

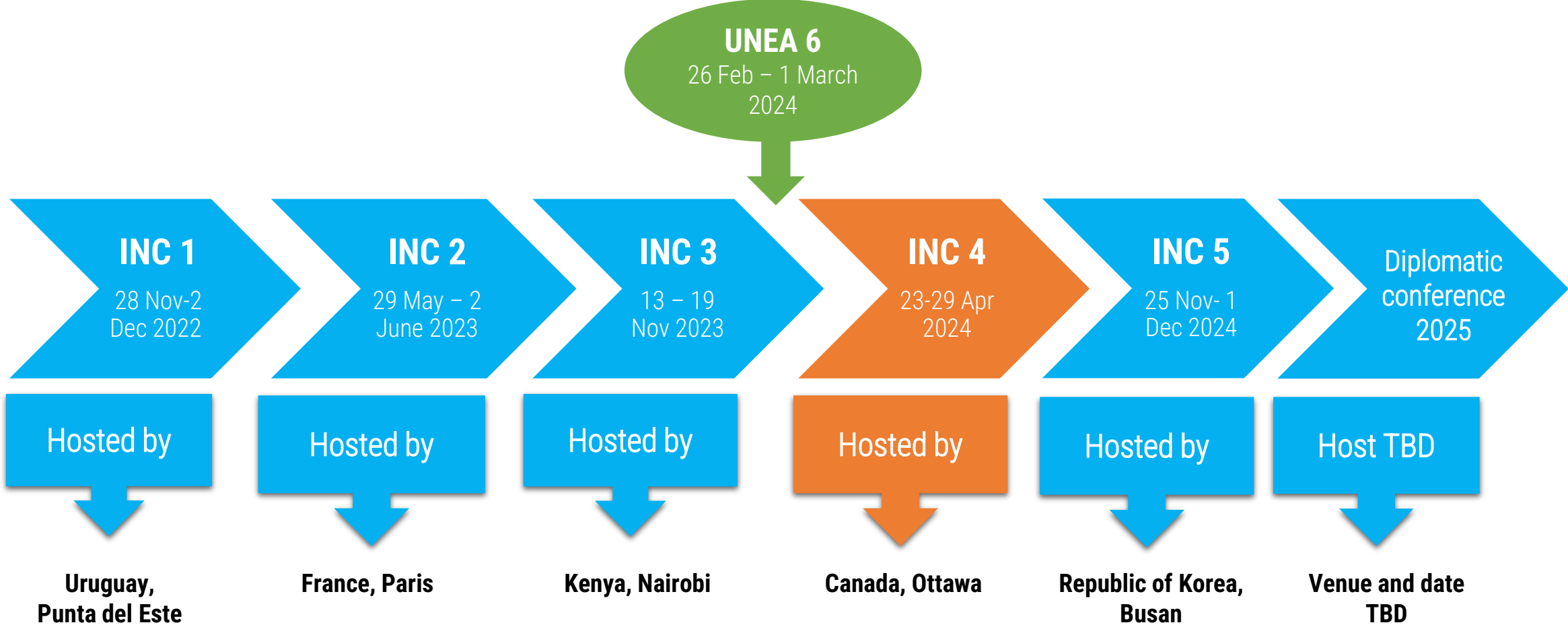
Committee of the Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting
Nairobi, 18 April 2024, 10:00-18:00 EAT



Briefing on the fourth sessions of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to Develop an internationally legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

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Intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) timeline



Lead-up to INC-4

- **In-person regional consultations** prior to INC-4.
 - **Asia Pacific Group:** 5 – 6 March, Bangkok.
 - **GRULAC:** 20 – 22 March, Panama City.
 - **EEG:** 25 March, Vienna.
 - **Africa:** 18 – 20 April, Ottawa
- **Three informal Heads of Delegations meetings convened by the Chair of the INC** (18-19 January/ 11-12 March / 8-9 April 2024).
- **Observers' webinar convened by the Chair** (27/28 March 2024).
- **One webinar to update on INC-4 and the revised draft text** (15 April).

About INC-4

- INC-4 will be held from **23 to 29 April 2024** at the Shaw Center in Ottawa, Canada. Preceded by **regional consultations on 21 April**.
- The revised draft text ([UNEP/PP/INC.4/3](#)). will be the **starting point and basis for textual negotiations at INC-4**, without prejudice to the right of any Member to propose additions, deletions or modifications in the course of negotiations at INC-4.
- The revised draft text is available on the INC-4 webpage in all 6 UN languages.
- A Partnership Day will be hosted by the Government of Canada on 22 April. This is a separate event from the INC.

Registrations for INC-4

Category	Number of Delegates	Number of MS / organizations
Members	1211	174
NGOs	2608	740
IGOs	48	16
UN Entities	196	20
Media	175	109
Total	4,238	1059

Registration was opened from 23 October 2023 to 26 February 2024.

Schedule for badge collection at the venue is available on the [information note to participants](#).

The provisional **List of Participants** will be circulated to delegations at the start of the session. The final List of Participants will be made available after the closing of the session and will reflect those who attended INC-4.

Objectives at INC -4

- Advance development of the text of the instrument, using the revised draft text (UNEP/PP/INC INC.4/3) as the starting point and basis for textual negotiations;
- The job at INC-4 is to streamline the text by narrowing down options in the revised draft text, and dive deep into the details of provisions.
- Decide on the contents, modalities and timeline of intersessional work required between INC-4 and INC-5 to finalize the text of the instrument at INC-5 in November 2024.
- Agree to forward for adoption the draft agenda of INC-5; and
- Consider location of the diplomatic conference mandated by resolution 5/14 ,acknowledging the time needed for its preparation.

Organization of work at INC-4

As per the **Chair's scenario note**:

- The Committee is expected to establish two Contact Groups and five subgroups to work on specific elements of the revised draft text.
- The establishment of a legal drafting group is also envisioned (to be convened as needed and reporting to the plenary) to ensure that elements of the draft text are reflected in a legally sound manner and to make recommendations on language to the plenary.
- Learning from INC-3, the Chair plans to undertake further informal consultations during the session to help advance key issues and to develop the content, modalities and timelines for intersessional work.

The advance English version of the [Chair's scenario note](#) for the fourth session of the INC is available on the INC-4 webpage

Side events at INC-4

The thematic side events will be held from **13:30-14:45** on **Wednesday 24 April and Thursday 25 April 2024** at the INC-4 venue, with 2 events to be held in parallel on Wednesday 24 April 2024.

The schedule of the events is provided below. The [list of presenters](#) is available on the webpage.

Date	Theme
Wednesday 24 April	Plastic pollution in the marine environment
Wednesday 24 April	Approaches to capacity building, financing and financial mechanisms
Thursday 25 April	Enabling just transition

*Deadline for expression of interest: 1 March

INC-4 document list

Working documents

Document symbol	Title
UNEP/PP/INC.4/1	Provisional agenda (available in 6 UN languages)
UNEP/PP/INC.4/1.add	Annotated agenda (available in 6 UN languages)
UNEP/PP/INC.4/2	Draft Rules of Procedure (available in 6 UN languages)
UNEP/PP/INC.4/3	Revised draft text (Available in all 6 UN official languages)
UNEP/PP/INC.4/4	Chair's scenario note (available in advance English version)

Information documents

Information documents to be submitted by the Secretariat	
UNEP/PP/INC.4/INF/1	Update - Plastics science (UNEP/PP/INC.1/7)
UNEP/PP/INC.4/INF/2	Update - Overview of existing funding currently available for addressing plastic pollution through international funding arrangements, including from other processes, programmes, multilateral funds, development banks and private sector initiatives (UNEP/PP/INC.1/9; UNEP/PP/INC.1/INF/10)
Information documents to be submitted by UN entities and MEAs	

In-session Documents Platform

A new online In-session Documents Platform will be made available for INC-4.

This is a password protected platform accessible to INC Members attending INC-4 to self-upload the following documents:

1) From the Plenary:

- Group of States Statement
- Member Statement
- Observer Statement

Statements may be uploaded by Members/Groups and Observers attending INC-4.

2) From Contact Groups:

- Group of States Textual Submission
- Member Textual Submission

Textual submissions may be uploaded by Members/Groups related to the Contact Groups. Intended to share information to advance negotiations.

- Group of States Statement
- Member Statement

Contact Group statements may be uploaded by Members attending INC-4.

General information

- **Travel support** is provided to 2 delegates per eligible country, as well as a total of 20 observers from NGOs. Disbursement of the DSA will be made on-site.
- **Statements** will be invited under agenda item 4. The time limit for statements made on behalf of a group of States will be 5 minutes. Time permitting, the Chair of the INC will allow space for observer interventions during the plenary meetings with a time limit of two minutes with priority given to those speaking for alliances, coalitions and groups.
- **Simultaneous interpretation** will be provided in all the six official languages of the United Nations during the plenary meetings of INC-4.

More information including the schedule for disbursement are available on the INC-4 [information note](#).



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Thank you!

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