

Concept note on the stakeholder dialogue at the first session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

I. Introduction

Pursuant to paragraph 3 (l) of United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/14, entitled “End plastic pollution: towards an international legally binding instrument”, the instrument would include provisions to encourage action by all stakeholders, including the private sector, and to promote cooperation at the global, regional, national and local levels. To facilitate an additional opportunity for the committee to exchange views with stakeholders participating in the first session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC-1), the secretariat is organizing a stakeholder dialogue in the afternoon of Tuesday 29 November 2022 from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m, local time, GMT-3. Simultaneous interpretation in the six UN languages will be provided during the stakeholder dialogue.

II. Focus and Objectives

1. The objective of the stakeholder dialogue is to:
 - Support the committee to effectively consider stakeholders actions, as well as needs and interests in the intergovernmental negotiations.
 - Further facilitate a two-way dialogue between Member States and stakeholders to allow for a diversity of voices during the negotiations on the historic resolution to develop a legally binding instrument.
 - Provide a space to share ideas with the committee on the future of the multi-stakeholder forum and dialogue as well as on how to initiate a multi-stakeholder action agenda.
2. The stakeholder dialogue will build upon the key outcomes of the Multi-stakeholder Forum, taking place in conjunction with the INC-1 on 26 November 2022. The key outcomes and messages from the Forum will be summarized at the opening of the dialogue’s session.

III. Proposed agenda for the stakeholder dialogue

3. The proposed agenda for the stakeholder dialogue is set out below:
 - 5’ Introduction to the session by the moderator¹ of the multi-stakeholder dialogue
 - 25’ Delivery of key messages from the Multi-stakeholder Forum
 - 30’ The plastics future we want - various stakeholders present their views, envisioning the world in 2040 through collective action that ends plastics pollution
 - 45’ Further statements from participating stakeholders, including an indication of potential elements, and how these could be considered in the creation of a multi-stakeholder action agenda.
 - 60’ Questions from Member States and dialogue with stakeholders
 - 15’ Wrap up of key messages

¹ Moderators will be selected to play a facilitative, bridging voice within the dialogue and will not speak on behalf of their affiliation(s).

IV. Expected Outputs

4. Expected outputs from the dialogue may include:
 - Options for consideration by the committee on the process to continue stakeholder engagement throughout the INC process and how to structure and initiate the multi-stakeholder action agenda
 - Summary of the stakeholder dialogue, to be annexed to the meeting report.
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