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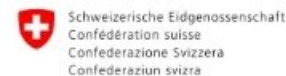
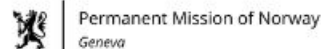
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UN SYSTEM RESPONSE TO MARINE LITTER AND PLASTIC POLLUTION

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INVITATION

You are cordially invited to the **UN System Response to Marine Litter and Plastic Pollution** virtual event organized as a partnership between the United Nations Environment Management Group (UN-EMG), the Geneva Beat Plastic Pollution Dialogues and GRID-Arendal, featuring the launch of a UN-EMG report.

Plastic pollution is an urgent and rapidly growing environmental challenge. The majority of plastic produced since the 1950's has ended up as waste in landfills, dumps and the natural environment, taking centuries to decompose. Plastic pollution leakage into aquatic ecosystems is projected to more than double by 2030, with dire consequences for human health, the global economy, biodiversity and the climate. 2015 greenhouse gas emissions from plastics are projected to increase four times by 2050 representing 15 per cent of the global carbon budget (UNEP, 2021).

A new report released by the UN Environment Management Group, "*An overview of UN Activities and Initiatives related to Marine Litter and Microplastics: UN system-wide contribution to support Member States in addressing marine litter and microplastics*", shows that the UN System is committed to tackle the challenges presented by global plastic pollution, and to promoting and coordinating action to address it holistically through the UN system and in action on the ground. Over 40 UN entities are supporting Member States in reducing and addressing marine litter and microplastics. These activities are effective because the UN System possesses considerable expertise across a range of relevant disciplines.

This event will show-case how UN Agencies are working collaboratively to help countries address the issue systemically across the lifecycle. It will suggest how this collaboration could be further strengthened vertically and horizontally, to help institutionalize innovative and circular approaches to the management of plastics in a more sustainable way.

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REGISTRATION

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