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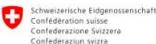














## **End Plastic Pollution: Looking forward**



#### **UNEA-5.2**

28 Feb – 2 Mar | Nairobi, Kenya Adoption resolution 5/14 End Plastic Pollution: Towards an International Legally Binding Instrument

#### INC-1

28 Nov - 2 Dec | Punta del Este, Uruguay Preceeded by a multistakeholder forum

#### INC-3

13 - 17 Nov (TBC) | Kenya

#### INC-4

Early April (TBC) | Canada

#### INC-5

Oct/Nov (TBC) | Republic of Korea

2022

2023

2024

2025

#### **OEWG**

30 May - 1 Jun | Dakar, Senegal

#### INC-2

29 May - 2 June | Paris, France

#### UNEA-6

26 Feb - 1 Mar | Nairobi, Kenya Report progress of the INC

UNEA-5 resolution sets the ambition of completing the INC work by the end of 2024

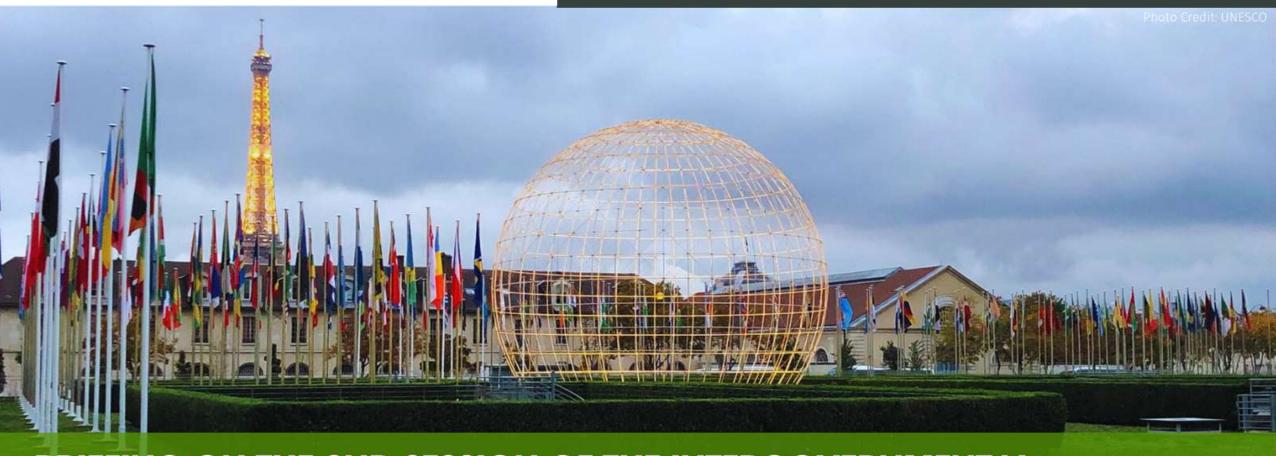
## Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries

Mid 2025 | For the purpose of adoption and opening for signature the new instrument









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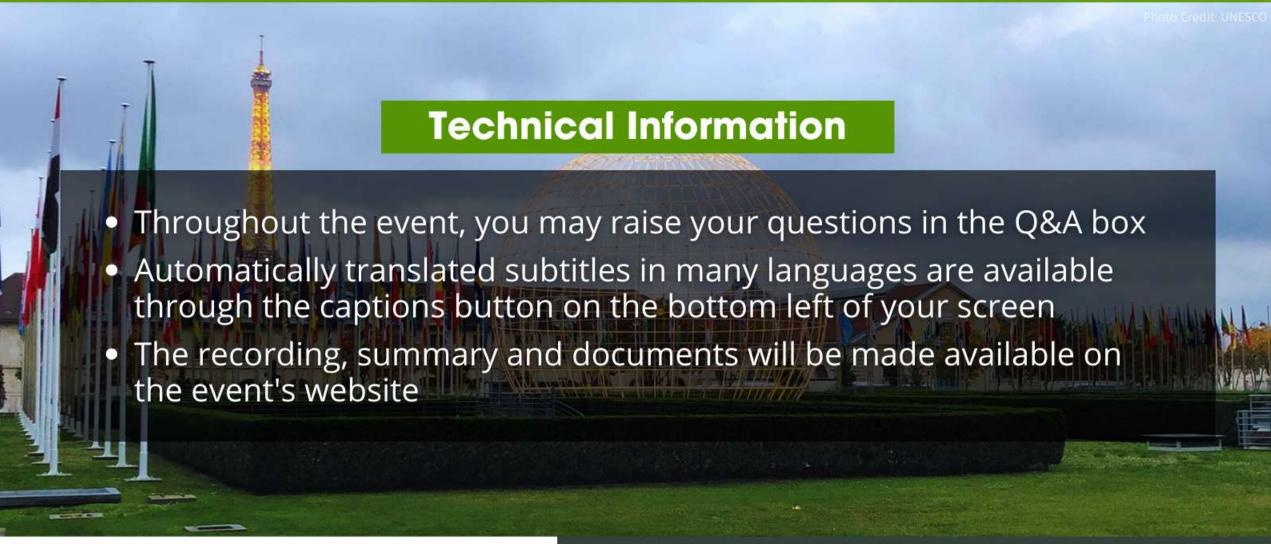








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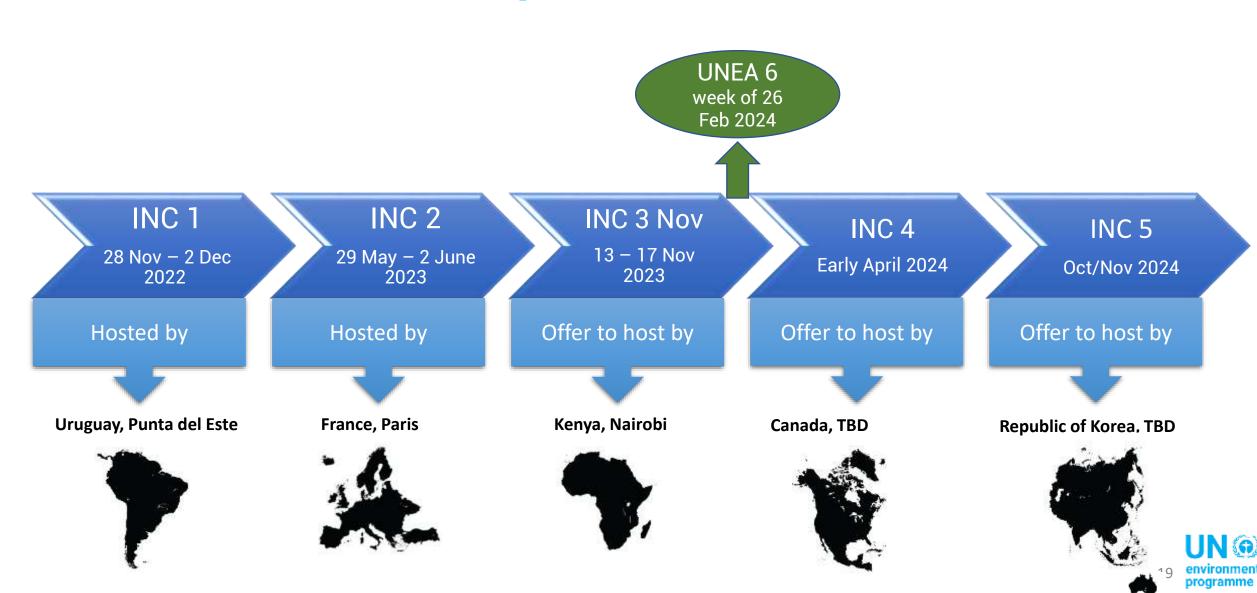


## **Outline**

- 1. Timeline INC process
- 2. Update on preparations for INC-2: registrations, logistics, documentation
- 3. Thematic side events
- 4. Options paper
- 5. Webinars



## Timeline for the INC process



## **INC-2 Registrations**

Deadline for registrations for INC-2 closes on 28 April 2023

## Status of registration (as of 26 April): Total: 1660 delegates

- 147 Member States (491 delegates)
- 488 Stakeholder organization (1074 delegates)
- 15 UN entities (54 delegates)
- 7 IGOs (17 delegates)
- 20 media organizations (24 delegates)



## **INC-2: Logistics**

- INC-2 UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France, 29 May 2 June 2023
- venue space limit: 1500 delegates (at any given time within the precinct).
- secondary access cards will be issued. These access cards, in addition to the meeting badges, will be required to enter the building. The number of access cards per delegation will be determined once registration closes on 28 April.
- Application for travel support for Member States closed on 31 March.
   As of now, 234 delegates from Member States have been approved for funding.
   Regional offices supporting this process.
- Funding deadline for stakeholders ended on 14 April. The secretariat is now processing 197 applications for 20 funded spots.

## **INC-2: Making Paris count**

- Critical opportunity for Members to deliberate and decide between possible options
- Discussions will be based on the "options paper"
- Less time spent on general statements allows moving swiftly to negotiating substance
- Determine mandate for INC-3

## **INC-2: Documentation**

## Working documents

- Provisional agenda UNEP/UNEP/PP/INC.2/2PP/INC.2/1
- Annotated provisional agenda UNEP/PP/INC.2/1/Add.1
- Scenario note UNEP/PP/INC.2/2
- Draft rules of procedure UNEP/PP/INC.2/3
- "Options paper" UNEP/PP/INC.2/4

### <u>Information documents</u>

- UNEA resolution 5/14 UNEP/PP/INC.2/INF/1
- Note on the conduct of voting UNEP/PP/INC.2/INF/2
- Dates & venues of subsequent INC sessions UNEP/PP/INC.2/INF/3
- Additional information linked to the options for the potential elements towards an international legally binding instrument -UNEP/PP/INC.2/INF/4

## Thematic side events during INC-2

1:30-2:45 pm daily from Monday 29 May to Thursday 1 June 2023

Date	No.	Theme
Monday 29 May	1	Promoting sustainable consumption and production of plastics
	2	Oceans and the marine environment, including transport, ghost fishing gears, dumping, pellet
		loss, and impacts on biodiversity
	3	The role of trade measures in the future instrument: challenges and opportunities
	4	Monitoring the situation and monitoring the progress of the future instrument:
Tuesday		objectives/targets and their associated baselines, indicators, and timelines.
30 May	5	Plastic pollution, toxicity, chemicals, and potential risks to human health
	6	Means of implementation, including resource mobilization and financial mechanism
Wednesday 31 May	7	Microplastic: understanding the challenge and its impacts
	8	Promoting circular economy to retain plastics in the economy and out of the environment,
		including innovation and expanding the share of circular plastics
	9	Enabling change at local, national, and regional levels
Thursday 1 June	10	Promoting environmentally sound management of plastic waste, including collection, sorting,
		and recycling, and consideration of investments
		Existing plastic pollution: Challenges of SIDs and remote communities
	12	Socio-economic considerations in the transition to circular approaches to plastic, including
		human rights approaches and inclusion of the informal waste sector

## "Options Paper" UNEP/PP/INC.2/4

- For INC-2, Secretariat, in consultation with the INC Chair, was asked to prepare a document with potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument:
  - Based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastics as called for by UNEA resolution 5/14,
  - Including identifying the objective, substantive provisions including core obligations, control measures, and voluntary approaches, implementation measures, and means of implementation
- A call for written submissions was launched and the secretariat received 67 written submissions from Member States and 176 written submissions from stakeholders.
- Options paper is based on Member States' views during INC-1 and their written submissions. Members' positions were informed by stakeholders' written submissions and the stakeholder webinars.

## "Options Paper" UNEP/PP/INC.2/4

Technical briefing webinar with detailed presentation on the options paper, will be held tomorrow (*Friday, 28 April,* 15:00 - 16:00 EAT)

To register, visit: INC-2 webpage > Events

https://www.unep.org/events/conference/second-session-intergovernmental-negotiating-committee-develop-international/events



## Technical webinars in the lead-up of INC-2

A total of six webinars will be held in the lead-up to INC-2 to inform discussions at INC-2. The webinars will be in English. To register, visit INC-2 webpage > Events.

- **Webinar 1:** Technical briefing on the Potential Options for Elements document (*Friday, 28 April, 15:00 16:00 EAT*)
- Webinar 2: Science informing decision-making (Thursday, 4 May, 16:00 17:30 EAT)
- Webinar 3: Technical briefing on the organization of work at INC-2 (Monday, 8 May, 16:00 17:00 EAT)
- **Webinar 4**: Control measures for sustainable consumption and production (*Wednesday, 10 May, 14:00 15:30 EAT*)
- Webinar 5: Means of implementation, with a special focus on resource mobilization & financial mechanisms (*Thursday, 11 May, 14:00 15:30 EAT*)
- **Webinar 6:** Promoting a circular economy to reduce the size of the problem: a focus on Extended Producer Responsibility and addressing plastic waste (*Tuesday, 16 May, 13:00 14:30 EAT*)



## Thank you

For questions and queries, please write to:

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# SECOND SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE ON PLASTIC POLLUTION



## 1. Logistics

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## Date and place of INC-2



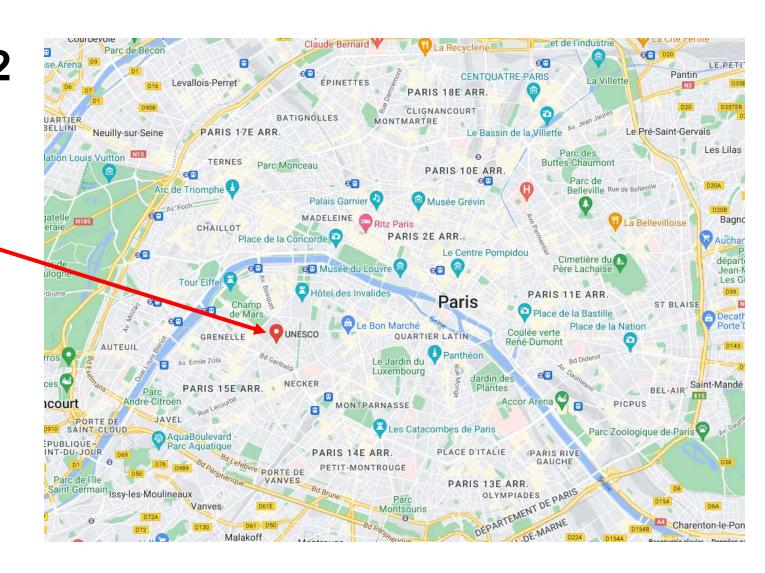




## Date and place of INC-2



- Place: UNESCO Headquarters
- Date: Monday, May 29 to Friday, June 2, 2023, preceded by regional consultations on Sunday May 28



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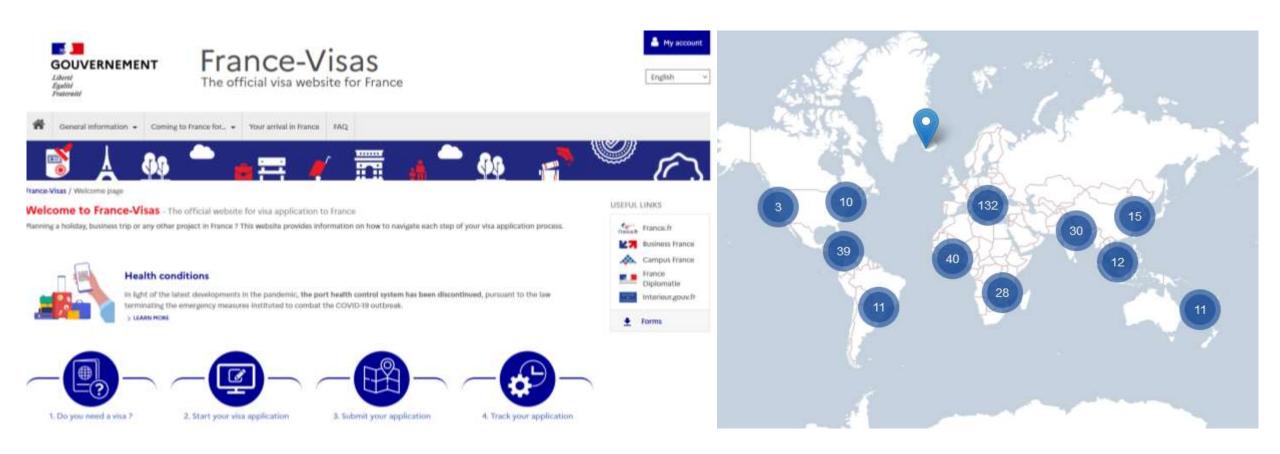
## Registrations



- Registration deadline: April 28, 2023
- No delegation size limit for states
- Non-state actors will be limited to 5 representatives per delegation
- However, on site, a maximum capacity of 1500 delegates
- (Overflow) Badges will be distributed and required to enter the building



# Visas: applications before April 28, 2023



Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs



# 2. INC-2 success criteria

**Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs** 



# A springboard for INC-3

- France hopes that INC-2 will allow for progress on procedural aspects:
  - Adoption of the rules of procedure
  - Nomination or election of the INC Bureau
  - Decision on the location and dates of the next INCs
- It is necessary to move forward on the substance of the negotiations.
- Without wishing to pre-empt the negotiations at INC-2, a satisfactory outcome would be to adopt a decision that would allow for a first draft of the agreement text for INC-3.
- To this end, the document "potential elements of the agreement" that has been published recently, is essential.

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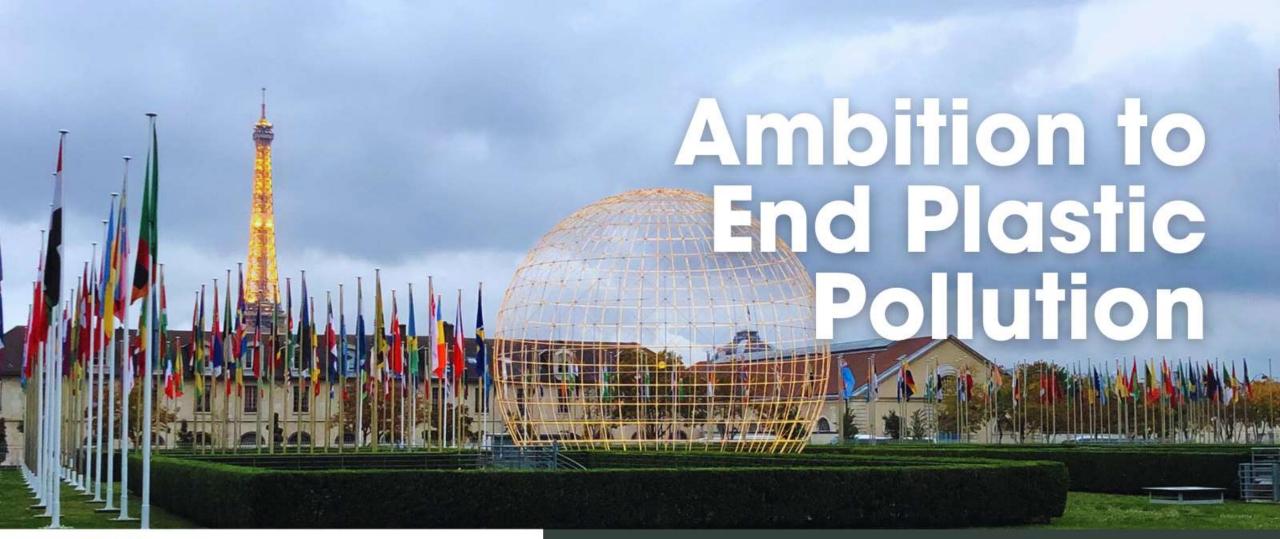




























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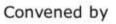
















# BUSINESS COALITION FOR A GLOBAL PLASTICS TREATY

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# **About the Business Coalition**



Over 100 organisations\* have already joined the Business Coalition for a Global Plastics Treaty from across the value chain.





<sup>\*</sup>logos are constantly updated on the website and this slide might not list all of the endorsers of the Business Coalition Vision Statement

# Our vision

is a circular economy in which plastic never becomes waste or pollution, and the value of products and materials is retained in the economy.

To achieve our desired global outcomes for a circular economy for plastics, our coalition believes that progress must be made against three critical outcomes:

- 1. REDUCTION of plastic production and use through a circular economy approach
- 2. CIRCULATION of all plastic items that cannot be eliminated
- 3. PREVENTION and REMEDIATION of remaining, hard-to-abate microand macro-plastic leakage into the environment



# The Business Coalition has developed a pre-INC2 Position Paper

Global outcomes mentioned in the Vision Statement	REDUCTION of plastic production and use through a circular economy approach	CIRCULATION of all plastic items that cannot be eliminated	PREVENTION and REMEDIATION of remaining, hard-to-abate micro-and macro-plastic leakage
Overarching objective(s), scope and principles	'Protect the environment and human health from negative impacts of plastic pollution'		
Priority policy areas	Reduction strategy     Elimination criteria     Reuse options &     new delivery models	4. Product design & recycling systems 5. EPR & DRS 6. Recycled plastics 7. Informal sector	Waste management     Microplastics
Cross-cutting issues	10. Economic instruments and financial mechanisms 11. Monitoring and reporting		

Check out our website as of 8th May here:

https://www.businessforplasticstreaty.org/resources





- We welcome the 'option paper' prepared by the INC secretariat. We appreciate it is already structured
  around potential core obligations in the treaty. We believe this document represents a good
  intermediate step to facilitate discussions amongst negotiators before working towards a legal text.
- It is encouraging that the options paper covers potential core obligations and relevant control
  measures for all elements outlined in the Coalition's Vision Statement. We believe it's vital that
  these elements remain on the table as negotiations progress.
- It is now important that we work with negotiators to enhance a common understanding of the proposed options and improve the substance of the most relevant options.
- Some elements in the options paper should be strengthened, deepened, and refined in subsequent negotiations based on legal text.
- In general, the options paper does not yet recognise the need to tailor control measures to the specifics of different sector and product applications. This could potentially happen only through the development of technical annexes.





- Reuse. Reuse is mentioned but not a well developed concept in the options paper with references
  mostly under "fostering design for circularity" or "encouraging reuse"
  In particular, options around reuse infrastructure (beyond design measures) should be considered
  as it would require a systemic intervention to scale reuse solutions.
- Recyclability. When it comes to recyclability, it is crucial to go beyond technical recyclability towards
  recyclability "in practice and at scale". This is currently missing from the options paper, but it is key
  to ensure actual recycling of plastics.
- EPR. Currently the language around EPR is not as ambitious as we'd hope for. "Action plan
  programmes" or "Set of guidelines" are not enough to drive change at the required scale. We must
  work towards effective, well-design and mandatory EPR policies that will play a key part of the
  solution to achieve plastic recycling at scale, better manage waste and reduce plastic pollution.





- Our policy recommendations show that leading businesses want a treaty with legally-binding global rules and measures to drive change on a global scale - through harmonised regulations on reduction, circulation, and prevention alongside remediation.
- On the basis of the 'Option Paper' we hope to see the INC-2 request the development of a zero draft legal text that forms the basis for further negotiations at INC-3:
  - Building on the options paper by maintaining its broad spectrum of possible core obligations and control measures across reduction, circulation, prevention and remediation, as well as its use of annexes, allowing for a "start-and-strengthen" approach
  - Enhancing the understanding of which elements in the options paper need to be strengthened, in particular reuse, EPR, recyclability, and need to differentiate by application

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# Scientists' Coalition for an Effective Plastics Treaty

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# Our goal:

To achieve an effective global plastics treaty centered on and around evidence-based decision making based on the best available science, pursuant to <u>UNEA Resolution 5/14</u>.

Objective 1: To mobilise a diverse international and multidisciplinary network of scientific experts to engage with and provide evidence to government delegations throughout treaty negotiations.

Objective 2: To identify, analyse and address biases, misunderstandings or misrepresentations that may be promoted in attempts to weaken the new global framework.

# Membership of the Scientists' Coalition for an Effective Plastics Treaty





# Commentaries...

## **nature reviews** earth & environment

Re-framing plastics pollution to include social, ecological and policy perspectives

Patricia Villarrubia-Gómezo¹™, Bethanie Carney Almrotho² and Sarah E. Cornello¹

Plastic pollution is widely presented as a waste problem, resulting in proposed solutions that target end-of-life waste management and consumer behaviour. This framing misrepresents the entangled global social and ecological challenges of the plastic crisis, which must be recognised for effective, equitable and sustainable responses.



# Science

## A global plastic treaty must cap production

In March, the UN Environment Assembly adopted a resolution to combat plastic pollution with a global and legally binding plastics treaty by 2024 (1). In his News In Depth story "United Nations to tackle global plastics pollution" (25 February, p. 801), E. Stokstad discusses many of the ambitious provisions that were included, such as a consideration of the whole plastic life cycle and binding targets. However, it is unclear whether the treaty will include a cap on production or cover plastic chemicals. Despite interventions by the industry (2) and objections from the United States and other delegations, reducing plastics at the source by curbing production is critical.

The current mass of plastic production is at about 450 million tons annually and set to double by 2045 (3). The immense quantity and diversity of both plastics and plastic chemicals, the total weight of which exceeds the overall mass of all land and marine animals (4), already poses enormous challenges.

# Science

#### Global plastic treaty should address chemicals

In March, the global community agreed to establish a legally binding treaty to end plastic pollution. To deliver on this goal, the treaty needs to cover all issues of plastics chemicals as an inseparable part of the problem.

Plastics are complex materials consisting of chemical mixtures, including polymers, additives, residual monomers and processing aids, and non-intentionally added subtoxic, such as many phthalates and brominated flame retardants (2-4). Documented health effects span generations and include premature births, low birth weight, obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, endometriosis, infertility, and cancers (5). In the United States alone, associated costs of endocrine-disrupting chemicals amount to USD\$300 billion/year (6, 7). The total burden on community, ecosystem health, and biodiversity is far greater (8, 9).

Even with material recycling, plastics chemicals ultimately proliferate in the ecosystem, whether as emissions or by entering new products, exposing waste-laborers,



#### outlook

Beware the false hope of recycling

# Path to sustainability

Recycling can only get us so far, says Kristian Syberg. The real solution to transforming the plastic economy lies in making less in the first place.

lastic pollution is recognized as being one of the major global environmental challenges today, with a worldwide reach that is affecting essential Earth systems such as the climate and biodiversity. As a result, in March the United Nations Environment Programme declared its intention to develop a treaty by 2024 to "end plastic pollution". However, although the declaration lays out overall aims for reducing plastic pollution, it does not mention any specific policy measures (see go.nature.com/3rgujfc). An efficient and ambitious treaty has the potential to facilitate the much-needed transition to a circular plastic economy, and mark the beginning of a reduction in the rate of plastic pollution. But to achieve this, it is paramount that the new treaty does not





# **INC-1** in Uruguay











Friday Dec 2, 2022 1:00-3:00 PM

MANANTIALES 1 & 2

This informal event is jointly hosted by the Scientists' Network for an Effective Plastics Treaty. We welcome INC delegates to drop in and join us for conversations with scientists with expertise in plastics pollution.

Our aim is to facilitate sharing of scientific knowledge with delegates and help find a point of contact with our broad scientific communities.

The Global Plastics Treaty should be informed by multi-disciplinary knowledge. For the integration of scientific evidence into the negotiations, it is essential that independent, robust, and transparent science is available to leaders and member states in a comprehensive manner.











# Activities ...

- Review of background documents and scientific syntheses to the negotiation process.
  - O Compass report reviewed by 30 scientists, >300 comments
  - O Raised issues with scoping of the documents (emphasizing systems perspectives)
- Participation and representation in webinars and side-events relating to the Plastics Treaty.
- Engagement with government delegates on scientific questions.
- Mobilisation of scientific experts for the Plastics Treaty, coordinating for INC-2.







Reviewer feedback on "A Compass to End Plastic Pollution: Pathways to a New Plastics Economy" from the Scientists' Coalition for an Effective Plastics Treaty

The authors thank UNEP for the opportunity to review these important documents which are ambitious in scope; the authors have tried to cover many issues. Due to the short turnover time, we have prioritised highlighting where we see weaknesses of the report, and our aim is to assist the authors in improving the documents. Likewise, due to time constraints, we were unable to review all parts of the report and the topic sheets in depth.

We appreciate the efforts to delineate actions that can be taken to reduce plastic pollution, though a key issue is the lack of a clear framing of the report: Is it intended to provide a compass to the circular economy as one of strategies for the future treaty, or is it the compass for the entire treaty? This delineation is crucial as it influences the critique of the report.

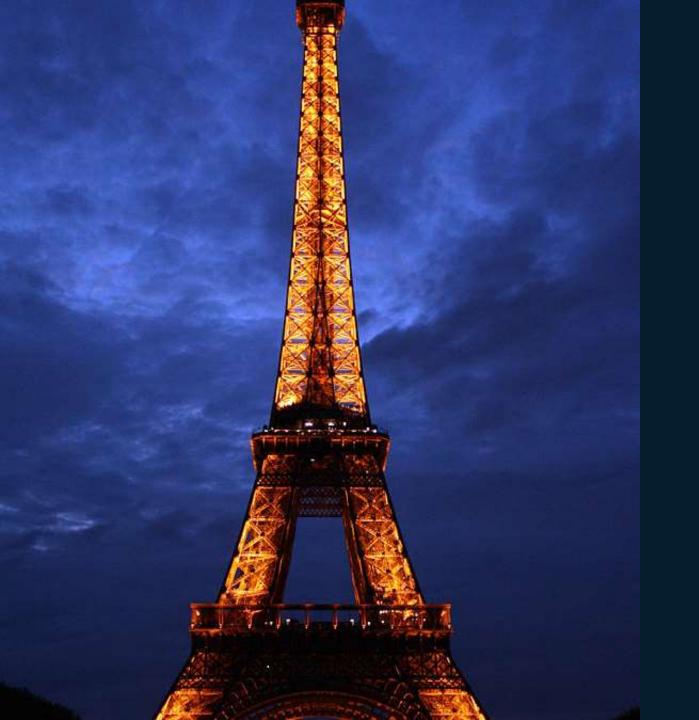
If indeed the report aims to be the compass to guide the plastic treaty negotiations, then it lacks sufficient consideration of the core principles generally recognised as necessary to end plastic pollution, such as the waste hierarchy, prioritising upstream action, prevention and minimization, the polluter pays principle, precautionary principle and the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment. The report also misses the opportunity to take a full systems perspective because it fails to consider the extraction of raw materials, the environmental and health impacts occurring from chemicals as well as nano- and microplastics released in a circular economy, and the interconnection with SDGs as well as the climate and biodiversity crises. The report hence fails to fully respond to the mandate of the plastic treaty negotiations, which goes beyond a circular economy.

In conclusion, if UNEP intends to use the Compass report as the main resource for the INC process, these documents would not only require a more thorough review but also a substantial extension to cover the breadth of the UNEA resolution and all potential solutions. Creating such a comprehensive report will require a multidisciplinary approach that cannot only be guided by economics.

If the report is intended to provide a compass towards a circular economy specifically, then this needs to be expressly reflected in the title and executive summary. That includes stating throughout the report what aspects are not considered or taken into account. Importantly, UNEP would then need to provide additional resources that focus on other pathways to solve plastic pollution, including but not limited to reducing production and consumption.

Whilst the report provides a promising summary of the benefits of the circular economy, and may provide motivation for the actions needed, a circular economy should be restorative and regenerative by design. In addition, the transition to a circular economy presented in the report originates from a very eurocentric perspective, largely neglecting the societal and technical challenges and needs in the Global South. These important aspects are either missing or not fully addressed in the current document.

Note, at this point we include a disclaimer. We were not able to complete a full and thorough review of all of the documents given the short turnaround time, and have focused detailed comments (see excel sheet) on the executive summary, specific portions of the report, and some of the supporting documents. There are several members of our group who are hesitant to include their names as reviewers unless more time is given. We request that any mention of reviewers is clearly stated as





# The road to Paris...

UNEP and the INC welcome participation of scientists...

#### BUT

Academic institutions cannot become accredited to UNEP (they often do not fulfill non-profit and nongovernmental requirements)

So academics struggle to get to the meetings and attend under a different affiliation.

?? Transparency ?? Credibility

# **Moving forward ...**

# Working groups

- O Chemicals and Polymers
- O Bioplastics and Biodegradable plastics
- O Circular Economy
- O Chemical Recycling
- O Effective national and global indicators, monitoring, and reporting

# Engaging in discussions around the formation of a Science Advisory Board

- O For the negotiation process?
- O Incorporated into the treaty?

# **Conflicts of Interest**

- O False solutions
- O Regrettable substitutions
- O Green washing -> Business as usual



# **Scientific Advisory Board**

- 42% of the national submissions to INC call for the establishment of a science body.
- Intermin Science Advisory Mechanism
  - O respond ad hoc to information requests of parties with regards to scientific questions,
  - O provide **peer reviews of and feedback** on relevant INC documents at the request of parties or the Secretariat,
  - O **contribute science documents** at the request of parties or the Secretariat,
  - O **suggest experts** from the larger scientific community to take part in events related to the INC process.

- Experts, PhD or equivalent, active research programs, previous experience in expert groups, nominations (by MS, INC, Scientist Coalition(?))
  - O environmental economics and engineering,
  - O environmental sciences,
  - O life sciences
  - O material sciences
  - O social sciences and humanities,
  - O indigenous scientists.

- Yet to be determined Mandate, participants, funding model, support staff (coordinator, facilitator, communicator)
- Going forward Science advisory mechanism in The Plastics Treaty? SPP?



# Conflicts of interest

- Impares objectivity
- Creates unfair advantages
- → Challenge the problem
- → Challenge the cause
- → Challenge the messenger
- → Challenge the solutions

Muddy the waters, create doubt, delay real action

### Common tactics:

- o To misrepresent information
- o To criticize scientific study design to highlight shortcomings
- To discredit the authors of the study
- To provide misleading literature, organize/fund conferences, exploit scientific illiteracy
- To publish misinformation using consulting companies that specialize in supporting the private interests
- To hide the sources of funding for research
- To use exaggerated and misrepresentative language
- To influence government agencies and legislation by gaining undue proximity to regulators and policymakers, i.e. lobbying..







# Thank you!

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02 MAY 2023 13:15 - 14:45 CICG | Room B & Online OEWG SPP CWP, GEN

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Advancing a Human Rights-based Approach to Pollution for People and the Planet | BRS COPs 2023 Side Event

10 MAY 2023 13:15 - 14:45 CICG | Room C & Online OHCHR, UNEP, UNDP, ILO, UNECE, FAO, Minamata Convention on Mercury, UN EMG, GEN

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O SDG12



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Parties' Environmental
Action through Data and
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Chemicals and PollutionSDG17







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## Decent Work in Naturebased Solutions

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Measuring, modelling,
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Bank Initiative

09 MAY 2023 13:30 - 15:00 Online | Webex ILO, World Bank Group, Circle Economy, GEN

Green Economy

O SDG8



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Innovating and Unlocking Finance for Nature-based Solutions

11 MAY 2023 16:00 - 17:30 Palais des Nations | Room XXIV & Online EU, IUCN, GEN

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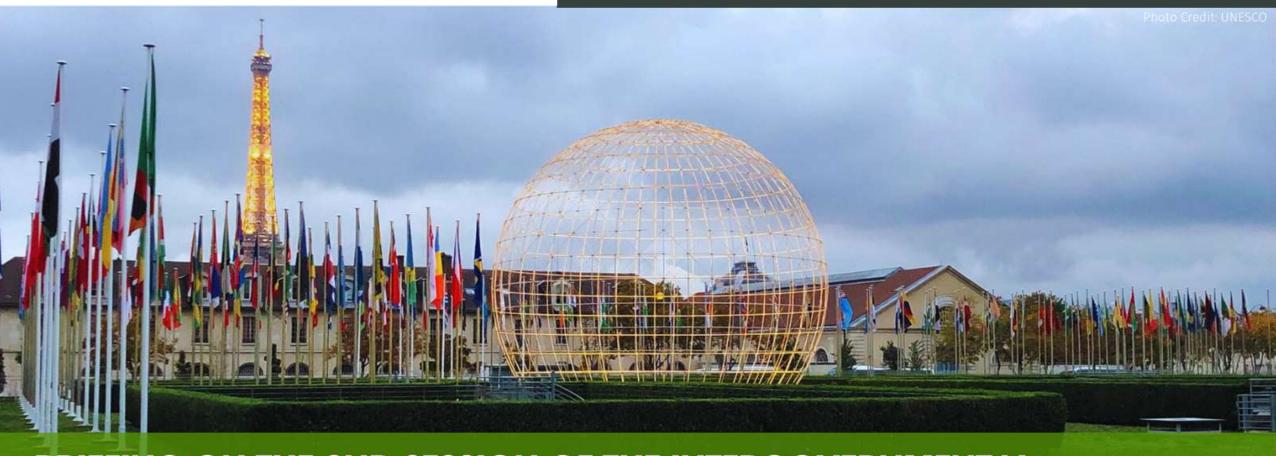
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