

Committee of the Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting  
Nairobi, 19 January 2023

**Outcomes of the first session of the  
intergovernmental negotiating  
committee to develop an  
international legally binding  
instrument on plastic pollution,  
including in the marine  
environment**



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# First session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee

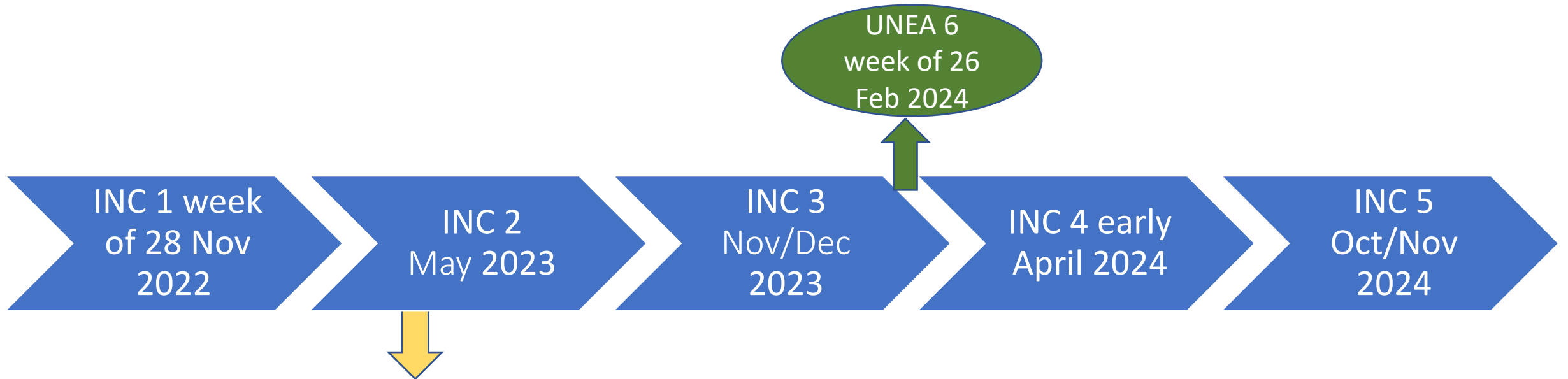
- Took place from 28 November to 2 December 2022 in Punta del Este, Uruguay
- Ambassador Gustavo Meza-Cuadra (Peru) elected chair
- A total of 1.421 participants participated in INC 1 (hybrid): 147 States and the EU, 126 of which participated in person. 10 IGOs and 409 NGOs registered for INC-1
- In-session stakeholder dialogue (29 Nov) and the multi-stakeholder forum (26 Nov, over 900 participants) brought many voices to the discussions on key topics

*All meeting documentation is available at: <https://www.unep.org/events/conference/inter-governmental-negotiating-committee-meeting-inc-1>*

*Full coverage of the meeting was provided by Earth negotiations bulletin:*

*<https://enb.iisd.org/plastic-pollution-marine-environment-negotiating-committee-inc1-summary>*

# Timeline for the INC process



- INC 2: Spring 2023 in Paris, France

# Chair summary of the meeting at the closing plenary

- Started to see areas of convergence
- An instrument that addresses the full life cycle of plastics, protecting human health and the environment
- Special attention to the unique circumstances of those countries most in need
- Need clarity in the objective and scope of the future instrument before moving toward discussions on more specific obligations under the instrument.
- Widespread recognition that National Action Plans will be also a critical component in ensuring the success of the future instrument
- Consistent call to ensure that developing countries are able to actively participate throughout the entire process through adequate and predictable financial support
- Highlighted inclusion of all relevant stakeholders, particularly those in the informal sector.

# Chair summary of the meeting at the closing plenary (cont'd)

- Strong monitoring and reporting mechanisms, ensuring that all Parties have requisite financial and technical support to enable effective reporting.
- Science and technology seen as being central to INC process and to implementation of the future instrument
- Education and public awareness are critical for success
- Took note of all the views expressed on stakeholder engagement, will work with the secretariat to find modalities to ensure a strong stakeholder engagement on the process ahead
- Standard articles on final provisions, will be informed by the form and function of the core obligations, control measures and voluntary approaches agreed upon in negotiations.

# Moving ahead, the INC:

- Requested the secretariat to prepare a **document with potential options for elements** towards an international legally binding instrument, based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastics as called for by UNEA resolution 5/14, including:
  - identifying the objective, substantive provisions including core obligations, control measures, and voluntary approaches, implementation measures, and means of implementation
  - drawing on the views expressed by Members during the first session of the committee and as well as written submissions.
- Agreed tentatively on two work streams:
  - **Substantive elements** in particular: objectives, scope, core obligations, and control measures
  - **Means of implementation** in particular: means of implementation and financing, institutional arrangements, assessment of progress of implementation, and stakeholder engagement. This

# Call for submissions

The Committee invited Members and stakeholders to send to the secretariat their written submissions. In order to have the meeting documents available six weeks ahead the second meeting, Members of the Committee and observers are invited to provide written submissions by the following deadlines:

**By 13 January 2023** for written submissions **from stakeholders** (extended deadline)

**By 10 February 2023** for written submissions **from Members of the Committee**.

All submissions received are uploaded on the meeting page:

<https://www.unep.org/events/conference/second-session-intergovernmental-negotiating-committee-develop-international>

# INC-2

- All Members that have yet to do so are encourage to nominate a focal point for the INC process. All nominations or updated nominations should be communicated to [unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org](mailto:unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org)
- An invitation for the second session of the INC will be circulated in due time with information regarding the registration process, as well and application for travel support.
- For INC-2, the INC secretariat will be able to fund 2 delegates per eligible country.
- All information will be made available on the meeting page (<https://www.unep.org/events/conference/second-session-intergovernmental-negotiating-committee-develop-international>).





# Thank you

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