

## **Implementation of the UN Environment Assembly resolution 3/7 on Marine litter and microplastics**

**Monday, 22 October 2018**

**Time: 13:00 -14:30**

**Venue: Conference Room 9**

**Bitings will be served**

### Description of event:

Marine litter is found in all the world's oceans and seas, even in remote areas far from human contact and obvious sources of the problem, constituting an increasing risk to ecosystem health and biodiversity, while entailing substantial economic costs through its impacts on public health, tourism, shipping, fishing and aquaculture. The side-event will provide an update on the implementation of the UN Environment Assembly resolution 3/7 on Marine litter and microplastics, including preparations for the upcoming Second Meeting of the Ad hoc open-ended experts group on marine litter and microplastics, 3-7 December 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland. It will further outline and discuss opportunities for member States and Major Groups and Stakeholders to prepare, actively participate in and contribute to the meeting.

The event will:

1. Brief participants on agenda and structure of the Second Meeting of the Ad hoc open-ended experts' group (including workshops) and discuss expected outcomes and proposed format for these
2. Brief participants on opportunities for providing input to the Second Meeting of the Ad hoc open-ended experts group as well as the other reports under preparing for UNEA-4 and encourage participation in the meeting (travel support application deadline for countries is 2 November)
3. Update on resolution implementation (3/7 on marine litter and microplastics) including work under the Global Partnership on Marine Litter
4. Questions & Answers