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Upcoming informal technical briefings to support discussions at the first session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.

Dear Madam/Sir,

The intergovernmental negotiating committee secretariat is pleased to announce a series of informal technical briefings in the lead up to the first session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-1). INC-1 is scheduled to take place from 28 November to 2 December 2022 in Punta del Este, Uruguay.

The briefings will be in English only and are intended to inform participants on the preparation of the first session. The briefings will provide an opportunity for participants to familiarize themselves with the working documents prepared by the secretariat and to give the secretariat the possibility to address any questions raised by participants. Meeting documents are accessible under the INC-1 meeting document tab (<https://www.unep.org/events/conference/inter-governmental-negotiating-committee-meeting-inc-1>).

The informal technical briefings will **not be negotiating sessions**. These sessions are intended to provide an opportunity to assist participants in their preparations for INC-1. It is important to note that statements and views expressed during these briefings would not be considered part of the official work of the INC-1 and will not be directly reflected in the documentation prepared for INC-1.

Taking into account the limited time available at INC-1, Member States and stakeholders are encouraged to join the briefings to get familiar with the working documents. Each session is planned to take place **14:00 – 15:30 EAT**, a timetable of the briefings is provided below. Further information on the briefings will be made available on the overview page for INC-1 (<https://www.unep.org/events/conference/inter-governmental-negotiating-committee-meeting-inc-1>).

Date/	Topic	Meeting Link
(14:00 – 15:30 EAT)		
Tuesday 1 November 2022	Organization of the INC-1 and its scenario note	Event address for attendees: https://unep.webex.com/unep/onstage/g.php?MTID=ecef1fac168ba7bd1240362f33f09363f

		Event number: 2550 490 5684 Event password: wHAI3kkyC23
Thursday 3 November 2022	Potential elements; structure; glossary of key terms; and final provisions	Event address for attendees: https://unep.webex.com/unep/onstage/g.php?MTID=e1b0f8e878a551bc6c3cdefcc6ccca702 Event number: 2557 224 7098 Event password: hYJ7ZPCTN27
Wednesday 9 November 2022	Plastics science; and overview of existing funding	Event address for attendees: https://unep.webex.com/unep/onstage/g.php?MTID=ee503695e6ff5019d62d9504ebb49330c Event number: 2555 650 2321 Event password: MPu9Up5xkR3
Friday 11 November 2022	Priorities, needs, challenges and barriers to end plastic pollution at national level; and existing information that might assist policymakers	Event address for attendees: https://unep.webex.com/unep/onstage/g.php?MTID=e1099fda819368bfdfa5b43dccf96a351 Event number: 2556 567 8863 Event password: kkQGuQRF342
Tuesday 15 November 2022	Stakeholder engagement; and cooperation and coordination with relevant regional and international conventions, instruments and organizations. Organization of the Multistakeholder Forum.	Event address for attendees: https://unep.webex.com/unep/onstage/g.php?MTID=ee0ec574a87303f702f39be68c6e07131 Event number: 2558 850 2644 Event password: XWpnwEaF867

The secretariat invites participants to send any questions in advance of the briefings to the INC email (unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org).

We look forward to your active participation in the upcoming webinars.

Best wishes,

Signed

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