Comments by Friends of the Earth Europe

In general I think we should put the 2030 Agenda higher on the Agenda as a overall framework, as it makes better links to development and SCP/pollution free society. The main challenge of this 2030 agenda is to come to a paradigm shift of "development" and challenge our economic system that causes so much pollution. I don't find this back in the outcome document. It still calls for "long term economic growth", and sees pollution as a obstacle for that, but civil society organisations (and supported by science) stresses always that unlimited economic growth leads to environmental damage and unequality.

At the last OECD meeting on inclusive growth, the special advisor of the SG of the OECD, Gabriela Ramos, stated: "Our current economic model did not solve the crisis, did increase inequality and did increase environmental damage".

So I think it is unavoidable to put a rethinking of our economic system on the agenda if we want to achieve a pollution free planet.

Thanks for considering!