Details for application for travel support for Observers from non-governmental organizations

To facilitate the participation of accredited Observers from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) at the second part of the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-5.2), the INC Secretariat is in the position to provide travel support for the **participation of a maximum of 20 participants from accredited NGOs participating as Observers at INC-5.2**.

Please be informed that **only participants whose registration for INC-5.2 has been approved can apply for travel support**. Registration for INC-5.2 and application for travel support are two separate processes, and no application will be processed via e-mail.

The funding, made available through voluntary contributions from donors, will cover, in accordance with the United Nations rules and regulations:

- Economy-class round-trip air tickets;
- Daily subsistence allowance (DSA); and
- Terminal expenses.

For the provision of travel support:

- The applicant must upload the UN Event Ticket demonstrating that the registration for INC-5.2 has been approved.
- Only participants from developing countries and from countries with economies in transition are eligible for funding, with priority given to Observers from <u>Least Developed Countries</u> (LDCs) and <u>Small Island Developing States</u> (SIDS).
- Priority will be given to participants from non-governmental organizations nominated on behalf of coalitions, groups, or alliances, including those representing youth, women, indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, local authorities, scientific and technological community, farmers, waste pickers, and informal workers.
- Only one participant per organization will be considered for funding. If more than one application is received from the same organization, only the first applicant will be considered.

The deadline for application/recommendation is strictly 4 May 2025, 23:59 East Africa Time.

Applicants are invited to submit an application through INDICO: <u>Application for travel support for</u> <u>Observers from non-governmental organizations</u>.

While making the selection, due regard will also be given to:

- Equitable geographic distribution;
- Gender parity; and
- Proven expertise on the subject matter.

As per usual practice, the list of Observers selected to receive travel support will be made available on the <u>INC-5.2 web page</u> once the selection process is finalized. Applicants will receive an automatic e-mail from INDICO informing them of the results of their application once the selection process has concluded.