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Dear Madam/Sir,

On behalf of Ms. Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC), and further to the message circulated on 7 April 2023, the INC Secretariat is pleased to invite you to a series of online technical webinars organized in the lead up to the second session of the INC, scheduled to take place from 29 May to 2 June 2023 at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Headquarters in Paris, France.

All the webinars will be in English only, and no simultaneous translation will be provided. A total of six webinars will be held over several weeks, starting on Friday, 28 April 2023. The purpose of these webinars is to contribute to informing the discussions of the INC-2.

The series will include two technical briefings by the INC Secretariat. In addition, four thematic webinars will be devoted to substantive topics relevant to the negotiations. These topics have been selected to cover a broad range of issues, based on the interests expressed by members of the Committee. These events are conceived to provide a deep dive on topics that will also be part of the thematic side events at INC-2.

The webinars will include initial presentations, followed by a short question-and-answer session.

Details of each webinar and links for registration are provided below.

Webinar 1: Technical briefing on the Potential Options for Elements document

Friday, April 28, 2023, 15:00 - 16:00 EAT

This session will present the Potential Options for Elements document prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the INC for consideration at INC-2, as mandated by the International Negotiating Committee at INC-1 (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 United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/14, document UNEP/PP/INC.2/4, to be circulated). This session will aim at familiarizing delegates with the working document ahead of the second session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee.

Link: <https://unep.webex.com/weblink/register/r8fc39fc3290f99037b6223d4f330fe6a>

Webinar 2: Science informing decision-making

Thursday, May 4, 2023, 16:00 - 17:30 EAT

This session will focus on the science and knowledge informing our understanding of plastic pollution and on the use of scientific data and methodologies to inform policymaking and support decisions informed by the best available knowledge. This will include a presentation of existing instruments that could inform the development of the future international legally binding instrument as well as aspects relevant to the development or implementation of baselines or indicators in respect of problematic substances.

Link: <https://unep.webex.com/weblink/register/re74204b7fa4b14ccbda0a6849fd7096b>

Webinar 3: Technical briefing on the organization of work at INC-2

Monday 8 May 2023, 16:00 – 17:00 EAT

This session will focus on the organization of work at INC-2, including logistical and other practical arrangements and the expected conduct of the meetings, as detailed in the Scenario Note to be made available by the Chair on the meeting webpage (Scenario note for the second session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, document UNEP/PP/INC.2/2, to be circulated).

Link: <https://unep.webex.com/weblink/register/r0d1a9bbe39e86c96cd41c9d53f6e0614>

Webinar 4: Control measures for sustainable consumption and production: addressing unnecessary and problematic plastics, including single-use or short-lived plastics and plastic products, and shifting to sustainable alternatives

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 14:00 - 15:30 EAT

This session will present actions to promote sustainable consumption and production, including banning, phasing out, or reducing the use of problematic plastic products, with a focus on single-use plastics and the development of sustainable solutions, including reuse models and recourse to alternatives and substitute materials/products. The identification of emerging challenges and opportunities for the implementation of such measures will also be covered in this session.

Link: <https://unep.webex.com/weblink/register/r37702d1a39b9ea65023915ebdf0042ff>

Webinar 5: Means of implementation, with a special focus on resource mobilization and financial mechanisms

Thursday, May 11, 2023, 14:00 - 15:30 EAT

Multilateral instruments often provide financial assistance and mobilize financing to support the effective implementation of their provisions. The purpose of this session is to present some of the existing dedicated financial mechanisms in environmental agreements, as well as other potential sources of resource mobilization, that could inform the development of financial mechanisms to support the implementation of the internationally binding legal instrument to end plastic pollution.

Link: <https://unep.webex.com/weblink/register/rfda712f8afd1a67bbff7d727ae1cb0ee>

Webinar 6: Promoting a circular economy to reduce the size of the problem: a focus on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and addressing plastic waste

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 13:00 - 14:30 EAT

This session will provide an opportunity to present experiences in developing and administering Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes to incentivize producers to account for environmental considerations when designing their products and improve waste management. This session will also address specific considerations associated with plastic waste management that could inform the development of dedicated solutions.

Link: <https://unep.webex.com/weblink/register/r0fc103e81847c4487367ee568f6b4cdc>

Information on the briefings will also be made available on the Event tab of the [INC-2 webpage](#).

The secretariat invites participants to send any questions in advance of the webinars to unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org. We look forward to your active participation in the upcoming webinars.

Yours sincerely,

Signed

The INC Secretariat