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# MAKING HUMAN RIGHTS CENTRAL IN THE CHEMICALS AND WASTE DISCUSSIONS

20 SEPTEMBER 2023 | 13:15 - 14:45 CEST | PALAIS DES NATIONS, ROOM H.307-1 & ONLINE





**GENEVA TOXIC FREE TALKS**

**20 - 22 SEPTEMBER 2023**

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# PROGRAM

Taking place on the sidelines of the 54th session of the Human Rights Council, this year's Geneva Toxic Free Talks highlights the work of the Special Rapporteur and of organizations in the struggle for the right to live in a toxic-free environment.

All events are taking place at Palais des Nations and online.

## Wednesday, 20 September

- 9:00-10:00 CEST | Greenwashing and False Solutions Are Toxic for Human Rights | Room H.307-1
- 13:15-14:45 CEST | Making Human Rights Central in Chemicals and Waste Discussions | Room H.307-1

## Thursday, 21 September

- 13:00-14:30 CEST | No More Agrottoxics in our Food and Environment! | Agroecology: A Key Element for a Just Transition | Room H.207
- 15:30-16:30 CEST | Paths for Alternatives and a Just Transition for Chemical Workers | Room H.307-2

## Friday, 22 September

- 10:00-11:00 CEST | International Maritime Organization: Navigating the Rights Way | Room XXV
- 13:00-14:00 CEST | Integrating Detoxification and Decarbonization to Protect Human Rights of Affected Communities | Room XXV | with the Permanent Mission of Chile
- 15:00-16:00 CEST | Right to Science, Central to the Future Science-Policy Panel to Contribute Further to the Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste and to Prevent Pollution | Room H.307-2



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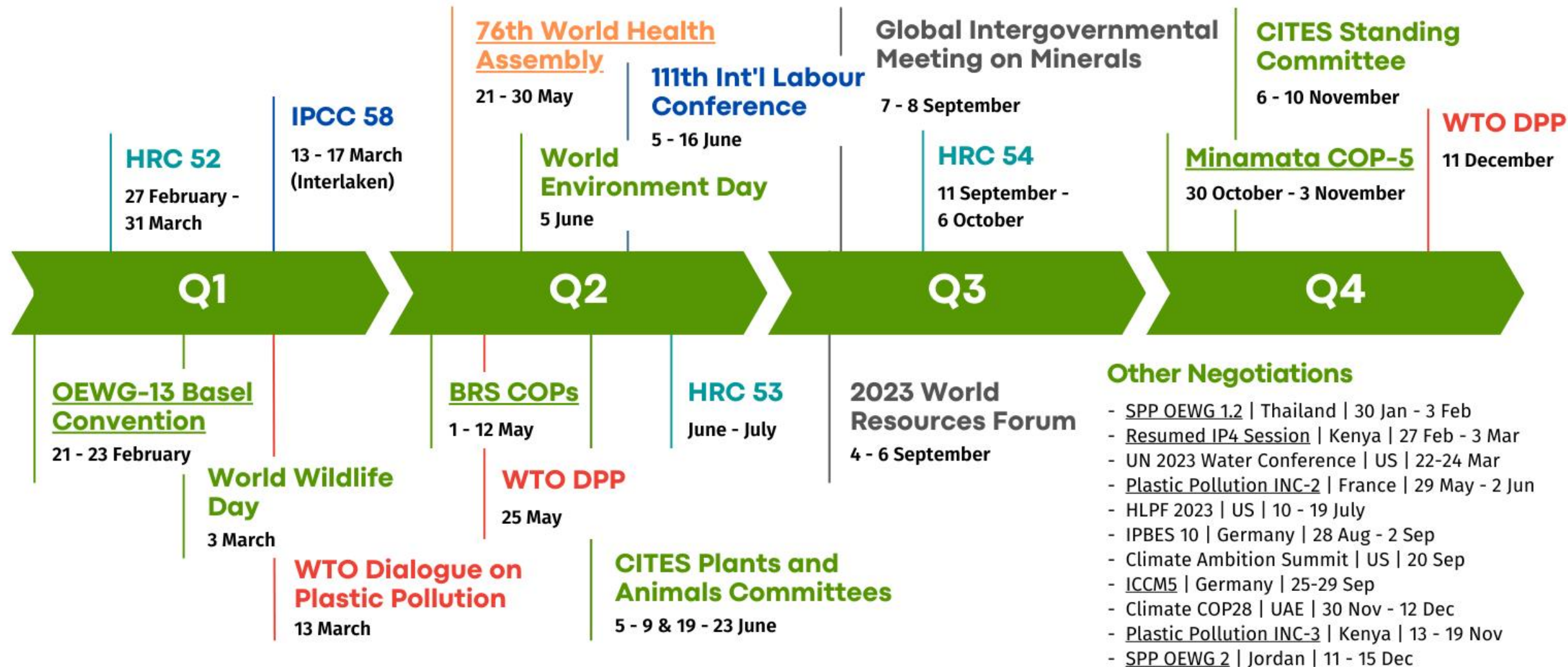


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# 2023 Environmental Agenda in Geneva



# Making Human Rights Central in the Chemicals and Waste Discussions



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## SPEAKERS

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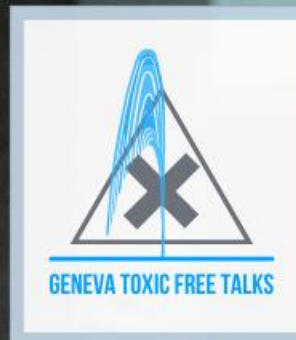




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# UNEA RESOLUTION “END PLASTIC POLLUTION: TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONAL LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENT”

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Nations Environment Programme  
Fifth session  
Nairobi (hybrid), 22 and 23 February 2021  
and 28 February–2 March 2022

## Resolution adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly on 2 March 2022

### 5/14. End plastic pollution: towards an international legally binding instrument

*The United Nations Environment Assembly,*

*Noting with concern* that the high and rapidly increasing levels of plastic pollution represent a serious environmental problem at a global scale, negatively impacting the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainable development,

*Recognizing* that plastic pollution includes microplastics,

*Noting with concern* the specific impact of plastic pollution on the marine environment,

*Noting* that plastic pollution, in marine and other environments, can be of a transboundary nature and needs to be tackled, together with its impacts, through a full-life-cycle approach, taking into account national circumstances and capabilities,

EP

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# COP-5 Substantive Discussions

Topic	Issue
Mercury Supply Sources and Trade	Unrecognized mining and trade
Mercury Added Products	Proposed amendments to Annex A – cosmetics, dental amalgam Entry into force of Annex A (COP-4)
ASGM	Review of National Action Plans Meaningful engagement with Indigenous Peoples in ASGM
Emissions and Releases	National plans and inventories on emissions BAT/BEP practices to control releases
National Reporting	Improving the reporting format
Gender	Mainstreaming gender Gender action plan





# COP-5 Intersessional Work

Issues	
Indigenous Peoples	Compilation of views from indigenous peoples and local communities
	Monitoring of mercury and mercury compounds in and around ASGM communities
Stakeholder Engagement	Participation in open-ended and technical working groups and regional meetings
	Brown bag with the Executive Secretary







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# Thank you for your attention

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elutants, plasticizers, agents in production of extruded polystyrene & polyurethane foams  
duction of polyurethane using mercury containing catalysts & in vinyl chloride



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**There are more than  
350,000  
manufactured  
chemicals**



# Climate Change

Petrochemicals are exacerbating climate change during production, use and end-of-life



# Biodiversity Loss

Pesticides and other toxic chemicals have adverse effects on ecosystems and biodiversity

# Pollutants/Pollution

Toxic chemicals are poisoning communities and the environment





# PLASTIC WASTE POISONING FOOD AND THREATENING COMMUNITIES IN AFRICA, ASIA, CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA

June 2021



# PLASTIC WASTE TRADE THE HIDDEN NUMBERS

March 2023



The Last Beach Cleanup



# WIDESPREAD CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION OF RECYCLED PLASTIC PELLETS GLOBALLY

December 2021

Lead authors:  
Sara Brosché, Ph.D.  
Jitka Strakova, MSc,

Lee Bell, MSc,  
Therese Karlsson, Ph.D.







It will require:

transparent processes with robust conflict of interest policies;

a focus on upstream measures;

that the precautionary principle is guiding and that;

toxic chemicals are regulated as groups.



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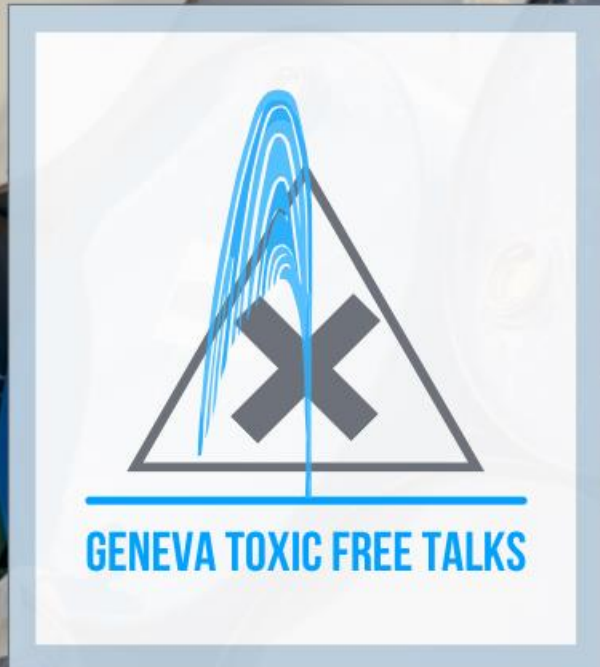
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26 SEP 2023 14:00 – 15:30  
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