



**Intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop
an international legally binding instrument on plastic
pollution, including in the marine environment
First session**

Punta del Este, Uruguay, 28 November–2 December 2022
Item 3 (c) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: organization of work

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the session

1. The first session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to prepare an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, to be held from 28 November to 2 December 2022 at the Punta del Este Convention and Exhibition Centre in Punta del Este, Uruguay, will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 28 November 2022.
2. Opening statements will be made by a representative of the host Government and a representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Item 2

Election of officers

3. It is expected that the intergovernmental negotiating committee will elect its officers, including a chair, nine vice-chairs and a rapporteur, at the beginning of the session. To ensure adequate regional representation, and consistent with the proposed draft rules of procedure, the committee may wish to consider the election of two officers from each of the five United Nations regions and a representative from the small island developing States, who will collectively constitute the bureau.
4. Upon election, the chair will preside over the session. Until the election of the chair, the session will be presided over by a representative of UNEP.

Item 3

Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the rules of procedure

5. Following discussion of the draft rules of procedure for the work of the committee by the ad hoc open-ended working group at its meeting held in Dakar from 30 May to 1 June 2022 to prepare for the first session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee, the ad hoc open-ended working group agreed to forward the draft rules of procedure to the committee for consideration at its first

* UNEP/PP/INC.1/1.

session. The committee may wish to consider, finalize and adopt the draft rules of procedure as forwarded by the ad hoc open-ended working group and contained in document UNEP/PP/INC.1/3.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

6. Subject to the rules of procedure, the committee may wish to adopt the agenda of its first session on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/PP/INC.1/1).

(c) Organization of work

7. The committee may wish to decide that it should meet on each day of the session from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., subject to adjustment as necessary.

8. During the session, the committee may wish to establish such contact groups as it may deem necessary, and to specify their mandates and appoint their presiding officers.

Item 4

Preparation of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

9. The United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, in resolution 5/14 adopted at its resumed fifth session, decided that the intergovernmental negotiating committee was to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, which could include both binding and voluntary approaches, based on a comprehensive approach that addressed the full life cycle of plastic, taking into account, among other things, the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, as well as national circumstances and capabilities. Furthermore, resolution 5/14 provides direction on the issues to be considered during the negotiations. They include provisions on specific issues listed in paragraph 3 of the resolution and other considerations specified in paragraph 4.

10. The committee may wish, as proposed in the scenario note for its first session (UNEP/PP/INC.1/2), to begin the discussions with general statements related to the development of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, followed by consideration of the clustering and sequencing of deliberations under the committee.

11. Broad options for the structure of the instrument, taking into account paragraphs 3 and 4 of resolution 5/14, are presented in document UNEP/PP/INC.1/4, while potential elements, based on provisions in paragraphs 3 and 4 of resolution 5/14, including key concepts, procedures, and mechanisms of legally binding multilateral agreements that may be relevant to furthering implementation and compliance under the future instrument, are presented in document UNEP/PP/INC.1/5. The committee may wish to discuss the objectives and scope of the instrument as the basis for the discussion on potential elements.

12. To support its consideration of document UNEP/PP/INC.1/5 and of document UNEP/PP/INC.1/8, which presents a description of standard articles on final provisions that are typically included in multilateral environmental agreements, the committee will have available the following working documents requested by the ad hoc open-ended working group at its meeting in Dakar:

(a) A glossary of key terms (UNEP/PP/INC.1/6) to assist in the understanding of key terms that may be used during the negotiation process;

(b) A note by the secretariat on plastics science (UNEP/PP/INC.1/7), which addresses monitoring, sources of plastic pollution, chemicals used in manufacturing, flows across the life cycle, pathways in the environment, health and other impacts, solutions, technologies, and costs;

(c) An overview of existing funding currently available for addressing plastic pollution through international funding arrangements, including from other processes, programmes, multilateral funds, development banks and private-sector initiatives (UNEP/PP/INC.1/9);

(d) An overview of information to promote cooperation and coordination with relevant regional and international conventions, instruments and organizations (UNEP/PP/INC.1/10), in accordance with paragraph 3 (k) of Environment Assembly resolution 5/14;

(e) A note by the secretariat on priorities, needs, challenges and barriers relating to ending plastic pollution at the national level (UNEP/PP/INC.1/11), covering in particular developing countries and containing an overview of national measures based on submissions from Member States;

(f) An 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 (UNEP/PP/INC.1/12);

(g) A note by the secretariat on existing information that might assist policymakers (UNEP/PP/INC.1/13).

13. In addition to the above working documents, a number of information documents have been prepared to facilitate the work of the committee.

Item 5

Other matters

14. The committee may wish to consider other matters raised during the session, including the dates and venues of its next sessions and the possibility of organizing future multi-stakeholder forums.

Item 6

Adoption of the report

15. At the final meeting of the session, on 2 December, the committee will be invited to consider and adopt its decisions and the draft report of the session prepared by the rapporteur. The draft report, reflecting the plenary meetings of the first three days of the session, will be approved by the committee with any amendments that may be necessary. Consistent with standard United Nations practice, the committee may agree that the section of the report pertaining to the plenary meetings of Thursday, 1 December and Friday, 2 December will be prepared by the rapporteur, with support from the secretariat, and incorporated into the final report of the session under the Chair's authority. The final report will be circulated after the closure of the session.

Item 7

Closure of the session

16. It is expected that the committee will conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Friday, 2 December 2022.

Annex

Provisional programme of the first session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

	Monday, 28 November	Tuesday, 29 November	Wednesday, 30 November	Thursday, 1 December	Friday, 2 December
10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	<p><i>Agenda item 1</i> Opening of the session.</p> <p><i>Agenda item 2</i> Election of officers.</p> <p><i>Agenda item 3</i> Organizational matters: (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure; (b) Adoption of the agenda; (c) Organization of work.</p> <p><i>Agenda item 4</i> Preparation of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.</p> <p><i>Proposed items:</i> 1) General statement relating to the development of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment</p>	<p><i>Agenda item 4 (continued)</i> Preparation of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.</p> <p><i>Proposed items:</i> 5) Potential elements</p>	<p><i>Agenda item 4 (continued)</i> Preparation of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.</p> <p><i>Proposed items:</i> 5) Potential elements (continued) OR Potential contact group discussions</p>	<p><i>Agenda item 4 (continued)</i> Preparation of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.</p> <p><i>Proposed items:</i> 5) Potential elements (continued) OR Potential contact group discussions</p>	<p><i>Agenda item 5</i> Other matters.</p> <p><i>Proposed items:</i> 1) Date and venue of next sessions of the intergovernmental negotiating committee 2) Intersessional work 3) Possibility of future multi-stakeholder forums and dialogues</p>
3–6 p.m.	<p><i>Agenda item 4 (continued)</i> Preparation of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.</p> <p><i>Proposed items:</i> 2) Sequencing and clustering 3) Options for the structure of the instrument 4) Scope and objectives of such an instrument</p>	<p><i>Agenda item 4 (continued)</i> Preparation of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.</p> <p><i>Proposed items:</i> 5) Potential elements (continued) OR Stakeholder dialogue</p>	<p><i>Agenda item 4 (continued)</i> Preparation of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.</p> <p><i>Proposed items:</i> 6) Potential elements (continued) OR Potential contact group discussions</p>	<p><i>Agenda item 4 (continued)</i> Preparation of an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment.</p> <p><i>Proposed items:</i> 5) Potential elements (continued) 6) Standard articles on final provisions OR Potential contact group discussions</p>	<p><i>Agenda item 6</i> Adoption of the report.</p> <p><i>Proposed item:</i> Adoption of Chair's summary</p> <p><i>Agenda item 7</i> Closure of the session.</p>
7–10 p.m.	--	--	Potential contact group discussions	Potential contact group discussions	--