

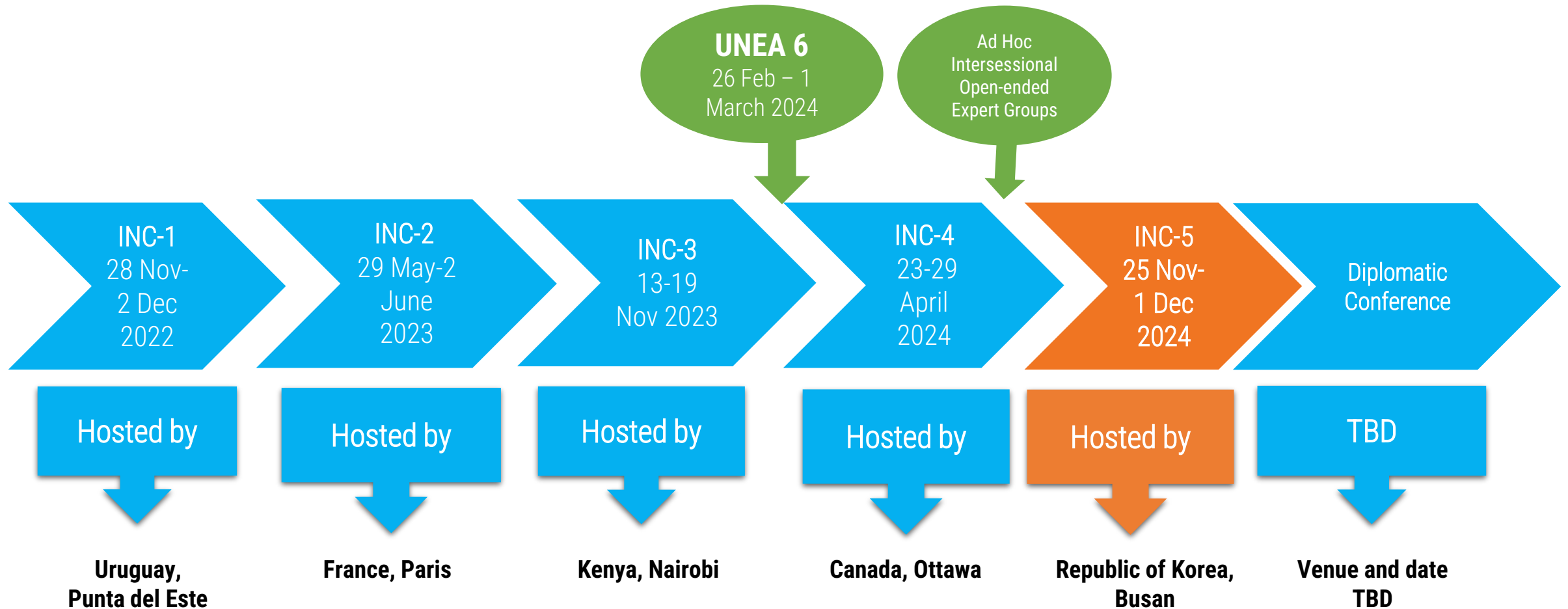
Committee of the Permanent Representatives Subcommittee meeting
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Briefing on preparations for the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an internationally legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

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Intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) timeline



INC-4 in review

- INC-4 took place from **23 - 29 April 2024** at Ottawa, Canada.
- More than 2,555 delegates participated in INC-4, representing 170 Members of the Committee, and 549 Observer organizations.
- Textual negotiations commenced in Ottawa and Members of the Committee made steady progress in advancing the text of the instrument.

- **At INC-4, the Committee:**
 1. Requested the Secretariat to issue a [compilation document](#) of the text drawn from the outcomes of the 5 subgroups.
 2. Established two [ad hoc intersessional open-ended expert groups](#).
 3. Decided to establish an [open-ended legal drafting group](#).

Lead-up to INC-5: ad hoc open ended expert groups

- **Expert group one** on means of implementation, including finance, and **expert group two** on criteria and non-criteria-based approaches for products, chemicals and design.
- The expert groups met during July and August for 3 virtual meetings each and an in-person meeting took place from 24-28 August, in Bangkok.
- A total of 162 Members of the Committee nominated 297 national experts for expert group one and 377 national experts for expert group 2.
- The expert groups were supported by 24 technical resource persons selected for their expertise to support the technical discussions.
- These **meetings were of a technical and expert nature** and not negotiating nor decision-making meetings.
- The **report of the Co-chairs** of each expert group for consideration by the Committee at INC-5 will be available soon on the [INC website](#).

Lead-up to INC-5: open ended legal drafting group

- Members of the Committee were invited to communicate to the Secretariat information on their legal expert. 70 Members of the Committee have designated legal experts to the legal drafting group.
- The legal drafting group:
 - is to **start its work at INC-5**.
 - is to conduct a legal review of any elements of the draft text forwarded to it by the Committee with a view to ensuring that the text is drafted in a legally sound manner and making any legal recommendations as needed to the Committee for its consideration.
- The legal drafting group is **not** a negotiating group and any policy issues it might identify will be referred back to the plenary.
- The Co-chairs of the legal drafting group will be appointed by the Committee at INC-5, based on a proposal by the INC Chair.

Lead-up to INC-5: informal Heads of Delegation meetings

The INC Chair has called for informal Heads of Delegation meetings:

- Online informal Heads of Delegations meeting on 16 September 2024. 151 participants from 96 countries participated.
- In person informal Heads of Delegations meeting on 30 September – 01 October 2024. A total of 218 delegates from 124 Members attended the in-person meeting.
- The informal discussions were based on a Chair's non-paper.
- The Chair has now been requested to informally prepare a third iteration of his non-paper to facilitate discussions.

The fifth session of the INC

- INC-5 will be held from **25 November to 01 December 2024** at the BEXCO center in Busan, Republic of Korea. It will be preceded by **regional consultations on 24 November**.
- At INC-5, Members are expected to finalize negotiation and reach agreement on the text of the legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.
- As mandated By INC-4, the Committee will have before it the compiled draft text ([UNEP/PP/INC.5/4](#)). This is without prejudice to the right of any Member to propose additions, deletions or modifications in the course of negotiations at INC-5.
- The compiled draft text is available on the INC-5 webpage.

Status of registrations for INC-5

Category	Number of Delegates	Number of MS / organizations
Members	879	160
NGOs	1,886	568
IGOs	42	13
UN Entities	105	21
Media	66	39
Total	2978	801

Registration opened on 18 July and is now closed.

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-5.

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.
- **Simultaneous interpretation** will be provided in all the six official languages of the United Nations during the **plenary meetings**.
- The plenaries meetings will be **live-streamed on UN TV**.
- No official **side-events** will take place at INC-5.
- All detailed information regarding the **visa application process** is available on the INC-5 website. Participants are strongly encouraged to consult the information note to participants for details.

Additional practical information about INC-5 available in the [information note to participants](#).



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Thank you!

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