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**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the UNEP/EC  
Working Group to develop a toolkit  
on plastic pollution sources  
Brussel, 3-4 September 2024**

***Provisional programme***

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## Provisional Programme

### Background:

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the European Commission (EC) are implementing the project: Global: Identifying and quantifying plastic contaminant sources and leakages into the aquatic environment. The objective of this project is to establish a practical methodology to identify and quantify sources of plastic pollution in the aquatic environment. Three outputs are expected of the project: (i) a toolkit to identify and quantify sources/leakages of plastic waste entering aquatic environment; (ii) source/leakage inventory of plastics entering the aquatic environment in Kenya applying the toolkit, and (iii) communication and visibility of the project results through the existing water agreements and a future legally binding agreement on plastic pollution. In order to develop the toolkit, the project establishes a working group. The first meeting of the working group is organised. The working group is comprised of modelling, assessment and pollution control experts, as well as other related fields, with experience on the identification and quantification of plastic pollutants in freshwater/marine environments.

The objectives of the first meeting of the Working Group are as follows:

- Discuss possible form and structure of the toolkit;
- Identify and analyse existing methodologies on the estimate and quantification of sources of plastic pollution; and
- Establish and agree on a workplan of the Workplan.

### Provisional Programme (all times in Brussels time):

3 September 2024

<i>Hour</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Activity/speakers</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
<b>9:00 – 9:30</b>	<b>Arrival of participants</b>		
9:30 – 9:40	Opening Ceremony	1. Mr. <u>Janne Leskinen</u> and Mr. <u>Hugo Maria Schally</u> (EC DG Environment) 2. <u>Veronika Hunt Safrankova</u> (Head, UNEP Brussels Office) (TBC)	Welcome, opening remarks
9:40 - 10:00	Introduction of participants	Self introduction of participants	
10:00-10.45	Project presentation	1. Project presentation ( <u>Felipe Dall</u> ) 2. Open discussion 3. Working Group terms of reference and roles of the members	
1045-1100	Coffee/tea break		
11:00-12:00	Existing methodologies	1. Researcher paper - main findings and key information 2. Open discussion	
<b>12:00-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>		
13:30-15:00	Technical discussion 1 – Toolkit	1. Presentation of toolkit proposal (scoping paper) ( <u>Alvaro Zopatti</u> ) 2. Open discussion	Introduce a proposed toolkit, how toolkit will work
<b>15:00-15:20</b>	<b>Break</b>		

15:20-16:00	Technical discussion 1 continued		
16:00-16:40	Technical session 2 – Data requirements	1. Data requirements for the proposed toolkit ( <u>Felipe Dall</u> ) 2. Open discussion	
16:40-17:20	Technical session 2 –Data requirements	1. Data Availability to address data requirements ( <u>Felipe Dall</u> ) 2. Open discussion	
<b>17:20-17:30</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>	Wrap up of Day 1 ( <u>Takehiro Nakamura</u> )	

4 September 2024

<i>Hour</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
<b>8:45 – 9:15</b>	<b>Arrival of participants</b>		
9:15 - 9:50	Technical session 3	Material flow analysis (by Feng Wang or IUCN or Bank) Open discussion	Existing material flow models and their application
9:50 – 10:20	Technical session 4 – Source categories	1. Plastic production, plastic products and plastic-containing products production ( <u>Alvaro Zopatti</u> ) 2. Open discussion	Existing models/methodologies and application results
<b>10:20-10:40</b>	<b>Break</b>		
10:40-11:30	Technical session 4 – Source categories	1. Agri, fisheries, other plastic using sectors ( <u>Alvaro Zopatti</u> ) 2. Open discussion	Existing models/methodologies and application results
11:30-12:20	Technical session 4 – Source categories	1. Households, consumers ( <u>Alvaro Zopatti</u> ) 2. Open discussion	Existing models and application results
<b>12:20-13:50</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
13:50-14:40	Technical session 4 – Source categories (recycling, waste management)	1. Wastewater, solid waste management ( <u>Alvaro Zopatti</u> ) 2. Plastic recycling 2. Open discussion	Existing models/methodologies and application results
1440-1500	Technical session 4 (source categories)	1. Other land-based diffuse sources 2. Other sea based point and diffuse sources	Existing models/methodologies and application results
<b>15:00-15:30</b>	<b>Break</b>		
15:30-16:40	Discussion of WG WorkPlan	1. Discussion of workplan and tasks ( <u>Alvaro Zopatti</u> ) 2. Next WG meeting	
16:20-16:50	Key recommendations	1. Key conclusion and recommendations of the first WG meeting ( <u>Felipe Dall</u> )	Key recommendations
<b>16:50-17:00</b>	<b>Closing</b>	1. EC DG Env Representative, Mr. <u>Janne Leskinen</u> 2. UNEP, <u>Takehiro Nakamura</u>	

