
Informal technical briefing to support discussions at INC-1

Session 5 - Stakeholder considerations; cooperation & coordination

Tuesday 15 November 2022

Introduction

- Working documents are available at <https://www.unep.org/events/conference/inter-governmental-negotiating-committee-meeting-inc-1> under the meeting documents tab
- The briefings are in **English only**.
- **Recordings** of all 5 sessions will be made available on the same meeting page under the overview tab, **for information only**.
- The sessions are **not negotiations** and will not be reflected in the meeting documents prepared for INC-1.
- Please send questions to all panellists, and indicate:
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 - **Organization + name** if you are representing other groups

Topic 5: Stakeholder considerations; cooperation and coordination.

Structure of the discussion	Proposed timing
Introduction remarks Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, Executive Secretary, Secretariat for the INC on Plastic Pollution	10 mins
<u>Part 1) Stakeholder engagement opportunities linked to INC-1</u> a) Organization of the Multi-Stakeholder Forum (5-7 mins), Presenter: Claudia Giacobelli b) Organization of the Basel Convention Plastic Waste Partnership (2-3 mins), Presenter: Susan Wingfield c) MGS coordinators identified facilitators	20 mins
<u>Part 2) Introduction to related INC-1 meeting documents</u> a) Stakeholder engagement (5-7 mins), Presenter: Catalina Pizarro b) Cooperation and coordination (5-7 mins), Presenter: Benjamin Ojoleck	15 mins
Q & A session facilitated by the secretariat	20 mins
Secretariat update on logistics	5 mins
Wrap-up	

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Part I

Organization of the Multistakeholder Forum

Multi-stakeholder Forum

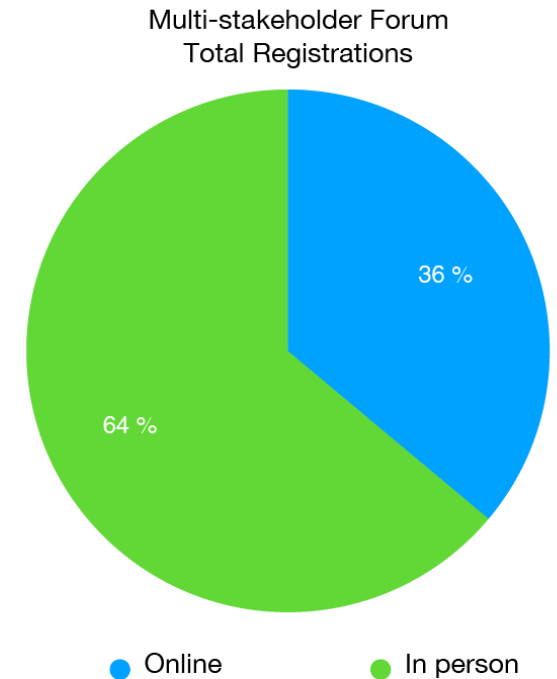
in conjunction with the first meeting of the **Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee** to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

 **Date:** 26 November 2022

 **Time:** 09:30-18:30 (GMT-3)

 **Venue:** Punta del Este [Convention and Exhibition Centre](#), Uruguay

 **For more information** about the Forum, please visit the event webpage [here](#).



Registrations: ~1,100 on-site + close to 700 online participants

AGENDA FOR THE FORUM

Result of broad consultations. It draws upon the experience at the Dialogues and the OEWG in Dakar, as well as formal and informal feedback received by member states and stakeholders in Dakar and after that since. Detailed comments on the preliminary agenda have been actively requested between 30 Sept and 26 Oct. The revised version of the agenda has been developed incorporating the comments received.

Forum Moderator: Femi Oke; International journalist

Time (GMT-3) <i>Online</i>	Time (GMT-3) <i>In-person</i>	Item	Speakers/Topic	Format
09:30 – 10:00	09:30 – 10:00	Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Femi Oke – International Journalist ▪ Adrián Peña - Minister of Environment, Uruguay ▪ Inger Andersen - Executive Director, UNEP 	Plenary (hybrid)
10:00 – 10:15	10:00 – 10:15	What the science tells us for a system change to end plastic pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sheila Aggarwal-Khan - Director Economy Division, UNEP <p>Walk through the content of the INC document on Plastics science (UNEP/PP/INC.1/7)</p>	
10:15 – 11:00	10:15 – 11:00		Panel discussion with scientists, to set the scene for the roundtable discussions, with Q&A	
11:00 – 11:30	11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break		
11:30 – 12:50	11:30 – 13:15	First set of Roundtables	<p>Discussion on stakeholder actions to combat plastic pollution along the lifecycle of plastics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Eliminating and designing for circularity b) Circularity in practice c) Waste minimization and remediation 	Break-out rooms (in-person or over zoom)

Time <small>(GMT-3)</small> <i>Online</i>	Time <small>(GMT-3)</small> <i>In-person</i>	Item	Speakers/Topic	Format
12:50 – 13:00	13:15 – 14:15	Break (for online participants) Lunch break (for in-person participants)		
13:30 – 14:30	14:15 – 16:00	Second set of Roundtables	Discussion on how to initiate a multi-stakeholder action agenda	Break-out rooms (in-person or over zoom)
14:30 – 16:00	16:00 – 16:30	Break (for online participants) Coffee break (for in-person participants)		
16:30 – 17:15	16:30 – 17:15	Key conclusions from Roundtable discussions and Q&A	Facilitators of the 1 st set of roundtables will present the key messages emerged, with an opportunity to further discuss and aggregate the messages for the INC	Plenary (hybrid)
17:15 – 18:15	17:15 – 18:15		Facilitators of the 2 nd set of roundtables will present the key messages emerged, with an opportunity to further discuss and aggregate the messages for the INC.	
18:15– 18:30	18:15– 18:30	Closing Remarks		
18:30	18:30	End		

INFORMATION ABOUT ROUNDTABLES

Objective:

- Facilitate the exchange of information and ideas among stakeholders in a NON negotiating space.
- summarize key messages that can be aggregated in the plenary of the Forum and reported to INC to inform INC participants

MORNING ROUNDTABLES: discussions on **stakeholder actions to combat plastic pollution** along the life cycle of plastics:

- a) Eliminating and designing for circularity (SG1 and SG2)
- b) Circularity in practice (SG3)
- c) Waste minimization and remediation (SG4)

AFTERNOON ROUNDTABLES: discussions on **how to initiate a multi-stakeholder action agenda** to shift the needle towards ending plastic pollution through collective impact.

Background documents on each of the Roundtable topics will be published on the [Forum website](#) and circulated ahead of the event, to facilitate participants' preparation.

- **Notes for in-person roundtables:** The in-person roundtables of the Multi-stakeholder Forum are not hybrid. No interpretation will be available.
- **Notes for online roundtables:** The Online roundtables for the Multi-stakeholder Forum will be hosted entirely online via Zoom. Interpretation will be available in English, Spanish and French only for the segments marked as 'Joint virtual room' in the detailed agenda below. No interpretation will be available in the break-out rooms.

DETAILED AGENDA FOR ROUNDTABLES

Time (GMT-3) <i>Online</i>	Time (GMT-3) <i>In-person</i>	Item	Speakers/Topic	Format
MORNING ROUNDTABLES				
11:30 – 11:40	11:30 – 11:40	Welcome and Q&A on rules of engagement	Roundtable Moderator	Joint room
11:40 – 12:20	11:40 – 12:30	First set of Roundtables	Focused discussions , on stakeholders' actions to combat plastic pollution along the life cycle of plastics. Please refer to the information about roundtables.	Break-out rooms
12:20 – 12:45	12:30 – 13:10	Conclusions from the 1 st set of Roundtable discussions	Walk-through the collaborative boards and discussion to surface key highlights and messages from the break-out conversations, with the objective of summarizing key messages that can be aggregated in the plenary of the Forum.	Joint room
12:45 – 12:50	13:10 – 13:15	Recap and closing	Roundtable Moderator	Joint room
12:50 – 13:00	13:15 – 14:15	Lunch Break / Break		
AFTERNOON ROUNDTABLES				
13:00 – 13:05	14:15 – 14:25	Welcome back and set-up for the 2 nd set of roundtables	Roundtable Moderator	Joint room
13:05 – 13:50	14:25 – 15:15	Second set of Roundtables	Focused discussions on how to initiate a multistakeholder action agenda. Please refer to the information about roundtables.	Break-out rooms
13:50 – 14:15	15:15 – 15:55	Conclusions from the 2 nd set of Roundtable discussions	Walk-through the collaborative board and discussion to surface key highlights and messages from the break-out conversations, with the objective of summarizing key messages that can be aggregated in the plenary of the Forum.	Joint room
14:15 – 14:30	15:55 – 16:00	Recap and closing	Roundtable Moderator	Joint room
14:30	16:00	End		

The main plenary of the Forum resumes at 16:30 Uruguay local time. Connection is available through [Interactio](#).



Third meeting of the Plastic Waste Partnership working group

Punta del Este, Uruguay

23 to 25 November 2022



The Basel Convention Plastic Waste Partnership (PWP)

Objective



Improve and promote ESM of plastic waste at the global, regional and national levels and prevent and minimize its generation.

Modalities



Working group and 4 project groups; steering group for pilot projects.

Membership



Working group open to Parties and observers; 265 reps of 126 entities.



Donors

Canada, European Union, France, Germany, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, USA.



Project groups

1. Prevention and minimization
2. Collection, recycling and other recovery, incl. financing
3. Transboundary movements
4. Outreach, education, awareness raising.



Pilot projects

23 pilot projects selected in 2021 for implementation. Second call selection in December 2022.



PWP-3, 23-25 November, Hotel Barradas in Punta del Este

**70 in-person and
40 online PWP
members
attending from
Basel Parties,
regional centres,
NGOS and
industry; 40
delegates staying
on for INC-1**



**Organized in
collaboration with
the Basel and
Stockholm
Convention
Regional Centre
in Uruguay with
funding from the
European Union
and Norway**

Objectives:

- discuss working modalities of the PWP;
- updates on key developments;
- track progress in the implementation of project group workplans;
- updates on the PWP pilot project programme;
- develop the PWP working group workplan for 2024-25;
- an promote working group cooperation and coordination.

UNEP major groups and stakeholders

MGS	Facilitators
• Business and Industry Major Group	Delphine Garin <garin@wbcsd.org>
• NGO Major Group	Christopher Chin <cchin@coare.org>
• Women Major Group	Carmen Capriles <carmen_capriles@yahoo.com>
• Children and Youth Major Group	TBC
• Farmers Major Group	TBC
• Indigenous Peoples Major Group	TBC
• Local Authorities Major Group	TBC
• Scientific and Technological Community Major Group	TBC
• Workers and Trade Unions Major Group	TBC

General MSG facilitators in INC-1:

Rachel Radvany (rradvany@ciel.org) and Betty Wahlund (bettywahlund@ipen.org)

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Part II



Overview of working documents: stakeholder engagement, and cooperation and coordination

Webinar to support discussions at the first session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

Catalina Pizarro and Benjamin Ojoleck,
Associate Legal Officers,
Law Division
15 November 2022, online meeting

UNEP/PP/INC.1/12: Overview of stakeholder engagement frameworks under other instruments and of potential approaches for the international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment



Key concepts relating to stakeholder engagement frameworks

Many definitions of 'stakeholders'.

In environmental law and policy: Individuals and social groups relevant to the effective design and implementation of given objectives, mechanisms, policies and programmes.

When accredited to attend specific meetings under MEAs, they can also be identified as '**observers**'.

Typical categories of observers: UN funds and programmes, UN specialized agencies and related organizations, international organizations and members of the 'major groups' system.

Major Groups and other stakeholders structure: formalized in Agenda 21. Nine Major Groups: business and industry; farmers; indigenous people's organizations; local government and municipal authorities; women; the scientific and technological community; children and youth; trade union organizations; and NGOs.

Public participation and participation of stakeholders and experts in the work of the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies

ECOSOC is the main entry point in the UN system for NGO participation

Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration: three pillars: public participation, access to information, and access to justice.

Public participation in environmental matters: the rights and opportunities for members of the public to engage in decision-making concerning the environment.

Accreditation is the main procedural mechanism that allows stakeholders to formally engage in UN processes as observers.

Traditionally, UNEP works with the nine major groups.



Overview of stakeholder engagement in the texts of MEAs and regional agreements

References to specific groups in the preamble

Provisions relating to the functioning of secretariat

Provisions relating to the governance structure

References to indigenous peoples

References to public awareness

References to access to information

References to mobilizing funding

Provisions for consultation with stakeholders-
development of implementation plans

Provisions for consultation and cooperation -broad

Stakeholder engagement frameworks under MEAs and intergovernmental platforms and in the context of implementation of the 2030 Agenda

Protection of the atmosphere

Conservation of biological diversity and protection of soils

Protection of freshwater resources

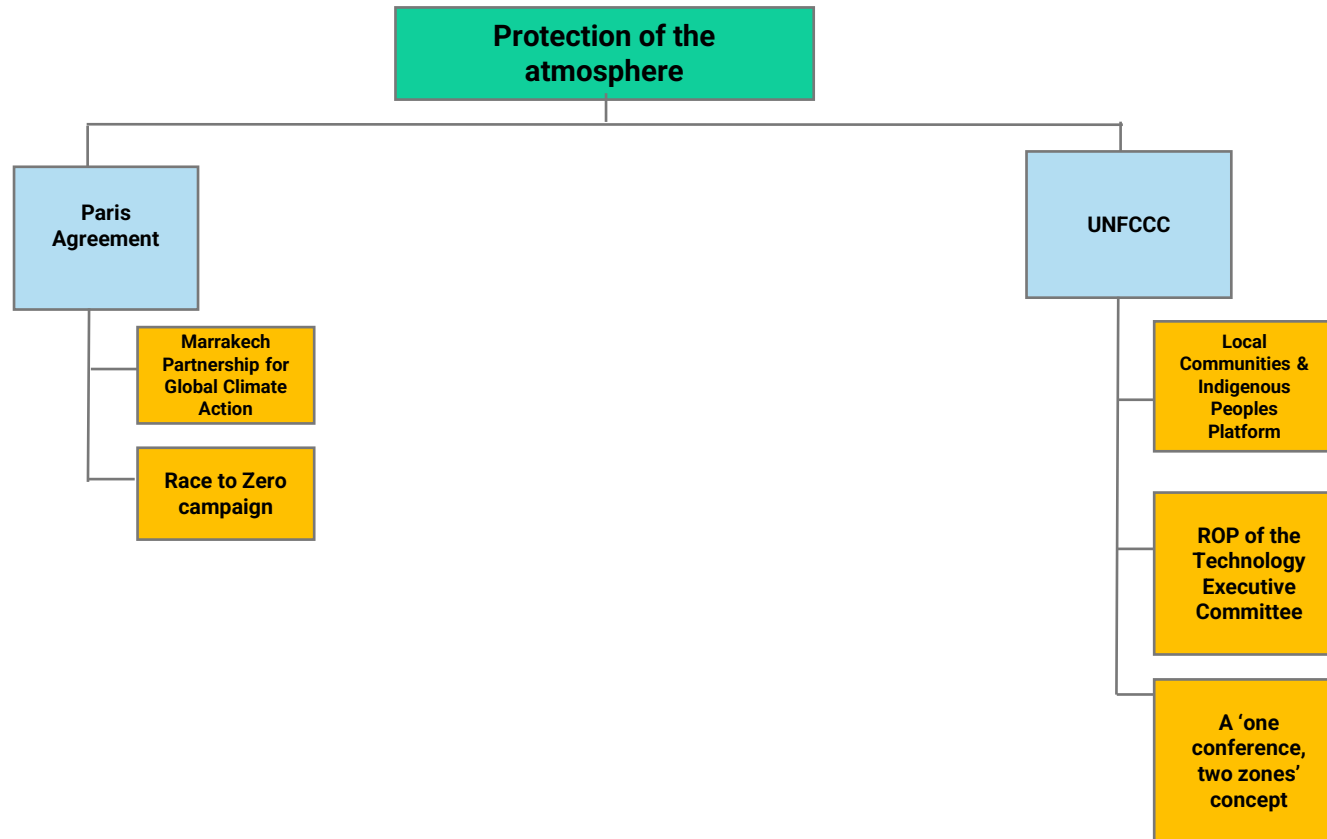
Protection of oceans and seas

Regulation of hazardous substances, wastes and activities

Science-policy platforms and frameworks

Stakeholder engagement in multi-stakeholder partnerships & platforms within the context of the implementation of 2030 Agenda

Stakeholder engagement frameworks under MEAs and intergovernmental platforms and in the context of implementation of the 2030 Agenda (Cont.)



Potential approaches for the instrument

References to stakeholders & stakeholder groups in the treaty text	Accreditation of stakeholder as observers in UN processes	Accreditation of stakeholder as observers in MEAs	Funding for accredited stakeholders to attend meetings and follow processes
Principle of public participation in environmental matters	Encouragement and facilitation of open dialogue with civil society	Enhanced participation of stakeholders, without the right to vote	Role of high-level independent individuals
Appointment of stakeholders to technical/expert bodies as advisers	Multi-stakeholder partnerships and platforms	Adoption of guidelines for partnerships	

UNEP/PP/INC.1/10: Overview of information to promote cooperation and coordination with relevant regional and international conventions, instruments and organizations

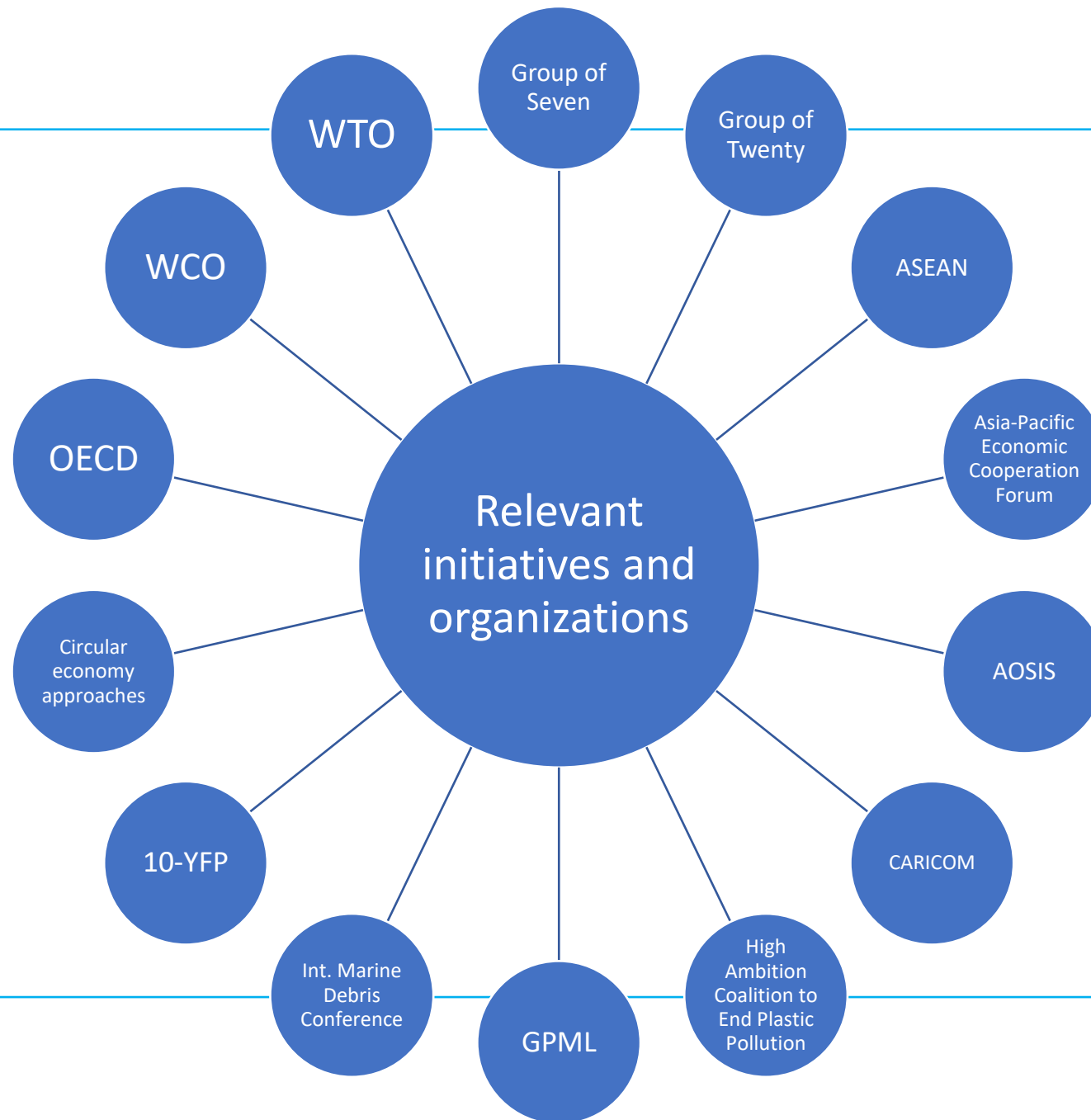


Formulation of Working Document UNEP/PP/INC.1/10

- Preamble of UNEA Resolution 5/14 provides a basis for formulation of the working document
- *An Overview of UN Activities and Initiatives Related to Marine Litter and Microplastics*, UNEP Environment Management Group, 2021
- Almost all United Nations entities have some involvement in plastics or plastics-related subject matter
- Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML)







Summary of Working Document UNEP/PP/INC.1/10 (cont'd)

- (A) Harmonize monitoring and reporting on full life cycle of plastics, taking into account plastics-related obligations under other conventions and existing initiatives;**
- (B) Work with Resident Coordinators in the context of the UN development system to mainstream identification of plastic hotspots into common country analyses and plastics governance in cooperation frameworks;**
- (C) Work with regional governance mechanisms to develop region-specific plastics baseline assessments and corresponding action plans, including tailored funding mechanisms;**
- (D) Work thematically with different conventions to draw on resources offered by various funding mechanisms.**

Questions

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Logistical information

- **INC-1 logistics note:**
 - i. <https://www.unep.org/events/conference/inter-governmental-negotiating-committee-meeting-inc-1> ,
 - ii. new updates are **highlighted**
- **Plastic-free meeting.** Delegates are suggested to bring their own water bottles to the meeting. Water dispensers for refilling will be provided.
- **Badge collection centre will open** 25 November, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; 26 November - 1 December, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Transfer services** will be available between:
 - i. The capital Montevideo and Punta del Este for flight arrivals and departures
 - ii. Punta del Este city centre and the venue every day.
- **Visa letters:** The Government of Uruguay is issuing special **individual letters** to participants authorizing entry into the country without a visa. Please note that only participants that require a visa will be issued the letter.
- **Accommodation list is available on-line:** Due to peak season in Uruguay, participants are encouraged to book hotels as early as possible.

Thank you

See you soon in Punta del Este

For questions and queries, please write to:

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