

PLASTIC POLLUTION NEWS

Newsletter of the Working Group on Plastic and Microplastic Pollution, including in the marine environment, in Latin America and the Caribbean

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL PROCESS

INC-5: THE FINAL STEP OF THE INSTRUMENT TO PREVENT PLASTIC POLLUTION



The fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-5) to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including the marine environment, is scheduled to be held from November 25 to December 1, 2024, in Busan, Republic of Korea. The session will be preceded by regional consultations on 24 November 2024. Find more information about the outcomes of the INC, click [here](#).

REGIONAL ACTIONS

IFC AND GREENBACK PARTNER TO ADVANCE THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN LATIN AMERICA

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Greenback Recycling Technologies have partnered to promote plastic recycling in Mexico and Latin America. The initiative aims to process up to 90,000 tonnes of plastic waste annually, with blockchain verification ensuring traceability. The partnership combines IFC's advisory and investment expertise with Greenback's cutting-edge recycling technologies to tackle down plastic waste, advancing the circular economy across Mexico and Latin America. To read more about the initiative, click [here](#).



BELIZE LAUNCHES INSPECTIONS TO COMBAT UNAUTHORIZED SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

As part of the ongoing efforts to reduce plastic pollution, the Department of Environment of Belize is launching nationwide inspections to combat the distribution of unauthorized single-use plastics, such as food containers, cutlery and T-Shirts bags. The initiative follows the Environmental Protection Regulations of 2022, which mandates the replacement of specific single-use plastic products with environmentally friendly alternatives, meeting Standards for Biodegradable Products. For more information, click [here](#).



LAUNCH OF THE COMMONWEALTH CLEAN OCEANS PLASTICS CAMPAIGN

This campaign, part of the Commonwealth and where multiple Caribbean countries are part of, aims to prevent the entering of plastic pieces in the waterways. Through local actions and education, this campaign will encourage nations to reduce and recycle plastic waste, as half of its members are Islands and have been directly impacted by plastic pollution. For more information, click [here](#)



AWARENESS RAISING INITIATIVES



VIDEO - CAN THE CASE OF THE CRISIS OF #PLASTICPOLLUTION BE SOLVE BEFORE IS TOO LATE?

With each piece of plastic evidence—bottles, bags, and cups— Detective Riley pieces together a trail of crime. Watch as Riley reveals shocking truths about our role in the plastic crisis. To watch the full-video, click [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMIT 2024 - PROMAR PROJECT

This event will take place on November 14th and 15th, and will bring together visionary leaders, innovators and experts in the field of circular economy and plastic pollution prevention, in order to explore current challenges and emerging opportunities.

The Summit will be held in a hybrid format, the in-person format will be at the University Pontificia Bolivariana, in Medellin, Colombia. To register, click [here](#).

For additional information, check the PROMAR PROJECT NEWSLETTER attached.



PAST EVENTS



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON PLASTIC POLLUTION

The Stockholm Convention Regional Centre on Persistent Organic Pollutants for GRULAC Region hosted by CETESB Environmental Company of Sao Paulo State in Brazil, invited to attend the International Seminar on "Plastic Pollution - The Future Treaty on Plastic Pollution, including in the Marine Environment: Challenges, Gaps and Opportunities for its Implementation". The Seminar took place on October 29th and October 30th. To see the seminar, click [here](#).

ROAD TO BUSAN | PLASTIC TREATY TALKS: Designing an Effective Treaty

This webinar took place on November 7th, and explored the lessons learned from various multilateral spaces to inform the design of an effective treaty, showing different treaty approaches, compare experiences from other multilateral environmental agreements, and identify actions that can be deferred to the Conference of the Parties (COP) decisions versus those that would require future treaty amendments. To access the recording, click [here](#).



MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON PLASTIC POLLUTION INCLUDING MARINE LITTER



During COP16 in Cali, Colombia, was held the second Ministerial Conference on Plastic Pollution including Marine Litter, organized by partners from around the world: Canada, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Germany and Ghana, who invited to a conference to bring together ministers worldwide in preparation for the final round of negotiations. The conference resulted in an outcome document with three main points: extent of full life cycle, relation of upstream and downstream measures, and historic and future roles of states and private sector. To read the outcome document, click [here](#).

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We strongly encourage you to share ongoing initiatives in your countries, as well as updates on projects, publications, regulations and/or webinars. To do so, please send an email to: sofia.jaramillo@un.org or maria.fernandezgarcia@un.org