

Invitation to the Forum on the Multi-stakeholder Platform on Marine Litter and Microplastics

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the **Forum on the Multi-stakeholder Platform on Marine Litter and Microplastics on 13 July 2021** organized by the Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MoEJ), with technical and logistical support from the United Nations Environment Programme.

Date: 13 July 2021, 12-4pm EAT

Venue: Online (virtual platform: GoTo Webinar)

Based on the resolution UNEP/EA.4/Res.6 operative paragraph 3, UNEA decided to establish *a multi-stakeholder platform “for enabling governments, industry, academia, civil society and other stakeholders to share experiences and coordinate action”*, and in response to the resolution, UNEP has been releasing the Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML) Digital Platform in a phased manner towards its final launch in June 2023.

Considering the urgency of the marine plastic litter issue and the goals of the digital platform including 1) integrating data and information from multiple sources; 2) connecting stakeholders; 3) identifying gaps and helping prioritize actions; 4) coordinating and guiding action based on the best available information; and 5) facilitating target setting and measuring progress, we must create and coordinate actions.

MoEJ is ready to contribute to the multi-stakeholder platform to facilitate its usage and expand its scope, and would like to host a forum where the multi-stakeholder platform enables subject-specific discussions, coordinates existing actions and creates further actions.

This forum is intended to identify immediate and concrete activities to be implemented involving various stakeholders and aims to enhance the use of the digital platform.

We cordially invite you to join the online forum on **13 July 2021**. Please find the attached draft agenda for your reference. Registration for this event is required and should be done online by **9 July** at the latest, through the [link](#).

We look forward to your participation in this forum and to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



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