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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)<br>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  | Takehiro Nakamura        |
| 10:00-10:45        | Project presentation                    | 1. Project presentation ( <u>Felipe Dall</u> )<br>2. Open discussion<br>3. Working Group terms of reference and roles of the members   | Takehiro Nakamura        |
| 1045-1100          | Coffee/tea break                        |  |                          |
| 11:00-12:00        | Background for Toolkit Development      | 1. Georg Hanke Aquatic - Litter and Plastic in Europe and Beyond (EC-JRC)<br>2. Mustafa Aydin – EEA Work on Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter Modelling (EEA)<br>3. Community of Practices - Nao Takeuchi (UNEP)<br>4. Open discussion | Takehiro Nakamura        |
| <b>12:00-13:30</b> | <b>Lunch break</b>                      |  |                          |
| 13:30-15:00        | Technical discussion 1 – Toolkit        | 1. Researcher paper - main findings and key information.<br>2. Presentation of toolkit proposal (scoping paper) ( <u>Alvaro Zopatti</u> )<br>3. Open discussion  | Georg Hanke              |
| <b>15:00-15:20</b> | <b>Break</b>                            |  |                          |
| 15:20-16:00        | Technical discussion 1 continued        | Continuation of the discussion   | Georg Hanke              |
| 16:00-17:20        | Technical session 2 – Data requirements | 1. Data Availability and data requirements for the proposed toolkit ( <u>Felipe Dall</u> )<br>2. Open discussion   | Georg Hanke              |
| <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 (Gloria)<br>Open discussion  | Takehiro Nakamura   |
| 9:50 – 10:20       | Technical session 4<br>– Source categories                               | 1. Plastic production, plastic products and plastic-containing products production. Existing material flow models/methodologies ( <u>Alvaro Zopatti</u> )<br>2. Open discussion | Takehiro Nakamura   |
| <b>10:20-10:40</b> | <b>Break</b>   |   |                     |
| 10:40-11:30        | Technical session 4<br>– Source categories                               | 1. Agri, fisheries, other plastic using sectors. Existing material flow models/methodologies. ( <u>Alvaro Zopatti</u> )<br>2. Open discussion                                   | Takehiro Nakamura   |
| 11:30-12:20        | Technical session 4<br>– Source categories                               | 1. Households, consumers. Existing material flow models/methodologies ( <u>Alvaro Zopatti</u> )<br>2. Open discussion   | Takehiro Nakamura   |
| <b>12:20-13:50</b> | <b>Lunch</b>   |   |                     |
| 13:50-14:40        | Technical session 4<br>– Source categories (recycling, waste management) | 1. Wastewater, solid waste management. Existing material flow models/methodologies. ( <u>Alvaro Zopatti</u> )<br>2. Plastic recycling<br>3. Open discussion                     | Georg Hanke         |
| 1440-1500          | Technical session 4 (source categories)                                  | 1. Other land-based diffuse sources<br>2. Other sea-based point and diffuse sources   | Georg Hanke         |
| <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> )<br>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><br>2. UNEP, <u>Takehiro Nakamura</u>   |                     |