



INTERVENTIONS OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA TO UNEP FOR THE HYBRID SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES, 23RD MAY 2023.

- 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.**
- 2. Briefing on the preparations for the Second Session of the INC on plastic pollution.**

I thank you Chair for giving me the floor.

1. My delegation would like to take this moment to congratulate the INC Secretariat led by Ms. Jyoti Mathur Phillip and her entire team for the elaborate preparations for the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee meeting for the development of an International Legally Binding Instrument on Ending Plastic Pollution including in the Marine Environment.
2. My delegation would like to express its satisfaction with the preparations for INC-2 thus far, noting that the support accorded to my delegation in the registration process and adequate briefing sessions that have been held over the course of time including the comprehensive one that has just been delivered.
3. My delegation notes that since INC-1 that was convened in Punta Del Este, Uruguay in November 2022, the election of officers to the Bureau and adoption of the Rules of procedure are yet to be actioned. Going into INC-2, my delegation would like to urge all delegations to prioritize the need and urgency of ending the plastic pollution globally and therefore uphold the spirit of consensus in order to move the process of attaining this lofty goal forward.

4. My delegation is looking forward to INC-2 hosted by our esteemed colleagues the French Republic. I take this moment to wish all participating delegations safe travels and fruitful deliberations in Paris.

I thank you Chair.

3. Briefing on UNEP's work on strategic foresight and horizon scanning.

Thank You Chair for giving me the floor.

1. My Delegation applauds the Chief Scientist for the informative briefing on UNEP's work on strategic foresight and horizon scanning, which will prove instrumental in helping to explore, envision, anticipate, and even shape the future in an open, structured and systematic way.
2. Disruptions such as the one was brought about by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, offer a platform for drawing vital lessons going forward and underscore the significance of having instruments such as a strategic foresight at the disposal of states, which should be reinforced by constant and timely updates.
3. My delegation takes this opportunity to acknowledge the support by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to Kenya through its strategic foresight team. This will enable Kenya to strengthen her foresight systems as well as roll out key foresight processes in preparation for uncertain, and potentially turbulent futures.
4. My Delegation looks forward to biennial Global Foresight Report as a contribution to the 2024 Summit of the Future as well as the introduction of a systemic methodology to help inform decision making. Additionally, this will inform part of the preparations for UNEA 6, including formulation of forward looking resolutions.
5. Going forward, the foresight trajectory will prove instrumental in not only enabling UNEP implement its programme of work, but by extension enable member states come up with better mitigation strategies for challenges such as the triple planetary crises, pandemics, development of

timely and impactful strategies for ecosystem restoration as well as implementation of member state obligations under various Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

I thank you Chair.

4. Briefing on the Montevideo Programme.

Thank you Chair for giving me the floor.

1. My Delegation commends the Secretariat for the elaborate briefing on the Montevideo Programme aimed to contribute to the development and periodic review of the environmental law following resolution 4/40 of UNEA.
2. My delegation wishes to applaud the UNEP Secretariat for implementing the Montevideo Programme noting that this will enhance the development and implementation of environmental rule of law by member states. This is taking into consideration that good governance, is an enabler in the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals through integration environmental needs with essential elements of the rule of law.
3. Kenya has achieved the milestone in the enhancement of environmental rule of law, being among 42 African countries that have enacted a framework of environmental law namely, “The Environmental Management and Coordination Act (EMCA)”, whose aim is to provide an appropriate legal and institutional framework for the management of the environment.
4. My delegation commends various delegations for agreeing to set priority areas for implementation of the programme with a key focus on the triple planetary crisis including facilitating various countries with legal assistance to enable them implement their obligations under various Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEAs). This includes the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and the

Basel Convention on Trans boundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes, amongst others.

5. Taking note of the importance of funding to run the activities of the programme, Kenya appreciates the esteemed delegations of the United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and the Commonwealth Secretariat for their generous donations toward the Montevideo trust fund, and continues to encourage other member states, private sectors and donors to contribute to the fund, to facilitate the running of the programme.
6. Lastly Chair, Kenya reaffirms its support in the implementation and review of the Montevideo Programme looks forward to more interactions through technical support and knowledge sharing through the UNEP- Law and Environment Assistance Platform (LEAP).

I Thank You Chair!

5. Briefing on the UNEP spotlight publication on plastics.

I Thank You Chair

1. My delegation takes this moment to welcome the spotlight publication on plastics by UNEP and notes that it is timely in that it precedes the upcoming INC-2 in Paris. It provides a detailed and comprehensive analysis on how global environmental policy makers can achieve plastics circularity. This is to be achieved through adapting the systems change scenario which calls for the commitment to focusing on the causes of plastic pollution rather than the system. The global community can reduce mismanaged plastic waste that ends up in landfills and in oceans by up to 136 MMT and save up to 10.3% of the cost incurred throughout the plastic life cycle.
2. The unified global approach of the policy focus on recycling, re-using, re-orientation and diversity in addition to tackling the challenge of legacy plastics, if well captured in the proposed Legally Binding instrument and

followed through with meticulous implementation will be fundamental in curbing the problem of global plastic pollution.

3. Economic incentivisation and creation of financial flows in the quest for ending plastic pollution, makes a solid case for the creation of jobs in the formal and informal sectors. This indicates that indeed tackling plastic pollution, if well harnessed can comprise a substantial sub-sector for developing economies. The proposal for the elimination of plastic waste exports is also a welcomed proposal by my delegation.

4. Conclusively, the spotlight publication on plastic by UNEP is timely and its insights provide clarity on the future of addressing plastic pollution, in the case of a business as usual scenario juxtaposed against a systems change scenario and without a doubt clarifies that the need for expedited action is now.

I yield the floor Chair.

6. Other matters.

7. Closing of the meeting