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Dear Madam/Sir,

On behalf of Ms. Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC), the INC Secretariat is pleased to invite you to a series of online technical webinars organized in the lead up to the third session of the INC, scheduled to take place from 13 to 19 November 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya.

These webinars will be held over several consecutive weeks, starting on Tuesday 22 August 2023. The purpose of the webinars is to contribute to informing the discussions of the INC-3.

The series will start with a session on governing structures of selected existing multilateral environmental agreements, followed by two sessions providing observers an opportunity to present their submissions to inform the work of INC-3. Four thematic webinars will then be devoted to substantive topics relevant to the negotiations. These topics have been selected to complement the webinars in the previous intersessional period and with a view to addressing areas of interest expressed by Members of the Committee. The series will conclude with a session devoted to a presentation of the organization of work at INC-3 and related official documents.

The webinars will include initial presentations, followed by a short question-and-answer session. All the webinars will be in English only, and no simultaneous translation will be provided.

Details of each webinar and links for registration are provided below.

**Webinar 1: Reflections on Institutional Structures in existing MEAs, including science-policy bodies**

Tuesday, 22 August, 2023, 16:00 - 17:30 EAT

This session will present the governance structures of selected existing multilateral environmental agreements, including, as relevant, the operation of scientific and technical bodies, that could inform the consideration by the Committee of the institutional arrangements for the future international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution.

[Register here](#)

**Webinar 2: First webinar for observers to share information from their written submissions**

Tuesday 29 August 2023, 16:00 - 17:00 EAT

This session will offer observers an opportunity to present the main ideas and concepts from their written submissions to INC 3.

[Register here](#)

**Webinar 3: Second webinar for observers to share information from their written submissions**

Tuesday 5 September, 16:00 - 17:00 EAT

This session will offer observers an opportunity to present the main ideas and concepts from their written submissions to INC 3.

[Register here](#)

**Webinar 4: Identifying chemicals and polymers of concern**

Tuesday 12 September 2023, 16:00 - 17:30 EAT

This session will present information in relation to the determination of chemicals and polymers of concern used in plastic products, including on plastic-related chemicals and polymers covered by existing conventions and national regulatory frameworks, other processes and frameworks in which chemicals or polymers of concern are being considered, and examples of relevant criteria and approaches adopted in national regulations to address chemicals and polymers of concern.

[Register here](#)

**Webinar 5: Designing and producing plastic products for circularity**

Tuesday 26 September 2023, 16:00 - 17:30 EAT

This session will aim to present existing work and initiatives relating to the design and production of plastics and plastic products, including packaging, to support sustainable production and consumption. This will include consideration of relevant existing policy frameworks, partnerships and private sector initiatives.

[Register here](#)

**Webinar 6: Targets, national plans and national implementation**

Tuesday 3 October, 2023, 16:00 - 17:30 EAT

This session will provide an opportunity to consider the role played by national plans, including national action plans and national implementation plans, as well as other forms of national commitments towards the achievement of the objectives of multilateral environmental agreements and the implementation of obligations under such agreements. This session will explore existing examples of such frameworks, that could inform negotiators in the development of the plastics instrument.

[Register here](#)

**Webinar 7: Bridging the gap towards safe and sustainable management of plastic waste**

Tuesday 10 October, 2023, 16:00 - 17:30 EAT

This session will explore what environmentally sound management (ESM) of plastic waste entails, including in terms of infrastructure investment and access to technology, and opportunities to mobilize resources towards enhancing the capacity to manage waste effectively. Socio-economic and human health dimensions of sustainable waste management, including the protection of waste workers' health, will also be addressed.

[Register here](#)

**Webinar 8: Organization of work at INC-3 (including preparatory meeting) and presentation of the zero-draft text**

Tuesday 17 October, 2023, 16:00 - 17:30 EAT

This session will provide a presentation of the expected organization of work at INC-3, including a presentation of the zero-draft text of the instrument mandated at INC-2 to be prepared by the Chair, and other official documents prepared for the meeting.

[Register here](#)

Information on the briefings will also be made available on the [INC-3 webpage](#).

The secretariat invites participants to send any questions in advance of the webinars to [unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org](mailto:unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org). We look forward to your active participation in the upcoming webinars.

Yours sincerely,

*Signed*

The INC Secretariat