

Existing plastic pollution: Challenges of SIDS and remote communities

1 June 13:30-14:45 CET

Location: Hall 12

Objectives of the session:

- 1) The current state of plastic pollution in SIDS – challenges and opportunities for solutions, including from private sector.
- 2) A discussion on needs of SIDS to effectively implement circular economy and waste management solutions (up-stream, mid-stream, down-stream): What we are hearing at INC-2 and how the needs could be addressed concretely through the future Plastics Treaty ([UNEP-PP-INC.2-4 English.pdf](#))

Item	Details	Timing	Speaker Name
Welcome	Welcome	13:30-13:32	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Janaka De Silva, Senior Programme Coordinator, IUCN Ocean Team
Opening Moderator	Welcome speakers Objective is to feed into INC-2 discussion on potential options for elements for international, legally binding agreement (PowerPoint Presentation (unep.org))	13:32-13:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alexandra Harrington, Chair, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law Task Force Plastic Pollution
Hearing from SIDS	Government engagement speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AOSIS• Dominican Republic• Fiji What are the priorities of SIDS?	13.35-13.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anama Solofa, Lead Negotiator – Oceans, Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)• Claudia Taboada Flores, Director of Science, Technology and Environment at Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores República Dominicana• Senivasa Waqairamasi, Principal Environment Officer – RMU, Department of Environment, Office of the Prime Minister, Fiji
Presentations	How global leadership from SIDS can help deliver a UN Treaty the world needs	13:50-13:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ben Jack, Chief Strategy Officer, Common Seas
	Navigating Legal Obstacles to Combat Legacy Plastic Pollution in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction	13:55-14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• João Ribeiro-Bidaoui, General Counsel & Director of Global Public Affairs, The Ocean Cleanup & Innovation Alliance for a Global Plastics Treaty (IAGPT)
	The private sector contributions to identify and fight marine litter from both maritime and land-based sources	14:00-14:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gabriela Otero, Blue Keepers Project Manager, UN Global Compact LN Brazil
	Sustainable plastics free tourism for SIDS	14:05-14.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kishore Boodhoo, University of Mauritius and International Science Council
Q and A and Closing	QA for participants	14:10-14:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30 min QA
	Closing, wrap up of key points	14:40-14:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alexandra Harrington, IUCN WCEL