



CONVENTION ON PLASTIC POLLUTION

Toward A New Global
Agreement With A Multi-layered
Governance Approach To
Address Plastic Pollution



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HOW DID WE GET HERE?

- The Expert Group (AHEG) has been reviewing the known impacts of marine plastic pollution and microplastics for 2 years
 - We have well-documented the problem, including the agenda for future research and review
- Key question remains: now what do we do?
 - Many countries and stakeholders are evaluating new and stronger governance to meaningfully address plastic pollution and marine microplastics

POSSIBLE RESPONSE OPTIONS

- Several expert participants proposed possible governance structures in 2018 or 2019
 - Sweden, Norway, WWF, CIEL / EIA / COARE / Massey Uni
- These proposals have been discussed and enhanced throughout the meetings (and now virtual engagement)
- The following proposed structure is a refined, enriched, and updated structure for how we move forward

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PILLAR 1 MONITORING AND REPORTING	PILLAR 2 PLASTIC POLLUTION PREVENTION	PILLAR 3 COORDINATION	PILLAR 4 TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT
Monitoring and reporting on the state of the environment and implementation	Measures to reduce plastic pollution and promote a safe circular economy for plastics	Coordination with other international and regional instruments on relevant topics	Technical support to policymakers and financial support to developing countries
<p>Harmonisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definitions Methodologies (monitoring, reporting) Standardised formats <p>Environmental Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baselines (seafloor, seawater, shoreline, biota, freshwater, soils) Indicator species Evolution of plastic pollution in marine and other environments <p>National Data Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National inventories and sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virgin plastic production and use Recycled plastic production and use Plastic-waste management Plastic-waste trade Land-based sources Sea-based sources Microplastics Evolution of circular economy and leakage <p>Reporting on National Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of national action plans Periodic review and update <p>Periodic Comprehensive Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress toward global objectives Scientific and socio-economic reviews 	<p>Global Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term elimination of discharges Safe circular economy for plastics <p>National Action Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policies and legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targets and market restrictions Waste prevention and management Recycling and secondary markets Sustainable financing mechanisms Infrastructure investments International and regional commitments <p>Microplastics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intentionally added (e.g. microbeads, fertilizers) Wear and tear (e.g. tyres, textiles) Mismanagement (e.g. pellets) <p>Standardisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labelling Product design and additive restrictions Certification schemes Voluntary industry standards <p>Virgin Plastic Production and Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controls and quality standards <p>Remediation and Legacy Pollution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protocols and guidelines 	<p>Sea-Based Sources (including Fishing Gear)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Maritime Organization (IMO) Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) <p>Plastic-Waste Trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basel Convention Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and regional instruments <p>Chemicals and Additives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stockholm Convention Strategic Approach to Integrated Chemical Management (SAICM) <p>Biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) International Whaling Commission (IWC) <p>Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change <p>Agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) <p>Cross-Regional Knowledge Exchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional seas conventions and programmes Regional fisheries management organisations 	<p>Scientific Assessment Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Periodic comprehensive assessments Ad hoc reports <p>Socio-Economic Assessment Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Periodic comprehensive assessments Ad hoc reports <p>Implementing and Bilateral Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity-building and training Policy development Monitoring and reporting Best practices and knowledge exchanges <p>Financial Resources and Mechanism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enabling activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity-building and training Policy development Monitoring and reporting Institutional strengthening Pilot and demonstration projects Incremental costs <p>Implementation and Compliance Mechanism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation guidance Assistance for countries in non-compliance

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PILLAR 1 MONITORING & REPORTING

- **Scope:** Monitoring and reporting on the state of the environment and implementation
- **Key Mechanisms:**
 - Harmonisation
 - Environmental Monitoring
 - National Data Reporting
 - Reporting on National Action
 - Periodic Comprehensive Assessments

PILLAR 2 PREVENTION

PILLAR 3 COORDINATION

PILLAR 4 SUPPORT



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PILLAR 1 MONITORING & REPORTING

- **Scope:** Measures to reduce plastic pollution and promote a safe circular economy for plastics

PILLAR 2 PLASTIC POLLUTION PREVENTION

- **Key Mechanisms:**
 - Global Objectives
 - National Action Plans
 - Microplastics
 - Standardization
 - Virgin Plastic Production & Use
 - Remediation and Legacy Pollution

PILLAR 3 COORDINATION

PILLAR 4 SUPPORT



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PILLAR 1 MONITORING & REPORTING

- **Scope:** Coordination with other international and regional instruments on relevant topics

PILLAR 2 PREVENTION

- **Key Mechanisms:**
 - Sea-based Sources (including Fishing Gear)
 - Plastic-Waste Trade
 - Chemicals & Additives
 - Biodiversity
 - Climate Change
 - Agriculture
 - Cross-Regional Knowledge Exchange

PILLAR 3 COORDINATION

PILLAR 4 SUPPORT

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PILLAR 1 MONITORING & REPORTING

- **Scope:** Technical support to policymakers and financial support to developing countries

PILLAR 2 PREVENTION

- **Key Mechanisms:**
 - Scientific Assessment Panel
 - Socio-Economic Assessment Panel
 - Implementing & Bilateral Agencies
 - Financial Resource & Mechanism
 - Implementation & Compliance Mechanism

PILLAR 3 COORDINATION

PILLAR 4 TECHNICAL & FINANCIAL SUPPORT

HAVE QUESTIONS?

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