

Webinar 3: Organization of work at INC-2

Technical briefing on the organization of work at INC-2



Secretariat for the INC on Plastic Pollution

Outline

1. Timeline INC process
2. Update on preparations for INC-2: preceding events, registrations, logistics, documentation
3. Host country preparations
4. Objectives and potential outcomes
5. Organization of work

Questions

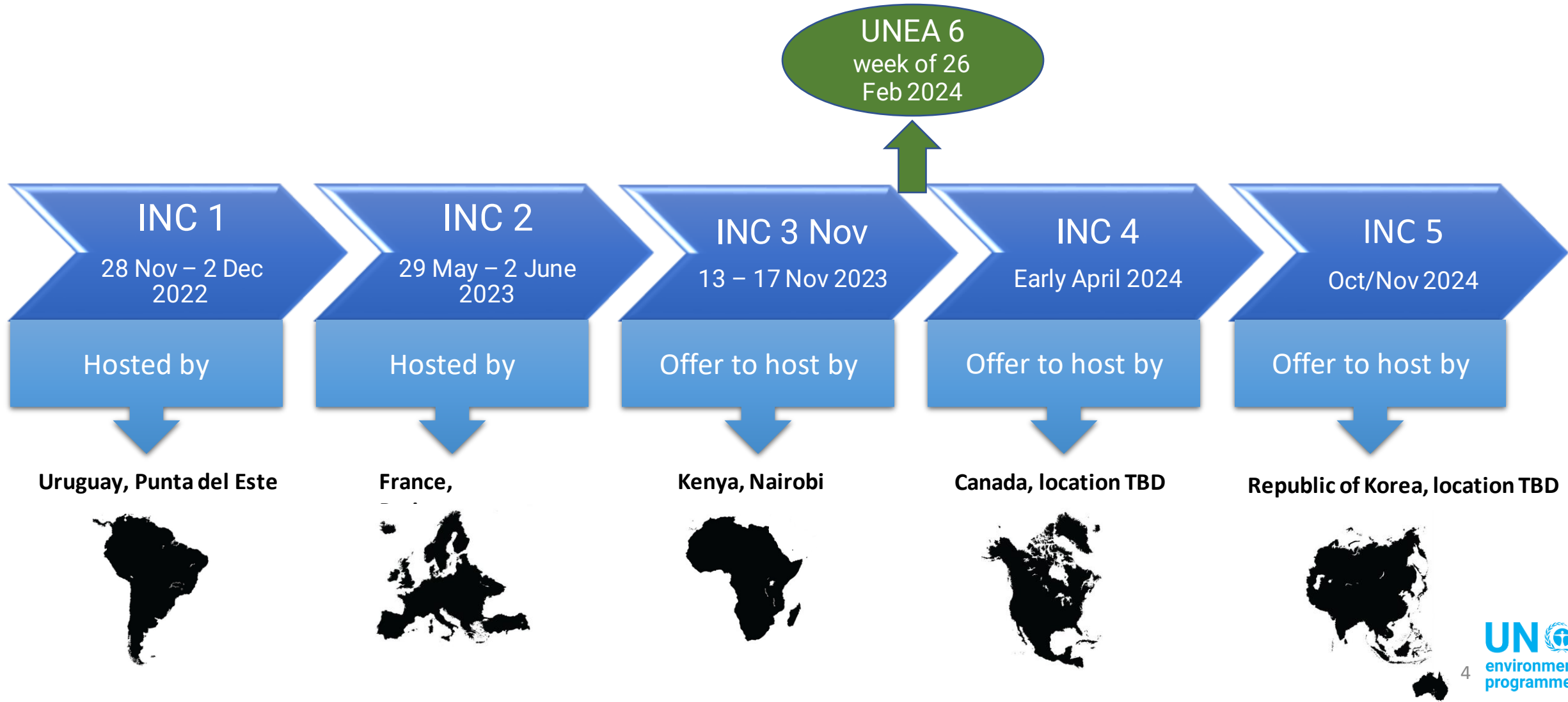
To ask a question, please indicate:

Member State: Country + name

Others: Organization + name

The session is being recorded. The recording, as well as the slides will be made available on the INC-2 website.

Timeline for the INC process



General information

Venue: UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France, from 29 May - 2 June 2023

Regional consultations are scheduled for 28 May. These are to be convened and organized by the groups themselves. In addition, there will be an opportunity for regional meetings to be held every morning throughout the week.

One room for observers will also be made available for their meetings.

INC-2 will be fully in-person. As was the case in INC-1, plenary sessions will be streamed in the 6 UN-Languages.

Thematic side events during INC-2

1:30-2:45 pm daily from Monday 29 May to Thursday 1 June 2023

Date	No.	Theme
Monday 29 May	1	Promoting sustainable consumption and production of plastics
	2	Oceans and the marine environment, including transport, ghost fishing gears, dumping, pellet loss, and impacts on biodiversity
	3	The role of trade measures in the future instrument: challenges and opportunities
Tuesday 30 May	4	Monitoring the situation and monitoring the progress of the future instrument: objectives/targets and their associated baselines, indicators, and timelines.
	5	Plastic pollution, toxicity, chemicals, and potential risks to human health
	6	Means of implementation, including resource mobilization and financial mechanism
Wednesday 31 May	7	Microplastic: understanding the challenge and its impacts
	8	Promoting circular economy to retain plastics in the economy and out of the environment, including innovation and expanding the share of circular plastics
	9	Enabling change at local, national, and regional levels
Thursday 1 June	10	Promoting environmentally sound management of plastic waste, including collection, sorting, and recycling, and consideration of investments
	11	Existing plastic pollution: Challenges of SIDs and remote communities
	12	Socio-economic considerations in the transition to circular approaches to plastic, including human rights approaches and inclusion of the informal waste sector

Secondary Access Cards/Floating badges

Venue **space limit of 1500 delegates**, at any given time within the precinct.

The limitation will be enforced through the provision of limited number of **secondary access cards**, also referred to as “floating badges” to each delegation/current.

The **secondary access cards** will be issued by the Secretariat and will be required, in addition to the meeting badges, to enter the building.

A notification on the number of access cards per Member States and organization will be issued soon.

Issuance of meeting badges

All meeting badges will be issued at the venue, upon presentation of the UN EVENT PASS resulting from the approval of the online pre-registration and a valid passport or identification card with a photograph.

Participants may collect their badges by visiting the badging collection centre.

Tentative schedule

27-May	14:00	18:00
28-May	08:00	17:00
29-May	08:00	17:00
30-May	08:00	17:00
31-May	08:00	17:00
01-Jun	08:00	17:00
02-Jun	08:00	13:00

Registration

Registration closed on 28 April, at 23:59 EAT (Nairobi time).

Status of registration (as of 08 May): Total: 2690 delegates

- 170 Member States (842 delegates)
- 703 Stakeholder organizations (1693 delegates)
- 20 UN entities (91 delegates)
- 11 IGOs (25 delegates)
- 27 media orgs (39 delegates)

Credentials

The presentation of credentials by representatives from Members of the Committees is not required.

The online submission of a Note Verbale from their Ministry, or a formal letter or other Note Verbal from their Embassy or Permanent Mission addressed to the Secretariat containing the entire composition of the delegation will suffice.

Travel support

- Application for travel support for Member States closed on 31 March. The Secretariat is funding a maximum of 2 delegates per eligible country. UNEP regional offices are contacting approved delegates with the itineraries.
- The deadline for applications for travel support from observers from non-governmental organizations ended on 14 April. The results were sent over the weekend. The 20 selected participants will be contacted with the itinerary.
- Disbursement of the DSA will be made on-site, at the meeting venue, via physical prepaid cards for INC-2 meeting participants (in USD).

INC-2: Documentation

Working documents

- Provisional agenda:
UNEP/UNEP/PP/INC.2/2PP/INC.2/1
- Scenario note: **UNEP/PP/INC.2/2**
- Annotated provisional agenda:
UNEP/PP/INC.2/1/Add.1
- Draft rules of procedure: **UNEP/PP/INC.2/3**
- “Options paper”: **UNEP/PP/INC.2/4**

Information documents

- UNEA resolution 5/14: **UNEP/PP/INC.2/INF/1**
- Note on the conduct of voting: **UNEP/PP/INC.2/INF/2**
- Dates & venues of subsequent INC sessions: **UNEP/PP/INC.2/INF/3** (to be available soon)
- **Additional information linked to the options for the potential elements towards an international legally binding instrument:**
UNEP/PP/INC.2/INF/4 (to be available soon)

The Secretariat will hold a briefing on Sunday, 28 May at lunch time on the conduct of vote (**UNEP/PP/INC.2/INF/2**)

Other logistical aspects

- A **programme** with the week' schedule will be made available on the meeting page.
- For plenaries, **seating** will be done according to the English alphabetical order.
- The time limits for interventions by Members of the Committee on behalf of groups of States is 5 minutes, by Members in their national capacity is 3 minutes and statements by observers will be limited to 2 minutes. Oral statements from observers are at the discretion of the Chair, time permitting.
- INC -2 will be held in line with the UN [Code of conduct](#) to prevent harassment, including sexual harassment, at UN System events.
- Please consult the [information note to participants](#) on the INC-2.
- Do not to bring suitcases to UNESCO. We encourage you to bring water bottles and lanyards to limit environmental footprint.

Objectives of the meeting

- a) to **advance** the development of the international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, using document UNEP/PP/INC.2/4 as a basis;

- (b) to **identify areas where more information is required** to inform and support the negotiations, including any mandate for document(s) to be prepared for consideration at the third session and any other additional work to be carried out during the intersessional period; and

- (c) to decide on the necessary **procedural and organizational matters** for the continuation of effective negotiations.

Possible outcomes of INC-2

- Identifying **headings and topic areas identified in the Options Paper that will require further work**, including through research and analysis, and areas where agreement is likely to be reached more readily;
- Agreeing on a **potential option or a set of potential options under each heading**;
- Agreeing on a **mandate for a zero-draft text** of the instrument for consideration at the third session of the committee;
- Agreeing on any **intersessional work** to be carried out prior to the third session of the committee, including the possibility of setting up expert groups to conduct further work on substantive and implementation matters;

Possible outcomes of INC-2 (ctd)

- Agreeing on the **dates, venue and provisional agenda of the third session**, and, if possible, the dates and venues of all future sessions;
- Discussing **stakeholder engagement** moving forward, including specific activities to be conducted in the margins of the third session;

Opening plenary

- **Monday 29 June, 10 am**
- **Opening statements** by France, UNEP Executive Director and INC Executive Secretary
- No general statements at this time – Any statements can be submitted in writing or as video to the Secretariat for webposting

Plenary Monday 29 May 2023

- Election of officers:

- Chair elected at INC-1 (Ambassador Gustavo Meza-Cuadra)
- Election of 10 vice-presidents and appointment of rapporteur still outstanding
- Chair to report on intersessional consultations and propose way forward
- If any vote is necessary, procedure outlined in INF document (UNEP/PP/INC.2/INF/2)

Plenary Monday 29 June (ctd)

- Rules of Procedure:

- Chair will report on consultations
- Draft rules of procedure (UNEP/PP/INC.2/3) continue to apply provisionally except text within square brackets

Plenary Monday 29 June (ctd)

- **Adoption of the agenda**

- Documents:

- Provisional agenda (UNEP/PP/INC.2)
- Annotated agenda (UNEP/PP/INC.2/Add.1)

Plenary Monday 29 June (ctd)

- Items reserved for Friday:

- Dates and venues of subsequent sessions
- Provisional agenda of next session

- Members can raise any other business to be discussed on Friday

Plenary Monday 29 June (ctd)

- Item 4:

- Presentation of Potential Options for Elements document (UNEP/PP/INC.2/4)
- **Succinct general** State and group statements
- Time permitting, statements by observers
- Establishment of contact groups

Contact groups

- **Two contact groups**
 - CG 1: Options for elements in **Section II A and B** of the Options Paper Annex
 - CG 2: Options for elements in **Section II C, D and E** of the Options Paper Annex
- Co-facilitators
- Possibility of informal consultation on specific topics
- **No more than two contact group meetings at the same time**
- **Conclusion of contact group work by Thursday 1 June, end of day**

Contact group outcomes

Contact groups to make recommendations on:

- (a) Identifying **potential options or combinations of potential options for elements** which would best achieve the desired outcomes of the future instrument;
- (b) Identifying **any remaining gaps** so that the future draft instrument addresses the global challenges of plastic pollution, including in the marine environment;
- (c) Considering which potential options would require **further intersessional work**, including through research and analysis, to be undertaken prior to the third session of the committee and identifying appropriate modalities for such intersessional work.

INC-2 Overview of proposed schedule of work

	Monday 29 May 2023	Tuesday 30 May 2023	Wednesday 31 May 2023	Thursday 1 June 2023	Friday 2 June 2023
8 am – 10 am					
Morning 10 am-1p m	Plenary	Contact groups	Contact groups	Contact groups	Plenary
1.30-2.45pm	<i>Side events 1, 2 and 3</i>	<i>Side events 4, 5 and 6</i>	<i>Side events 7, 8 and 9</i>	<i>Side events 10, 11 and 12</i>	
Afternoon 3 pm –6 pm	Plenary	Contact groups	Plenary or contact groups as needed	Contact groups	Plenary
Evening 7 pm -10.30 pm	Host country reception	<i>Contact group discussions as needed</i>	<i>Contact group discussions as needed</i>	<i>Contact group discussions as needed</i>	



Thank you

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