

## 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.

Topic	PRESENTERS
Welcoming words	Nicola Ferri, FAO
Presentations (5 min each)	
Scientific challenges of plastic pollution in the marine environment	Professor Sergey Lyulin, Head of laboratory "Theory and Modeling of Polymer Systems" of Institute of Macromolecular Compounds Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation
Impacts of plastic pollution cross borders	Mohammad Abdul Wadud Chowdhury, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bangladesh

Challenges for SIDS	Anama Solofa, Chair of Alliance of Small Island States, Samoa
Turning the tide on pellet pollution: A case study of the impacts of pellet pollution and the policy solutions	Natacha Tullis, officer, Preventing Ocean Plastics, The Pew Charitable Trusts
Data on plastic pollution in the Galapagos Marine Reserve and building a regional network	Jen Jones, Chief Executive, Galapagos Conservation Trust
Effects on Indigenous Communities in the Pacific	Rufino Varea, Aotearoa Plastic Pollution Alliance
Full lifecycle approach to fishing and aquaculture gear in the context of the treaty	Christina Dixon, Ocean Campaign Leader, Environmental Investigation Agency
From policy to concrete actions: Local and subnational measures to tackle plastic pollution	Ignasi Mateo, Project manager, ICLEI-MedWaves
Plastic Pollution and Initiatives in Asia	Reo Kawamura, Director for Regional Knowledge Centre for Marine Plastic Debris (RKC-MPD), Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)
Q&A with the audience	Moderated by Nicola Ferri