, Leeds, UK., in person

13.30-14.15 *Lunch***Session 3****The Road Ahead for the UN SPP**

Chair: Robert Mokaya OBE FRS, University of Sheffield,
RSC President Elect 2026-2028

14:15-14:30

UNEP Horizon Scanning Report ‘Navigating New Horizons - A global foresight report on planetary health and human wellbeing’

Andrea Hinwood UNEP Chief Scientist - online

14:30-15:45

Capacity Building – what should be expected of the SPP?

Jamal Hassan (RSC) and Anthony Gachanja Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology – PACN training programmes

Rhys Charles & Matthew Davies – Univ. Swansea – projects in Africa

Lucía Santirso Richards & Olawale Adebisi - WeCyclers – in person and online

Tapas Sen – Univ Central Lancashire; British Council India & China Projects

Shirley Price – Univ. Surrey, BTS skills development training course

Q&A and Contributions from the floor and online

15:45-16:15 *Tea/coffee break*

Session 4

16:15-16:45

Co-Chairs: Camilla and Tom

I'm a scientist – What can I do?

Timeline to OEWG 3.2 in February 2025 – what we know about next steps

Feedback from the Geneva Environment Network webinar on 26 Sept

RSC Engagement Group – connecting chemical societies - Carla Siedel, GDCh

SPP channels of formal engagement, through UNEP accreditation

Science & Technology Major Group – Mohamed Abdelraouf, UNEP S&T Lead

SPP Science Alliance – Anna Becker – in person

Pan Africa Chemistry Network event 30 October 2024 – Jamal Hassan

16:45-17:15

Keynote Speech

Professor Sir Geoff Mulgan (University College London)

Professor of Collective Intelligence, Public Policy and Social Innovation

Author of 'When Science Meets Power' – discussing observations from the IPCC and IPBES and other science-policy interfaces

Joining Online from South Africa

17:15

**Closing remarks from Annette Doherty (RSC President)
& Dr Helen Pain CEO RSC**

17.30-19:00

Drinks Reception and Networking