

Informal technical briefings to support discussions at INC-1

Session 1: Organization of INC-1

Tuesday 1 November

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Outline of the session

Introduction and welcome from the INC secretariat

Part 1)

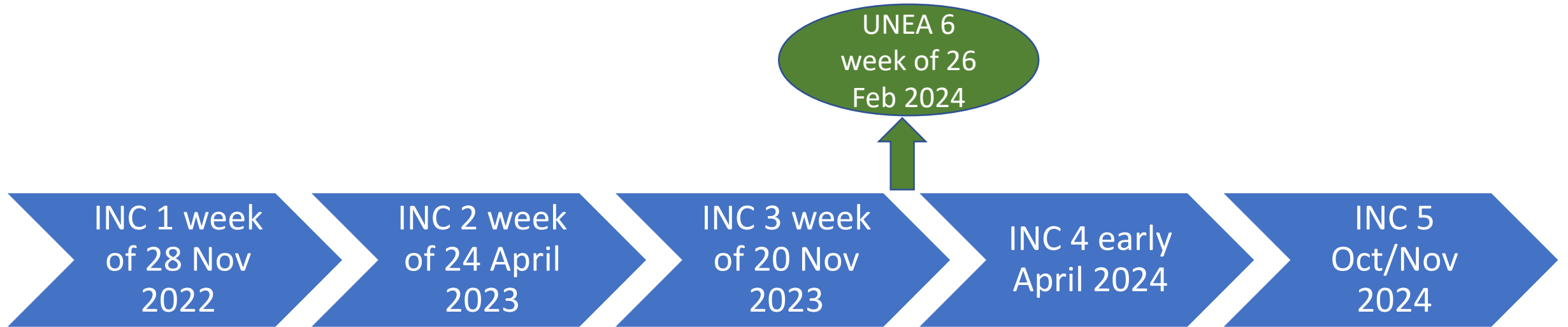
- a) Logistics and Overview, Presenter: Jyoti Mathur-Filipp
- c) Q & A session facilitated by the secretariat

Part 2)

- a) Meeting scenario and documentation, Presenter: Brenda Koekkoek
- b) Q & A session facilitated by the secretariat

Secretariat wrap-up & announcement of next sessions

Timeline for the INC process (tbc by the INC)



- INC 1 28 Nov – 2 December 2022, Punta del Este Convention and Exhibition Centre, Uruguay

INC-1 Meeting Flow

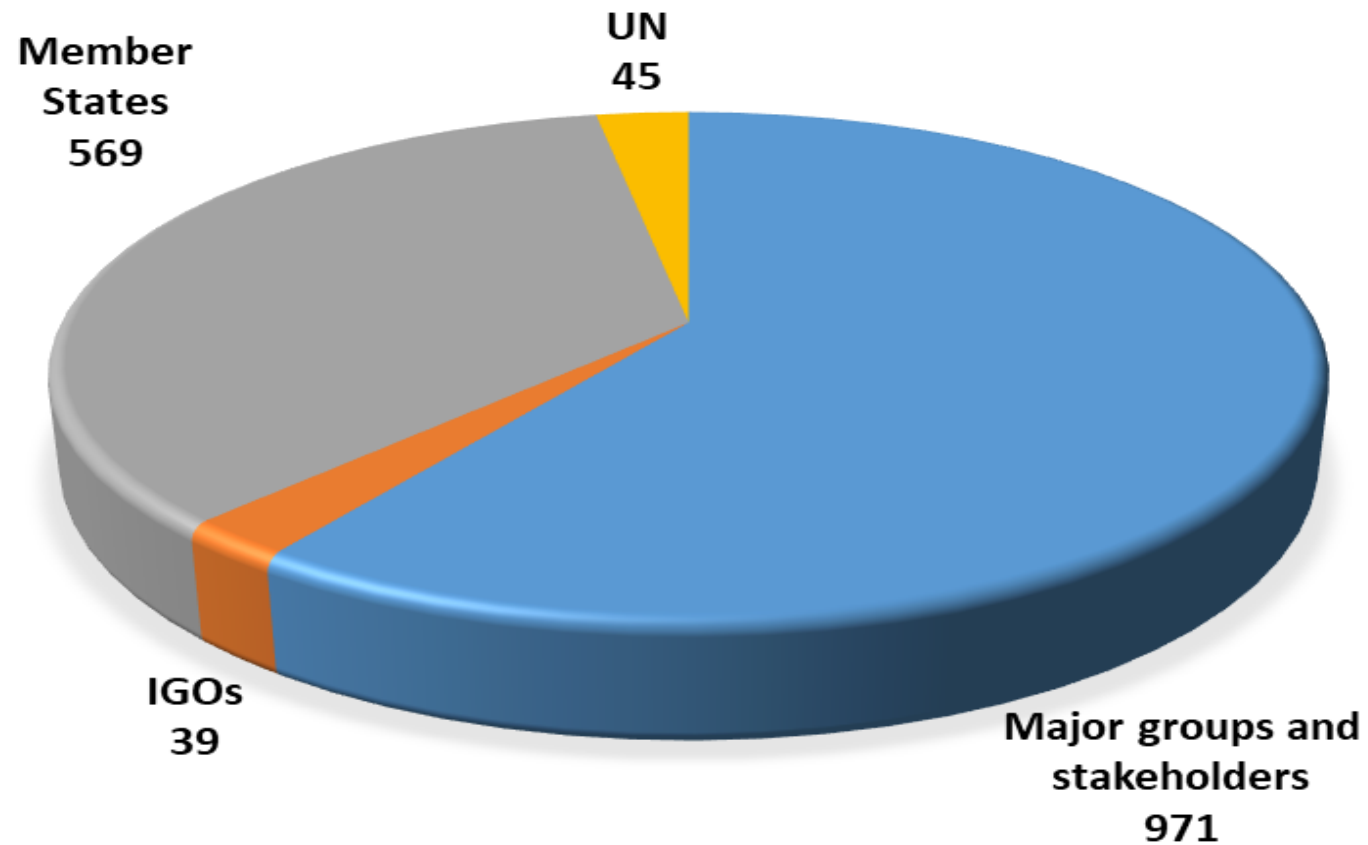


- Application for travel support closed
- Deadline for registration for all participants is **7 November**
- Visas to be issued by the host country this week

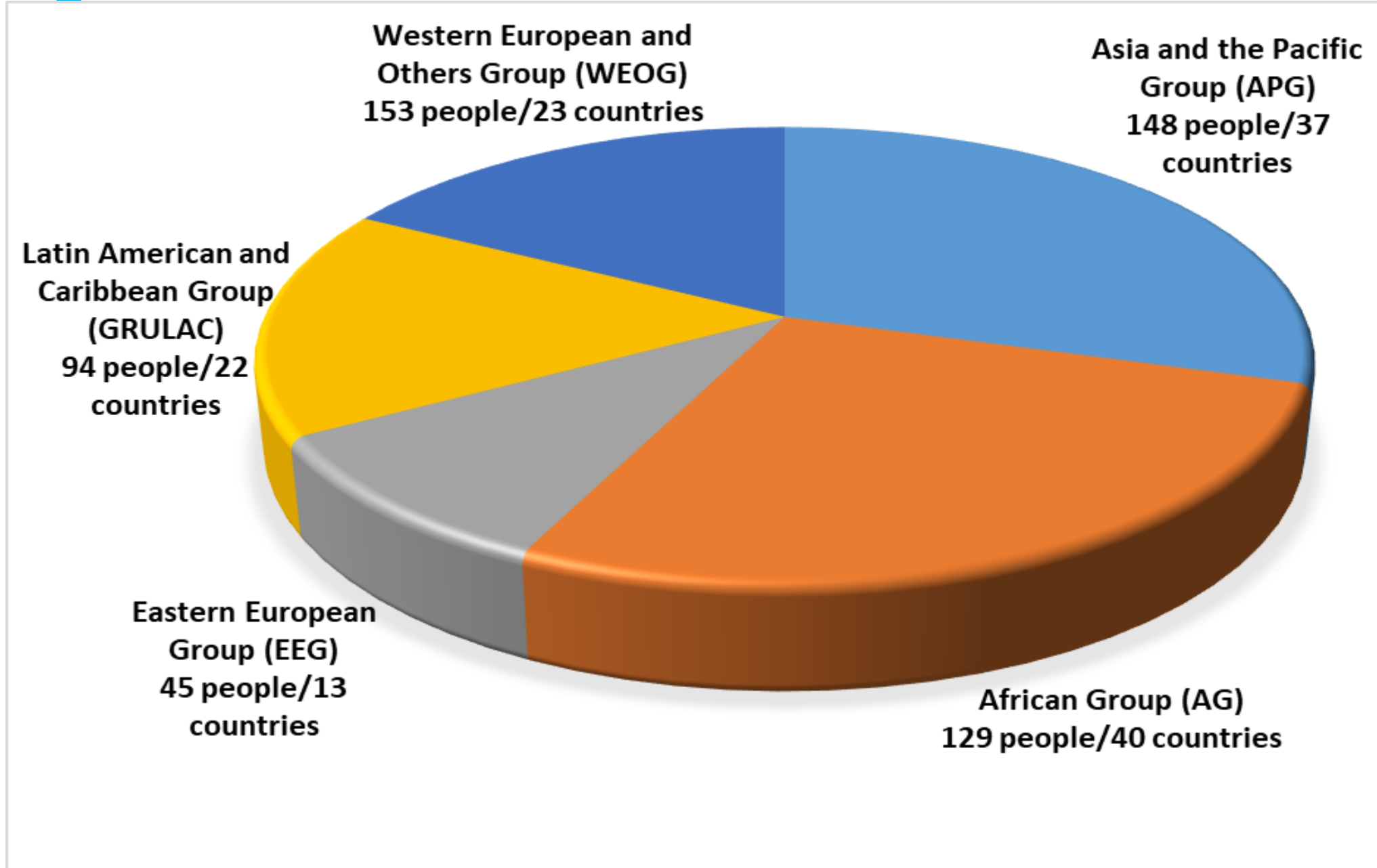
Registration overview

	In-person registration	Online registration	Total no. of Member States or Entitles represented/registered
Member States	371	198	569
Major Groups and Stakeholders	773	198	971
IGOs	27	12	39
UN System	32	13	45
Total	1203	421	1624

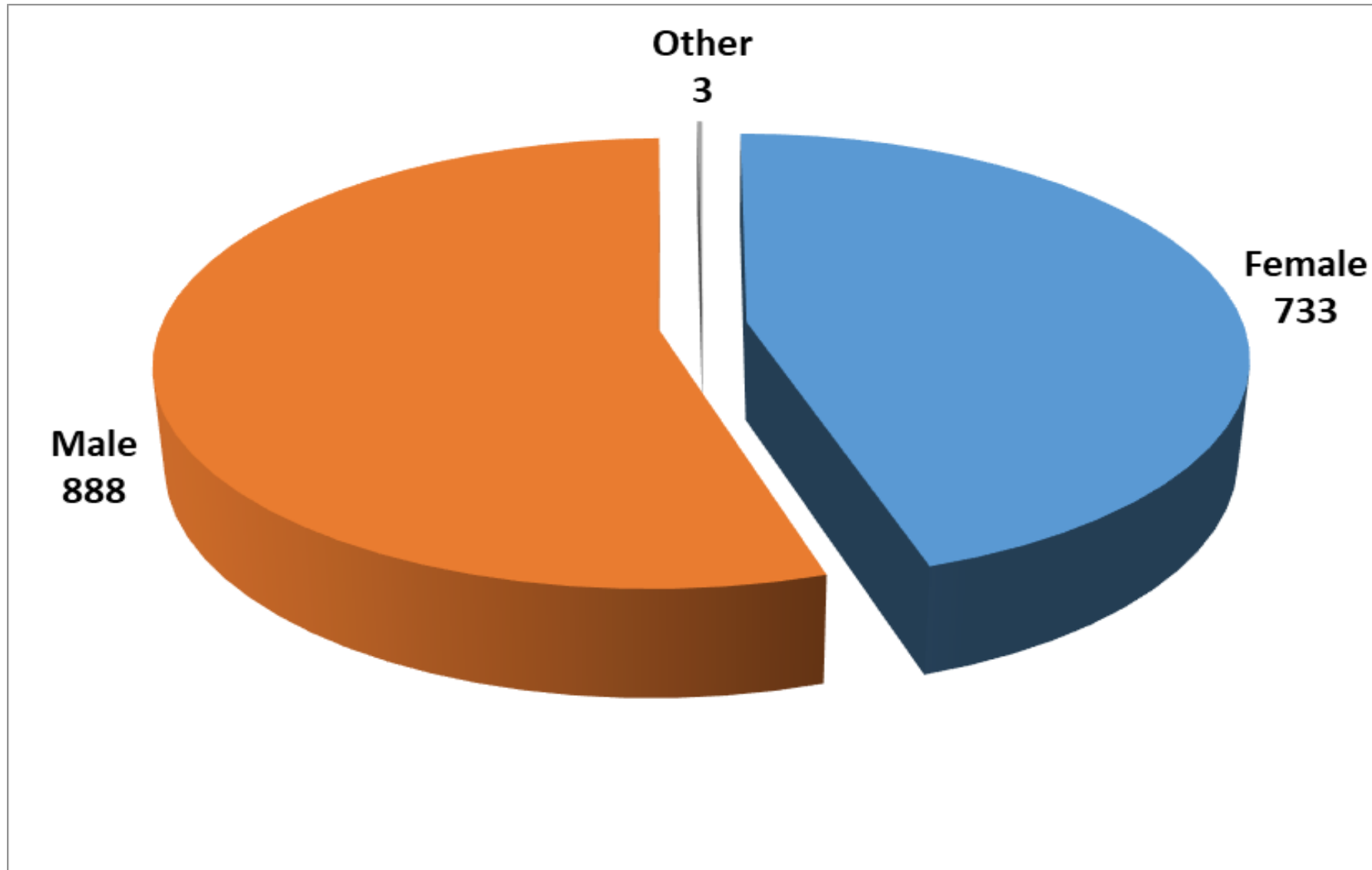
Registration Update



Registration breakdown: Member States



Gender Representation of Registrants



Logistical information

- **INC-1 logistics note:**

<https://www.unep.org/events/conference/inter-governmental-negotiating-committee-meeting-inc-1>

- **Plastic-free meeting.** Delegates are suggested to bring their own water bottles to the meeting. Water dispensers for refilling will be provided.
- **Registration will open** 25 November, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; 26 November - 1 December, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Transfer services** will be available between:
 - i. The capital Montevideo and Punta del Este for flight arrivals and departures
 - ii. Punta del Este city centre and the venue every day.
- **Visa letters:** The Government of Uruguay will issue special **individual letters** to participants authorizing entry into the country without a visa. Please note that only participants that require a visa will be issued the letter.
- **Accommodation list is available on-line:** Due to peak season in Uruguay, participants are encouraged to book hotels as early as possible.

Participation in the meeting

- Hybrid meeting
- Draft rules of procedure for the work of the INC set out in document UNEP/PP/INC.1/3, as agreed by the OEWG. Member States should be prepared to finalize and adopt the rules of procedure under item 3 (a)
- The time limits for statements:
 - 5 minutes for each statement made on behalf of a group of States
 - 3 minutes for statements by representatives of individual delegations
 - 3 minutes for statements from the nine UNEP major groups and stakeholders
 - 3 minutes for statements by observers, time permitting
- Preliminary schedule to guide participants through the planning for the session is set out in Annex II of the Scenario Note

Questions

Documentation

- All 10 documents requested at the OEWG are available online in English, language versions will follow shortly.

<https://www.unep.org/about-un-environment/inc-plastic-pollution>

List of documents

UNEP/PP/INC.1/1 Provisional agenda

UNEP/PP/INC.1/1/Add.1 Annotated provisional agenda

UNEP/PP/INC.1/2 Scenario note

UNEP/PP/INC.1/3 Draft rules of procedure

UNEP/PP/INC.1/4 Broad options for the structure of the instrument

UNEP/PP/INC.1/5 Potential elements, including key concepts, procedures and mechanisms that may be relevant to the future instrument

UNEP/PP/INC.1/6 Glossary of key terms

List of Documentation (continued)

UNEP/PP/INC.1/7 Plastic pollution science

UNEP/PP/INC.1/8 Description of standard articles on final provisions

UNEP/PP/INC.1/9 Overview of existing funding currently available

UNEP/PP/INC.1/10 Information to promote cooperation and coordination with relevant regional and international conventions, instruments and organizations

UNEP/PP/INC.1/11 Priorities, needs, challenges and barriers at national level

UNEP/PP/INC.1/12 Overview of stakeholder engagement frameworks under other instruments

UNEP/PP/INC.1/13 Existing information that might assist policymakers

INC-1 Provisional agenda

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (c) Organization of work.
4. Preparation of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report.
7. Closure of the session.

Date/Time	Saturday, 26 Nov	Sunday, 27 Nov	Monday, 28 Nov	Tuesday, 29 Nov	Wednesday, 30 Nov	Thursday, 1 Dec	Friday, 2 Dec
8–9 a.m.	Registration ^a	8–11 a.m. Informal meeting of candidates nominated by their regional groups to the Bureau	--	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting	Bureau meeting
9–10 a.m.	9.30 a.m.– 6.15 p.m. Multi- stakeholder forum		Regional meetings	Regional meetings	Regional meetings	Regional meetings	Regional meetings
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		INC plenary ^b	INC plenary	INC plenary ^c	INC plenary ^d	INC plenary	
1–3 p.m.		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
3–6 p.m.		11 a.m.–6 p.m. Regional meetings ^e	INC plenary	INC plenary ^f or stakeholder dialogue	INC plenary ^g	INC plenary ^h	INC plenary (closure of the session)
6–6.30 p.m.		--	--	--	--	--	--
6.30–7 p.m.	--	Bureau check-in	Bureau check-in	Bureau check-in	Bureau check-in	--	
7 p.m. onwardsⁱ		Host country reception	Informal dialogue among delegates	Informal dialogue among delegates ^j	Informal dialogue among delegates ^k		

Structuring the discussions / Agenda item 4

Discussions will cover two different but related considerations:

- 1) What should be included in the legally binding instrument?**
- 2) How could the process be structured in order to reach agreement by the end of 2024?**

Further potential questions that could facilitate discussions at INC-1 (Scenario Note paras 26 & 27)

1. Considerations for the legally binding instrument:
 - (a) Which problem or problems will the instrument aim to address? How will the aim be reflected in the instrument?
 - (b) What core obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches would provide a comprehensive approach to addressing the problem or problems?
 - (c) How can the instrument create an incentive-based approach and enabling environment such that it is in everyone's interest to implement their obligations?
2. Considerations in structuring the process to reach agreement:
 - (a) On what issues can early agreement be envisaged?
 - (b) What areas require further work to be undertaken by the secretariat or by the Chair of the committee? By when?
 - (c) How can the intergovernmental negotiating committee ensure that the interests of all stakeholders are considered and contribute to the process of elaborating the instrument?

Possible outcomes of INC-1:

- a. Preliminary discussion on possible options for scope, objectives & structure;
- b. Explored issues in paragraphs 3 and 4 of UNEA resolution 5/14;
- c. Identified provisions that will require significant further consideration and provisions on which agreement is likely to be reached more readily;
- d. Discussed standard articles on final provisions, and agree in principle or agree on need for further discussion;
- e. Agreed to a timetable for further discussion of provisions that is consistent with the need to conclude the negotiations by 2024;
- f. Discussed sequencing and clustering of the committee's work;
- g. Requested the secretariat for any additional information or analysis required for the INC, including a possible mandate to prepare a zero-draft text of the instrument for consideration at INC-2;
- h. Agreed on the dates, venue and provisional agenda of INC-2;
- i. Agreed on any intersessional work to be carried out in 2023;
- j. Discussed the possibility of convening future multi-stakeholder forums.

Next sessions: Informal technical briefings to support discussions at INC-1

Date/ (14:00 – 15:30 EAT)	Topic
Tuesday 1 November 2022	Organization of the INC-1 and its scenario note
Thursday 3 November 2022	Potential elements; structure; glossary of key terms; and final provisions
Wednesday 9 November 2022	Plastics science; and overview of existing funding
Friday 11 November 2022	Priorities, needs, challenges and barriers to end plastic pollution at national level; and existing information that might assist policymakers
Tuesday 15 November 2022	Stakeholder engagement; and cooperation and coordination with relevant regional and international conventions, instruments and organizations. Organization of the Multistakeholder Forum.

Questions

Thank you

For questions and queries, please write to:
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