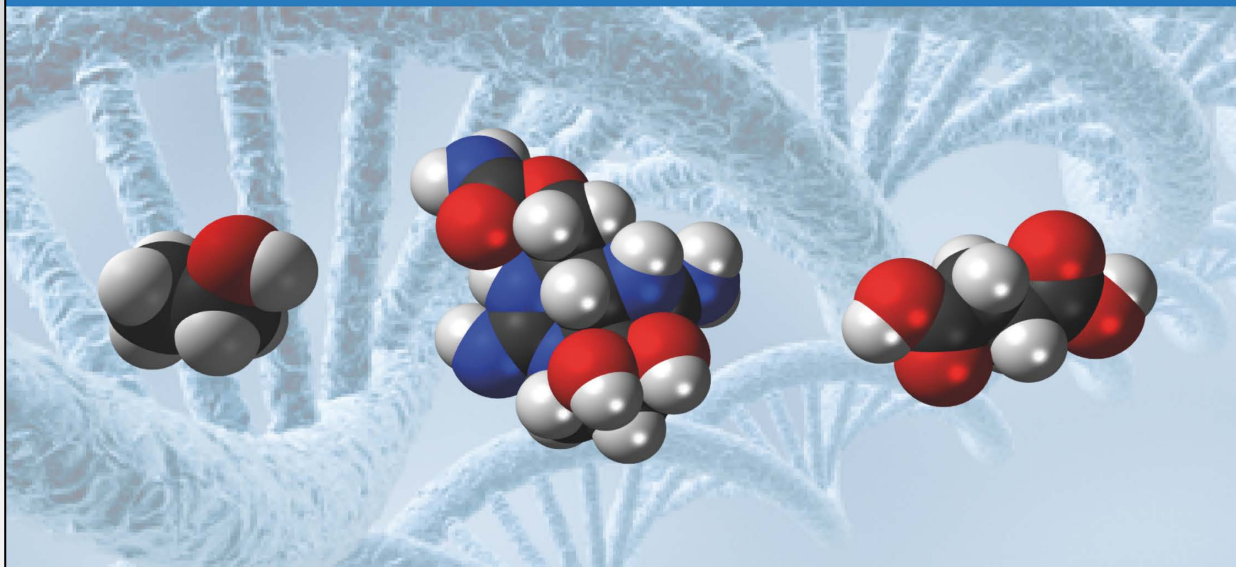




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Science for Diplomats

The Science of the Bioeconomy

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**SAB Report of the Developments
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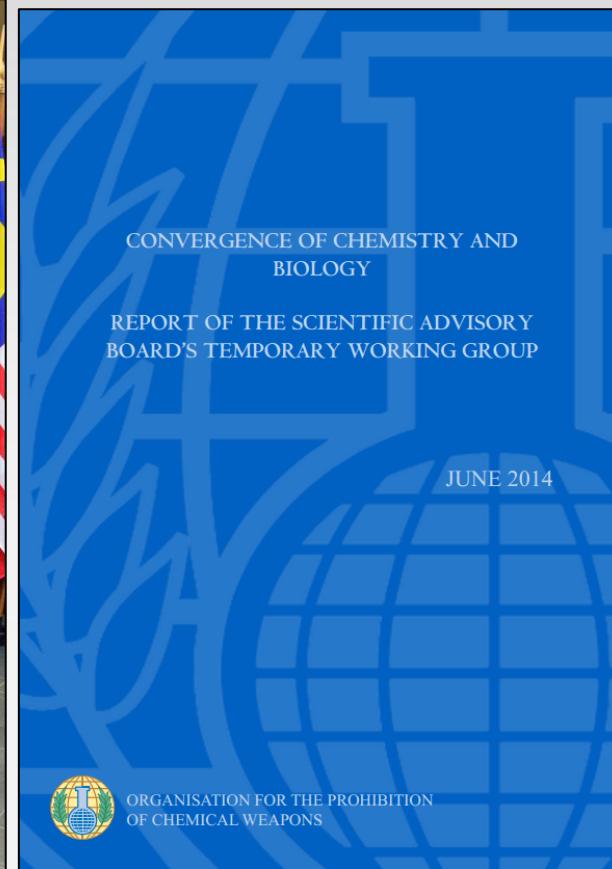
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The Temporary Working Group on Convergence



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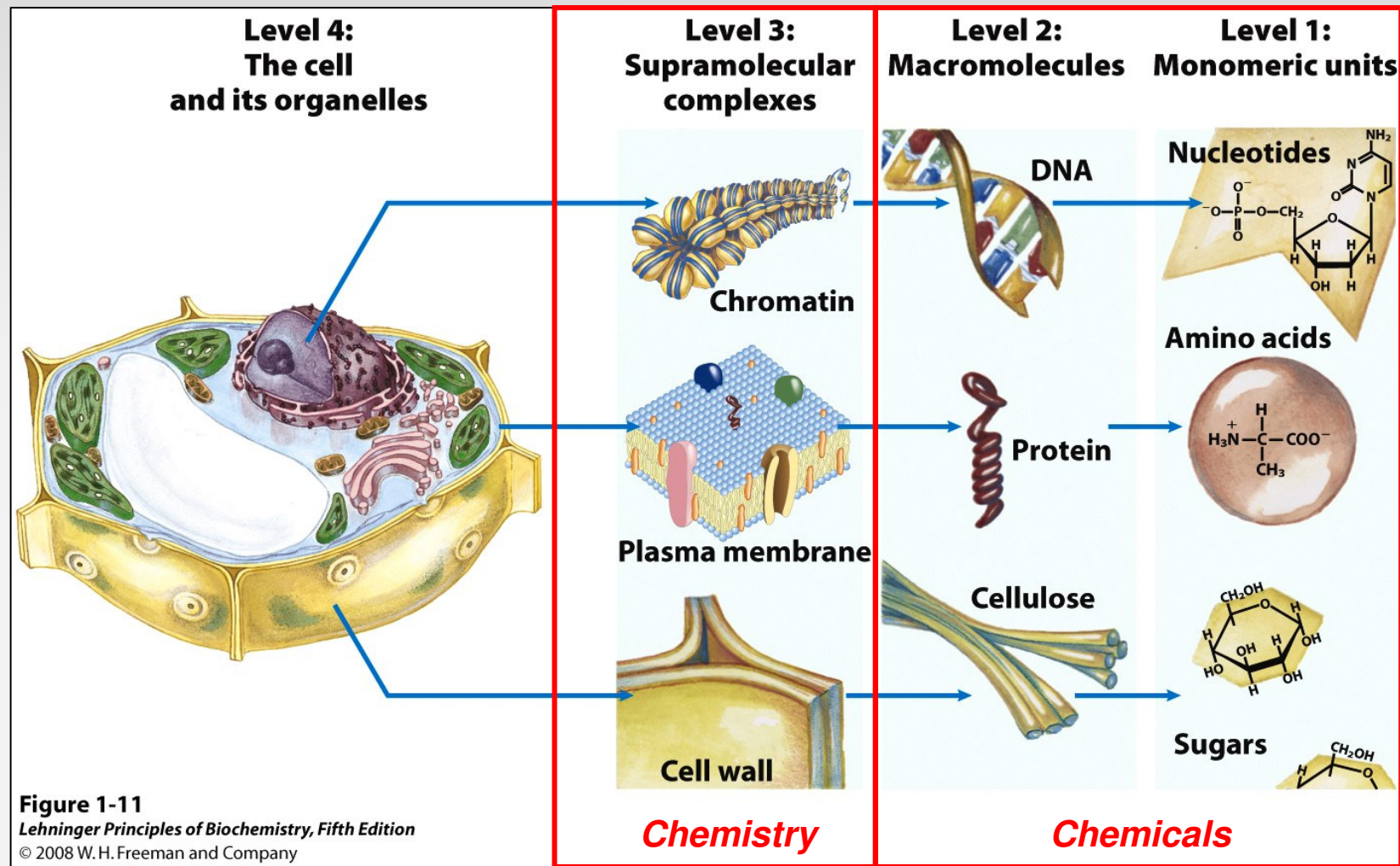


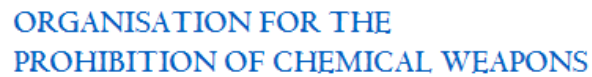
Recommendations from the TWG on Convergence

- 19 Recommendations presented in report; **Status in EC-77/DG.10**
- Continue to **monitor** advances and trends in **production technologies** and assess the relevance of these processes to verification under the CWC.
- **Monitor** advances in **systems and synthetic biology**, particularly in terms of enhancing the capability and capacity to synthesise more complex chemicals.
- **Monitor** advances in **nanotechnology**, particularly as they apply to improved defensive countermeasures against CW.
- Consider **development of outreach materials** to assist States Parties in understanding possible implications for the CWC.
- Establish a structured approach to **maintain contact with the BWC community**.
- Consider re-activating the TWG on Convergence periodically, in order to assess recent advances

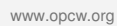


Chemistry Underpins Biology





Bio-Mediated Chemical Production





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Emerging trend

Countries establishing bioeconomy initiatives/roadmap

Bioeconomy to contribute a global average of 2.7% to GDP by 2030 (OECD estimates)





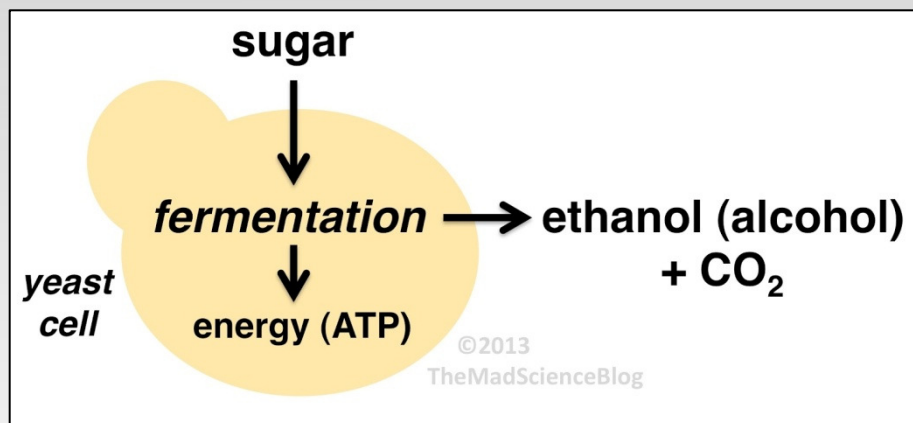
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Bio-Mediated Chemical Production: The Basics





S & T For Diplomats: A Series of Discussions

- March 2015 (On the margins of EC-78, To be confirmed)
 - **S&T for Diplomats (4): Schedule 1 Chemicals**
 - Verification related SAB recommendations
 - Low concentration limits and captive use
- June (SAB-22) or July 2015 (EC-79); To be confirmed
 - **S&T for Diplomats (5): The Chemistry of Countermeasures**
 - Assistance and protection related SAB recommendations
 - Immediate response and longer term considerations
- **Other topics to be scheduled**