INC-4 side event 1
Plastic pollution in the marine environment

Wednesday, 24 April, 2024, 13:30-14:45 EDT
Asia Pacific Room/Room number 213/215 (180 delegates)

Background
In this thematic side event, participants delve into the issue of plastic pollution in marine environment and its relevance for the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, with a specific focus on the fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

To this end, the side event will feature a rich and diverse panel of representatives from governments, research institutions, and civil society organizations, who will address in depth the impacts of marine plastic pollution at biological and socio-economic levels. Panelists will also try and explore innovative and multi-stakeholder solutions premised on waste management and more fully-encompassing policy frameworks aimed at fostering international and cross-sectoral cooperation.

After opening remarks from government representatives, presentations commence with a focus on the broad impacts and challenges of plastic pollution in the marine environment. The session progresses to delve into specific issues such as plastic spills, regional efforts, and data collection, followed by exploration into the effects on communities. Transitioning towards solutions, the presentations highlight policy recommendations and multi-stakeholder engagement to combat plastic pollution.

The event will take place in person only and there will be no interpretation in languages other than English.

Agenda
The side event will be moderated by Mr Nicola Ferri, Senior Compliance and Institutional Adviser, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO.

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