Informal technical briefings to support discussions at INC-1

Session 1: Organization of INC-1

Tuesday 1 November

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UNEP-Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee Secretariat on Plastics
## Outline of the session

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**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 week of 28 Nov 2022
- INC 2 week of 24 April 2023
- INC 3 week of 20 Nov 2023
- INC 4 early April 2024
- INC 5 Oct/Nov 2024

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

Multi-stakeholder Forum
26 Nov

Regional meetings / Bureau
27 Nov

INC-1
28 Nov to 2 Dec

- 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

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Registration Update

- Member States: 569
- UN: 45
- IGOs: 39
- Major groups and stakeholders: 971
Registration breakdown: Member States

- **Western European and Others Group (WEOG)**
  - 153 people
  - 23 countries

- **Asia and the Pacific Group (APG)**
  - 148 people
  - 37 countries

- **Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC)**
  - 94 people
  - 22 countries

- **Eastern European Group (EEG)**
  - 45 people
  - 13 countries

- **African Group (AG)**
  - 129 people
  - 40 countries
Gender Representation of Registrants

- Female: 733
- Male: 888
- Other: 3
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.
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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

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<td>Stakeholder engagement; and cooperation and coordination with relevant regional and international conventions, instruments and organizations. Organization of the Multistakeholder Forum.</td>
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Questions
Thank you

For questions and queries, please write to:
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