
Plastics pollution negotiations training

Intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

10 November 2022

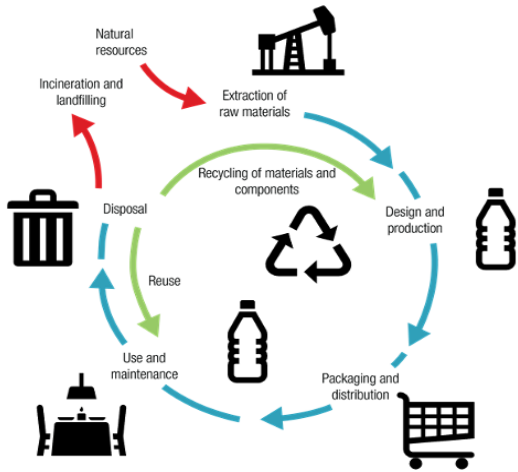
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End Plastic Pollution Resolution in a nutshell

- Develop an international legally binding instrument on **plastic pollution** addressing the **full life cycle of plastic**
- UNEP to convene an **ad hoc open-ended working group (OEWG)** in first half of 2022 to prepare for the work of the INC
- Convene an **intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC)**:
 - Starting: second half of 2022, Completing: end of 2024
 - Convene a multi-stakeholder forum at INC-1 to exchange information
- Convene a **diplomatic conference of plenipotentiaries** upon completion of negotiations to adopt the instrument and open it for signature

WHAT will the instrument consider? (para. 3 of UNEA resolution 5/14)



- Promote sustainable production and consumption of plastics, including:
 - product design, and environmentally sound waste management
 - through resource efficiency and circular economy approaches.
- Capacity building, technologies, technical & financial assistance.
- Data, monitoring, reporting, means of assessing implementation & effectiveness.
- Address Compliance.
- Promote National Action Plans.
- Research & innovation; scientific and socio-economic info. and assessment.
- Multi-stakeholder engagement, cooperation, coordination, action at all levels.

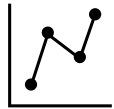
HOW will the instrument deliver? (para. 4 of UNEA resolution 5/14)



- Consider obligations, measures, and voluntary approaches in supporting the achievements of the instrument's objectives.



- Finance mechanism to support the implementation, and consideration of a dedicated multilateral fund.



- National circumstances.



- Mechanism for policy-relevant scientific and socio-economic information and assessment.

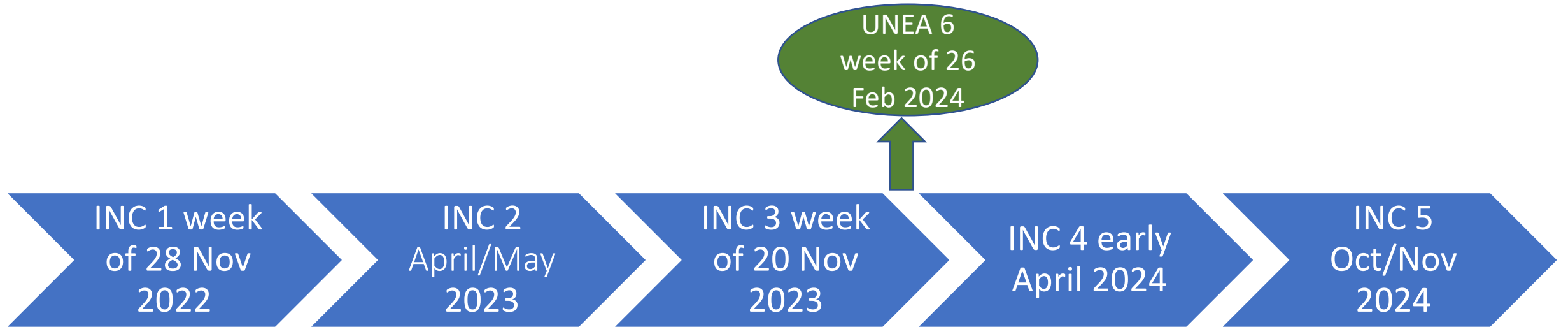


- Lessons learned and best practices.

Ad hoc open-ended working group meeting

- 30 May to 1 June in Dakar, Senegal
- Key outcomes:
 - Indicative date (week of 28 November 2022) and host (Uruguay) for INC1
 - Guidance to the secretariat in the preparation of documents for INC1
 - Recommendations to the INC:
 - five sessions of INC to be organized
 - nominal timetable for sessions
 - Rules of Procedure forwarded to INC-1 for consideration and adoption
 - Series of multi-stakeholder dialogues convened stakeholders on key topics
- For more information, refer to <https://www.unep.org/events/unep-event/Intergovernmental-Negotiating-Committee-end-plastic-pollution>

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

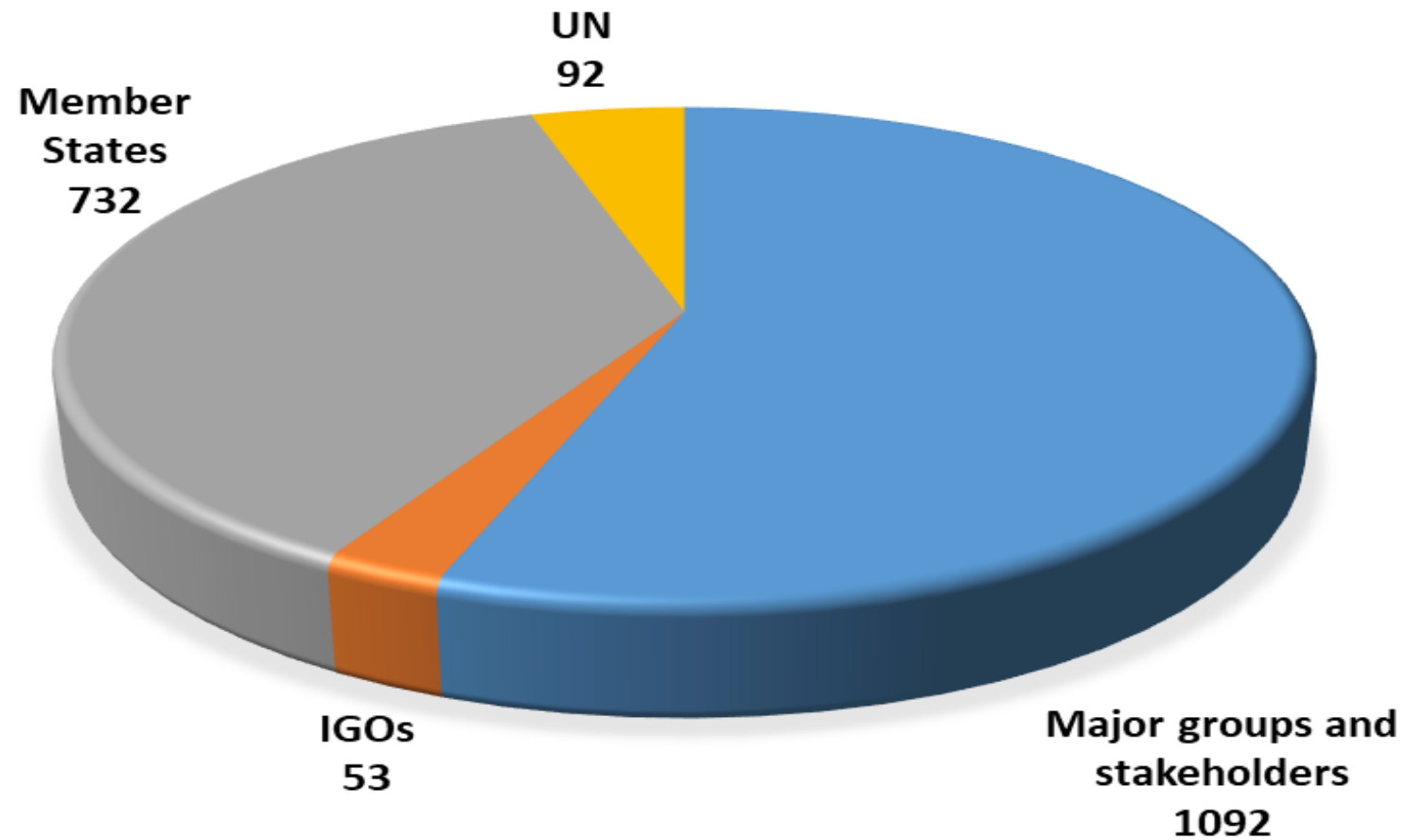


- Application for travel support now closed
- Registration closed on **7 November**
- Visa exemption letters to be issued by the host country to those requiring visa to enter into Uruguay soon

Registration overview

	In-person Registration	Online Registration	Number of Country/ Organization Represented	Total no. of Member States or Entities registered
Member States	487	313	155	800
Major Groups and Stakeholders	784	293	388	1077
IGOs	34	20	36	54
UN system	76	16	-	92
Total	1342	627	-	2023

Registration Update



Logistical information

- **INC-1 logistics note (updated regularly by secretariat):**

<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.
- **Badge collection centre** will open on 25 November from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.. From 26 November onwards it will be open from 8 a.m. to 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. Participants are responsible for obtaining any transit visit required.
- **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 nine UNEP major groups and stakeholders
 - 3 minutes for statements by other observers
- Preliminary schedule to guide participants through the planning for the session is set out in Annex II of the Scenario Note

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 Plastics 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 opens	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	11 a.m.–6 p.m. Regional meetings ^e	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.		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?**

A set of related questions are outlined in the scenario note (paras 26 & 27)

Thank you

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