

Webinar 8: Organization of work at INC-3, including preparatory meeting and presentation of the Zero-Draft text
Tuesday, 17 October 2023, 16:00-17:00 EAT

Logistics of the session, update on registrations and other practical aspects

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) to develop an international legally binding Instrument on plastic pollution, including
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General information about INC-3

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Venue: UNEP Headquarters, located at the United Nation Avenue, in Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya,

- **11 November:** Preparatory meeting, as mandated by the Committee at INC-2
- **12 November:** Regional consultations
- **13-19 November:** Third session of the INC

Meeting rooms have been allocated to the UN regional groups, including the SIDS, to hold their consultations on 12 November, as well as throughout the week of INC-3. These meetings are convened and organized by the groups themselves.

One room for observers will also be made available.

INC-3 will be **fully in-person**. As was the case in previous sessions, INC plenary sessions will be streamed in the 6 UN-Languages. The links will be available on the INC-3 webpage in due time.

INC -3 will be held in line with the UN [Code of conduct](#) to prevent harassment, including sexual harassment, at UN System events.

General information about INC-3

The registration deadline was 6 October. We have a total of 1,940 approved participants from all registration categories. Some registrations are still being processed.

On-site registration will only be available for Member States delegates. If Member State delegates were unable to register by the pre-registration deadline please contact the secretariat via unep-incplastic.registration@un.org.

As at previous INC sessions, the **presentation of credentials by Members of the Committee is not required.** The online submission of a Note Verbal or letter from their government addressed to the INC Secretariat, with the composition of the national delegation to INC-3, suffices.

As per general practice, the **provisional List of Participants** will be circulated to delegations on the first day of the session. The final List of Participants will be made available on the meeting page after the closing of the session and will reflect those who attended INC-3.

Registration status

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Registration closed on 6 October, at 23:59 EAT (Nairobi time).

	Number of Member States/ Organization Represented	Total number of people from Member States/ Organization registered
Member States	162	855
NGOs	381	947
UN entities	21	84
IGOs	13	34
Media	22	29
Total	599	1949

Issuance of meetings badges

All meeting badges will be issued at the venue, upon presentation of the UN EVENT PASS resulting from the approval of the online pre-registration and a valid passport or identification card with a photograph.

Participants may collect their badges by visiting the badging collection center.

The opening hours of the badging center will be available shortly in the INC-3 Information Note.

For security reasons, all participants are requested to always wear their badges visibly.

Travel support

No more applications for travel support are possible at this stage.

- Funding is provided to a maximum of 2 delegates per eligible country.
- Funding for 20 observers from NGOs has been provided.

The Secretariat is currently contacting funded delegates regarding their itineraries.

Disbursement of the DSA will be made on-site, at the meeting venue, via physical prepaid cards for INC-3 meeting participants (in USD). If participants already have a prepaid Swiss card, please bring them with you.

Funded delegates are responsible for making their hotel bookings and lodging arrangements.

Host Country Arrangements - Visas

Issuance of visas is determined solely by the host country.

As recommended by the Kenyan authorities:

- Applications for entry visas for the Republic of Kenya can be made online via: <https://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html>
- Holders of service and diplomatic passports should apply for a courtesy visa via the eVisa portal.
- Holders of ordinary passports can apply for a single-entry visa via the eVisa portal. The cost of the visa is 51 US dollars.
- As supporting documents, participants are requested to upload the invitation letter and the letter confirming their registration.

For more information, please contact the Information Note to Participants

Other Practical information

- **Statements:** the time limit for statements made on behalf of a group of States will be 5 minutes and for statements delivered in a national capacity will be 3 minutes. During the plenary meetings, observers may take the floor after the interventions from member States, consistent with applicable United Nations practice.
- **All meeting documents** are available on the INC-3 webpage.
- **Simultaneous interpretation** will be provided in all the six official languages of the United Nations during all plenary meetings of INC-3.
- INC-3 will be **plastic free**: Delegates are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to the meeting. Participants are also encouraged to bring their own lanyards for the meeting badges to foster multiple use.

For more practical and logistical information please consult the information note to participations on the INC-3 webpage.

Information for Observers at INC-3

Before INC-3

- Travel support for 20 observers
- Over 200 written submissions
- 50+ interventions from Observers in webinars
- Information for Participants at INC website

During INC-3

- Dialogue with **UNEP Executive Director** and INC Executive Secretary
- Access to the venue, plenary session, and side events
- Dedicated **room for Observers**
- **Interventions** from Observers (at the discretion of the Chair)

Other information

Unofficial events on the side lines of INC-3 are not organized by the INC Secretariat

Focal point for Observers:

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INC-3 Side-events

	Date	Theme
1	Tuesday	Promoting sustainable consumption and production of plastics
2	14 Nov	Oceans and the marine environment, including transport, ghost fishing gears, dumping, pellet loss and impacts on biodiversity
3	13:30-14:45 EAT	The role of trade measures in the future instrument: challenges and opportunities
4	Wed	Monitoring the situation and monitoring progress of the future instrument: objectives/targets and their associated baselines, indicators, and timelines
5	15 Nov	Plastic pollution, toxicity, chemicals, and potential risks to human health
6	13:30-14:45 EAT	Means of implementation, including resource mobilization and financial mechanism
7	Thursday	Microplastic: understanding the challenge and its impacts
8	16 Nov	Promoting circular economy to retain plastics in the economy and out of the environment, including innovation and expanding the share of circular plastics
9	13:30-14:45 EAT	Enabling change at local, national and regional levels
10	Friday	Promoting environmentally sound management of plastic waste, including collection, sorting and recycling, and consideration of investments
11	17 Nov	Existing plastic pollution: Challenges of SIDs and remote communities
12	13:30-14:45 EAT	Socio-economic considerations in the transition to circular approaches to plastic, including human rights approaches and inclusion of the informal waste sector

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Briefing on the Chair's Zero Draft UNEP/PP/INC.3/4

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INC-3 Documentation

Working documents

- [Provisional agenda of INC-3](#) – **UNEP/UNEP/PP/INC.3/1**
- [Annotated provisional agenda of INC-3](#) – **UNEP/PP/INC.3/1/Add.1**
- [Scenario note](#) – **UNEP/PP/INC.3/2**
- [Draft rules of procedure](#) – **UNEP/PP/INC.3/3**
- [“Zero Draft”](#) – **UNEP/PP/INC.3/4**

Information documents

- Synthesis of the submissions – **UNEP/PP/INC.3/INF/1**
- Budget overview for the period 2023 – 2025 – **UNEP/PP/INC.3/INF/2**

INC-3 – Zero Draft is the key starting point

- At INC-2 the Committee requested the Chair, with support from INC Secretariat, to prepare a **Zero Draft** of the international legally binding instrument for consideration at INC-3
- The zero-draft text is guided by views expressed by Members at the first and second sessions of the INC
- The zero-draft text aims at facilitating and supporting the work of the INC towards the development of the international legally binding instrument
- The [zero-draft](#) is available online on the INC-3 webpage in all UN languages:
[UNEP/PP/INC.3/4](https://www.unep.org/pp/inc.3/4)

How is the Zero Draft structured?

Chair's Explanatory Note

Part I – Objectives (*and placeholders for definitions, principles and scope*)

Part II – Elements based on life cycle of plastics & plastic products with aim of addressing plastic pollution

Parts III and IV – Means of implementation and Implementation measures

Part V – *Institutional arrangements (placeholder)*

Part VI – *Final provisions (placeholder)*

Appendix – Possible annexes

Overall approach of the “Zero Draft”

Placeholders for elements not yet subject to detailed discussion

Headings order does not imply priority or prejudge final structure

Draft text reflecting possible ways to address issues, based on views expressed by Members

- Range of views reflected through **options**
- Can include provisions common to several options
- Possible **annexes** as relevant

Instrument* and ***governing body**** without prejudice to final designation

Footnotes containing additional background information

Part II – Elements



Example

Common provision

Several options

Additional provisions in common

1. Primary plastic polymers ← Title/Element

1. Parties shall take the necessary measures to prevent and mitigate the potential for adverse impacts on human health or the environment from the production of primary plastic polymers, including their feedstocks and precursors.

Option 1

2. Each Party shall not allow its level of production and supply of primary plastic polymers to exceed the reduction target specified in part I of annex A.³

Option 2

2. Parties shall manage and reduce the global production and supply of primary plastic polymers to achieve the global target set out in part I of annex A.⁴
3. Parties shall, in order to achieve the target referred to in paragraph 2, develop nationally determined targets and take the necessary measures to achieve them.
4. Parties shall reflect the measures taken to implement this provision in their respective national plans communicated pursuant to *[part IV.1 on national plans]*, including their intended level of domestic supply of primary plastic polymers including, as relevant, domestic production, expressed in percentage terms in relation to the baseline set out in part I of annex A, for each reporting period specified in *[part IV.3 on reporting on progress]*.

Option 3

2. Parties shall take the necessary measures to manage and reduce the global production and supply of primary plastic polymers referred to in paragraph 1.
3. The measures taken to implement this provision shall be reflected in the national plans communicated pursuant to *[part IV.1 on national plans]* and shall include the intended level of domestic supply including, as relevant, domestic production, and the measures taken to manage and reduce it.

Provisions common for the Options above

[3][5][4]. Each Party should take appropriate measures to reduce the demand for and production of primary plastic polymers, including:

- a. market- and price-based measures;

Part III



1. Financing

- Domestic and international funding, facilitation of private sector financing, including voluntary contributions
- Includes two Options for a possible Dedicated Fund: (i) newly established; (ii) within an existing financial arrangement
- Decrease harmful financial flows; increase beneficial financial flows

2. Capacity-building, technical assistance & technology transfer

- Timely, sustainable, comprehensive and adequate capacity-building & technical assistance to developing countries
- Governing body to promote cooperation and coordination with other MEAs and initiatives
- Promote and facilitate technology transfer, innovation, investment, facilitating access

Part IV



1. National plans
2. Implementation and compliance
3. Reporting on progress
4. Periodic assessment and monitoring of progress & effectiveness evaluation
5. International cooperation
6. Information exchange
7. Awareness-raising, education and research
8. Stakeholder engagement

Part IV – Example



1. Obligation to develop a national plan

- Format to be set in annex
- Indicative list of elements (to be negotiated):
 - a. Primary plastic polymers;
 - b. Chemicals and polymers of concern;
 - c. Problematic and avoidable plastic products;
 - d. Product design and performance;
 - e. Reduce, reuse, refill and repair of plastics and plastic products;
 - f. Use of recycled plastic contents;
 - g. Extended Producer Responsibility;
 - h. Emissions and releases of plastic through its life cycle;
 - i. Waste management;
 - j. Fishing gear;
 - k. Existing plastic pollution, including in the marine environment; and
 - l. Just transition.



Part V - [Institutional arrangements (placeholder)]

1. Governing body (placeholder)
2. Subsidiary bodies (placeholder)
3. Secretariat (placeholder)

Part VI - [Final provisions (placeholder)]

Appendix – Possible annexes listed

Annex A: Primary plastic polymers, and chemicals and polymers of concern

Annex B: Problematic and avoidable plastic products, including short-lived and single-use plastic products and intentionally added microplastics

Annex C: Product design, composition and performance

Annex D: Modalities for the establishment and operation of EPR systems based on common principles

Annex E: Emissions and releases of plastic through its life cycle

Annex F: Waste management

Annex G: Format for national plans

Synthesis report and the preparatory day (11 November)

Preparatory meeting on 11 November

- Two plenary sessions:
 - Plenary 1: 10.00 am – 1.00 pm
 - Plenary 2: 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm
- Interpretation in all six UN official languages
- Meeting documentation: provisional agenda, annotated agenda, chair's reflection note, synthesis report, submissions on intersessional work
- Interventions by groups of States (5 min), individual delegations (3 min) and observers (2 min) will be invited.

Provisional agenda (UNEP/PP/INC.3/prep/1)

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Consideration of the **synthesis report** on the submissions received on elements not discussed at the second session, such as principles and scope of the instrument.
3. Intersessional work
4. Summary and next steps
5. Closure of the meeting

Annotated Agenda will be made available soon.

Synthesis report of submissions on items not covered at INC-2

Template provided for submissions covered:

1. Scope
 2. Principles
 3. Additional considerations
 - Other relevant inputs, proposals or priorities not discussed at INC-2 (e.g., preamble; institutional arrangements, including governing body, subsidiary bodies, scientific and technical cooperation and coordination, and secretariat; final provisions including dispute settlements; and if appropriate annexes).
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- **60 Submissions** received from **MEMBERS**
 - **134 submissions** from **OBSERVERS**

Synthesis report will complement the Zero Draft, elaborating on these headings identified as placeholders in Zero Draft

Part I

1. Preamble
2. Definitions
3. Principles
4. Scope

Part V: Institutional arrangements

1. Governing body
2. Subsidiary bodies
3. Secretariat

Part VI: Final provisions

Synthesis Report

- **Timeline:** to be released two weeks ahead of the preparatory meeting (by 27 October) as an Information Document for INC-3
- **Courtesy translation** in all 6 UN languages available shortly before the meeting
- Intended to facilitate and inform the committee's deliberations, not intended to prejudge any decision by the INC regarding the structure or content of the future instrument

Intersessional work discussion

- Members have available the from Members and observers on any potential areas for intersessional work (template Part B) on the INC web-page
- Objective of this discussion is to understand possible areas of early convergence on required intersessional work for INC-4 and INC-5
- The Co-Facilitators will ask for regional reflections for priorities for intersessional work and proposed modalities to undertake that work.

Preparatory meeting flow

- The Chair will open the meeting in plenary at 10 am
- The Executive Secretary will be invited to deliver a brief opening statement.
- The Chair will introduce and hand over the meeting to two Co-Facilitators he will designate.
- In closing the Preparatory Meeting, the two Co-facilitators will summarize the discussions and outline next steps through a verbal summary.
- To connect the preparatory meeting with INC-3, the two presiding co-facilitators will prepare a co-facilitators' written summary of the discussions to be presented to INC-3 plenary as a non-paper, feeding into the discussions in Contact Group 3.



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Thank you!

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