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Dear Madam/Sir,

On behalf of the Chair of the intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, it is my pleasure to invite you to a series of in-person thematic side events that will be co-organized by Members of the Committee and observer organizations duly registered for INC-3, at the margins of the third session of the INC, scheduled to take place from 13 to 19 November 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya.

With the intention of promoting continuity, the 12 thematic side events will be organized around the same themes as the side-events held at the margins of INC-2. The purpose of the side-events is to facilitate an exchange among Members of the Committee and observers and contribute to informing the discussions of the INC-3. **The themes and dates of the thematic side events are [provided here](#).**

All thematic side events will take place from 13:30 - 14:45 EAT at the UNON Compound, the same premises as the INC-3, with 3 events to be held in parallel each day. They will be in English only, and no simultaneous translation will be provided. All delegates registered to attend INC-3 are invited to attend the thematic side events. No additional registration is required.

As mentioned in the [INC Secretariat notification of 30 March 2023](#) on the call for expression of interest for side events at INC-2, priority for side events at INC-3 will be given to Members and observers that expressed interest to co-organize a side-event at INC-2 but did not have the opportunity to do so. Given the significant number of Members and observers in that situation, there will not be, unless necessary, an open call for expressions of interest to co-organize side events at INC-3.

Allow me to recall that selection of the co-organizers of the thematic side events will be done by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair, considering geographical balance, representation from both Members and observers of the Committee, as well as technical experience and expertise on the themes. Each event will have a maximum of 6 presenters identified, with some time reserved for Q&A. The list of selected co-organizers for each event will also be published on the events tab on the INC-3 webpage.

Co-organizers and presenters in the side events should be prepared to be part of the organization of the relevant thematic side event.

Three rooms will be made available for the thematic side events by the INC Secretariat, and no catering will be provided. Co-organizers will be responsible for all costs and matters related to the coordination and organization of the thematic side events, and any catering planned. The secretariat will provide more details on the organization in due course.

Best regards,

Signed

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Executive Secretary
INC on Plastic Pollution