Feedback from the survey on the second session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC-2) on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.
29 May - 2 June 2023, at the UNESCO Headquarter in Paris, France

To assist the INC Secretariat in preparing for the upcoming sessions of the INC, participants that attended INC-2 were invited to complete a dedicated survey by 23 June. The answers to the survey are anonymous.

A. Breakdown of the type of participation of respondent

A total of 305 participants responded to the survey.

B. Evaluation of the success rate of INC-2
C. Evaluation of the organization of INC-2

Generally, the organizational aspects of INC-2 merited positive feedback. Most respondents found the pre-session documents useful and would recommend others to attend the INC sessions. Similarly, the pre-session webinars were largely considered useful to prepare for the second session the INC. Some respondents recommended that more space be provided for in-depth discussions at the webinars and that these could be planned at an earlier stage of the intersessional period.

Majority of the respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the venue facilities and the time management at INC-2. Many underlined that space limitations at the venue, that allowed for a maximum of 1500 delegates at any one time within the precinct of the meeting and let to the issuance of floating badges, were detrimental to effective participation of observers. Additionally, some respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the delays and time changes of the meetings, as well as with the convening of contact groups in the evenings.

D. Evaluation of the side-events by organizers

- A balanced number of organisations/Member States participated in the side events
- It was easy to organize the side events with other organizations/Member States
- The side events were easy to co-organize
The feedback received greatly varied. Many the respondents indicated that the thematic side-events were easy to organize. However, some remarked that size of the rooms allocated, and the time management of the events presented a significant challenge. The approach used to merge different presentations’ proposals presented some difficulties for organizers. Some suggested that organizations should be given the possibility to present joint-side-events proposals.

E. Evaluation of the side-events by participants

The responses to the organization of side-events were largely positive, with many respondents finding these events informative. The size of the rooms was challenging, as they could not accommodate all interested participants. The scheduling of the events was also mentioned as a challenge, as times continued to change as a result of timings of official sessions. Some respondents suggested to consider more time for exchanges with participants and to include more diverse views within each panel, as well as to ensure the connectivity between the presentations.

F. Evaluation of the platforms and channels used at INC-2

The platforms and channels used for the second session of the INC were generally considered useful, functional, and easy to access. Interpretation services were good, but some respondents highlighted
that interpretation was at times delayed. The streaming of the sessions was welcomed by most respondents, although some mentioned difficulties in accessing the Interactio platform.

The registration process was considered clear and practical and the information on the website was deemed user friendly and clear. The delivery of service to participants via emails by the secretariat was considered very good, although a few respondents indicated difficulties in coping with the amount of information.

G. Evaluation of the facilities and services at INC-2

There was a clear dissatisfaction with the implementation of the floating badge system necessary to comply with the limits of entry in the venue due to safety and security reasons. Therefore, many recommended that future venues must be large enough to accommodate a large number of registered participants.

Many respondents considered that the facilities were not designed to host such a large number of participants and made Wi-Fi access, as well as access to bathrooms and the cafeteria challenging. These services should continue to be improved in the future. Respondents were generally satisfied with the on-site badge collection process.
H. Evaluation of the visa support

Respondents mentioned the difficulties of scheduling visa appointments.