

Virtual Preparatory Meeting
Ad hoc open-ended expert group on marine litter and microplastics
Monday 28 September 2020, 14:00 to 16:00 (GMT+3)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. **Opening of the meeting.**
2. **Update on stocktaking of existing activities and action towards the long-term elimination of discharges into the oceans, to reduce marine plastic litter and microplastics.**
3. **Update on Identification of technical and financial resources and mechanisms for supporting countries in addressing marine plastic litter and microplastics.**
4. **Update on submissions received on potential response options pursuant to UNEA Resolution 3/7 subparagraph 10(d).**
5. **Update on comments received on analysis of the effectiveness of existing and potential response options and activities pursuant to UNEA resolution 4/6 subparagraph 7(d).**
6. **Closing of the Meeting.**

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.

The Acting Chair of the Bureau, Mr. Satoru Iino Deputy Director, Office of the Marine Environment, Environmental Management Bureau, Ministry of the Environment of Japan will open the meeting.

2. Update on stocktaking of existing activities and action towards the long-term elimination of discharges into the oceans, to reduce marine plastic litter and microplastics.

The Secretariat will be invited to provide an update on the work on stocktaking of existing activities and action towards the long-term elimination of discharges into the oceans, to reduce marine plastic litter and microplastics.

Following the presentations, the Acting Chair of the Bureau will open the floor for participants to discuss and address technical aspects of this work.

Relevant documents: Summary of the stocktake of existing activities and action towards the long-term elimination of discharges into the oceans, to reduce marine plastic litter and microplastics (provisional UNEP/AHEG/2020/4/2).

3. Update on Identification of technical and financial resources and mechanisms for supporting countries in addressing marine plastic litter and microplastics.

The Secretariat will be invited to provide an update on the work on Identification of technical and financial resources and mechanisms for supporting countries in addressing marine plastic litter and microplastics.

Following the presentations, the Acting Chair of the Bureau will open the floor for participants to discuss and address technical aspects of this work.

Relevant documents: Identification of technical and financial resources and mechanisms for supporting countries in addressing marine plastic litter and microplastics (provisional UNEP/AHEG/2020/4/3).

4. Update on submissions received on potential response options pursuant to UNEA Resolution 3/7 subparagraph 10(d).

The Secretariat will be invited to provide an update on the submissions received of Potential Response Options as outlined in the document “Provisional Submissions on potential options for continued work for consideration by the United Nations Environment Assembly” (provisional UNEP/AHEG/2020/4/INF10).

Following the presentation, the Acting Chair of the Bureau will open the floor for participants to discuss and address technical aspects of this work.

Relevant documents: Provisional Submissions on potential options for continued work for consideration by the United Nations Environment Assembly (provisional UNEP/AHEG/2020/4/INF10).

5. Update on comments received on analysis of the effectiveness of existing and potential response options and activities pursuant to UNEA resolution 4/6 subparagraph 7(d).

The Secretariat will be invited to provide an update on the analysis of effectiveness, using as a basis, the submissions received of Potential Response Options.

The presentation will also address key questions, comments and suggestions from the experts as outlined in the Note from the Secretariat: Summary of comments, response options and stocktaking survey submissions received and incorporated in the analysis of effectiveness, many of which were received during and following the interactive technical briefing on “Presentation of case studies on the analysis of effectiveness of existing and potential response options and activities in contributing towards long-term elimination of discharge of marine plastic litter and microplastics into the oceans” held on 12 August 2020. Participants will be invited to discuss the presentation and relevant documentation and work to date to enrich the preparations of the AHEG-4.

Following the presentations, the Acting Chair of the Bureau will open the floor for participants to discuss and address technical aspects of this work.

Relevant documents: Note from the Secretariat: Summary of comments, response options and stocktaking survey submissions received and incorporated in the analysis of effectiveness.

6. Closing of the Meeting.

The meeting is expected to close at 16:00 (GMT+3).