

UNECE Source-to-Sea Workshop

Intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment



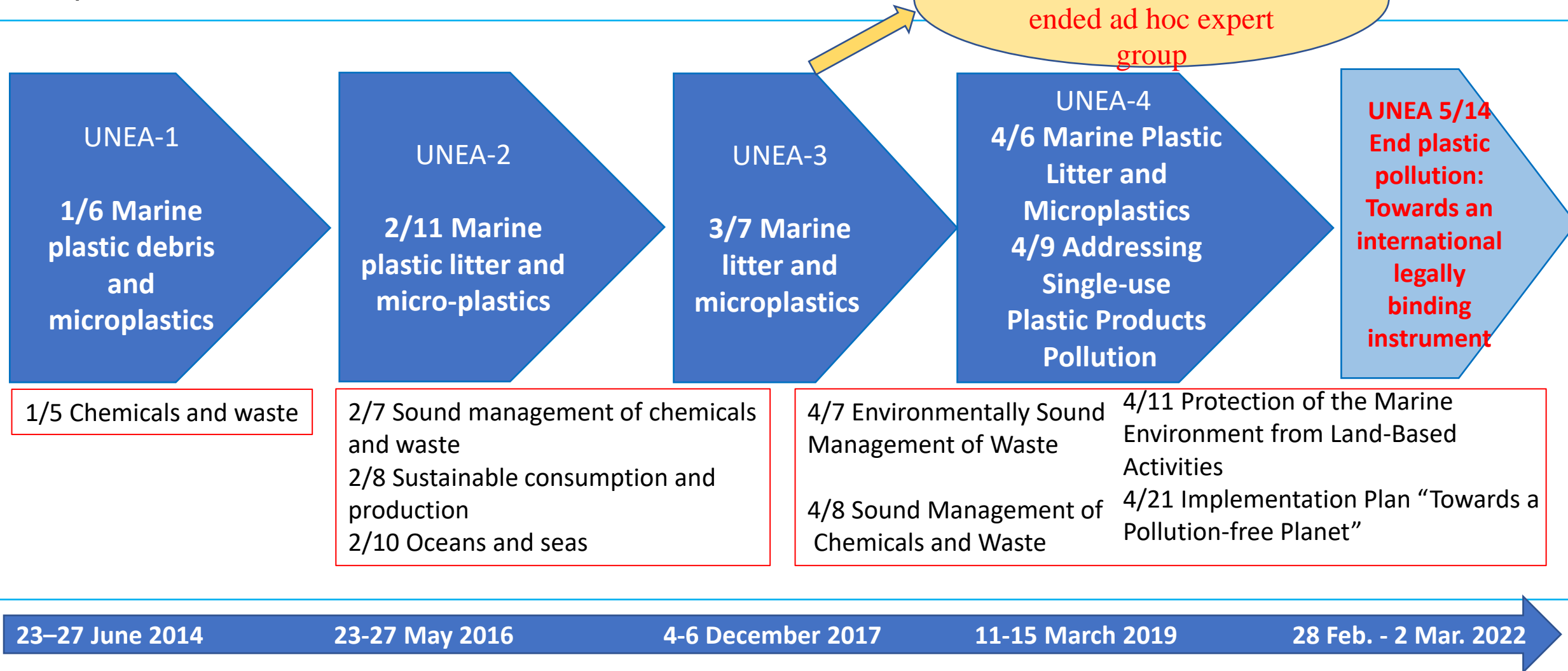
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Evolving mandate on Marine Litter and Plastic Pollution

Scope of the debate has evolved:



Ending Plastic Pollution Resolution (5/14)

- Develop an international legally binding instrument on **plastic pollution** addressing the **full life cycle of plastic**
- UNEP to convene an **ad hoc open-ended working group (OEWG)** in first half of 2022 to prepare for the work of the INC
- Convene an **intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC)**:
 - Starting: second half of 2022, Completing: end of 2024
 - Convene a multi-stakeholder forum at INC-1 to exchange information
- Convene a **diplomatic conference of plenipotentiaries** upon completion of negotiations to adopt the instrument and open it for signature

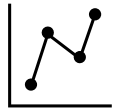
HOW will the instrument deliver? (para. 4 of UNEA resolution 5/14)



- Consider obligations, measures, and voluntary approaches in supporting the achievements of the instrument's objectives.



- Finance mechanism to support the implementation, and consideration of a dedicated multilateral fund.



- National circumstances.

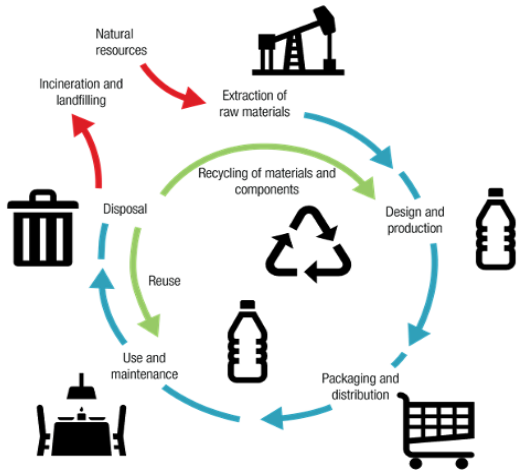


- Mechanism for policy-relevant scientific and socio-economic information and assessment.



- Lessons learned and best practices.

WHAT will the instrument consider? (para. 3 of UNEA resolution 5/14)



- Promote sustainable production and consumption of plastics, including:
 - product design, and environmentally sound waste management
 - through resource efficiency and circular economy approaches.
- Capacity building, technologies, technical & financial assistance.
- Data, monitoring, reporting, means of assessing implementation & effectiveness.
- Address Compliance.
- Promote National Action Plans.
- Research & innovation; scientific and socio-economic info. and assessment.
- Multi-stakeholder engagement, cooperation, coordination, action at all levels.

First session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee

- Took place from 28 November to 2 December 2022 in Punta del Este, Uruguay
- Ambassador Gustavo Meza-Cuadra (Peru) elected chair
- The session had a total number of 1421 participants, with 147 States and EU represented, of which 126 States were present in person. 10 IGOs and 409 NGOs had registered for the session.
- Stakeholder dialogue (29 Nov) and the multi-stakeholder forum (26 Nov) brought many voices to the discussion on key topics

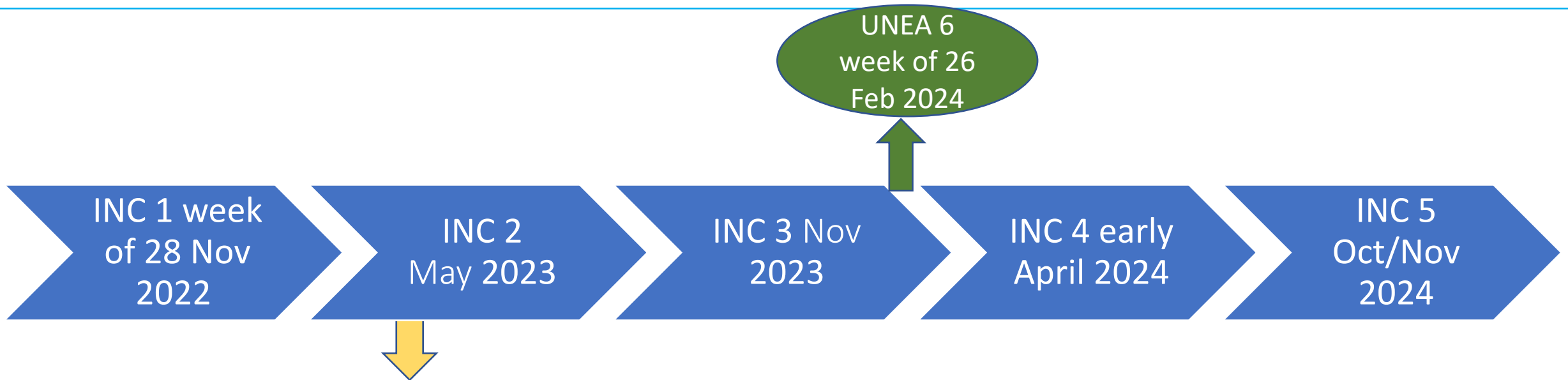
Earth negotiations bulletin provided full coverage of the meeting:

<https://enb.iisd.org/plastic-pollution-marine-environment-negotiating-committee-inc1-summary>

For more information, refer to:

<https://www.unep.org/events/conference/inter-governmental-negotiating-committee-meeting-inc-1>

Timeline for the INC process



- INC 2: Week of 22 May 2023(tbc) in Paris, France

Chair's summary of the meeting



Moving ahead, the INC requested the secretariat:

- To prepare a document with **potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument**, based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastics as called for by UNEA resolution 5/14, including:
 - identifying the objective, substantive provisions including core obligations, control measures, and voluntary approaches, implementation measures, and means of implementation
 - drawing on the views expressed by Members during the first session of the committee and as well as written submissions. Call for written submissions:
 - **By 6 January 2023 from observers.**
 - **By 10 February 2023 from Members of the Committee.**

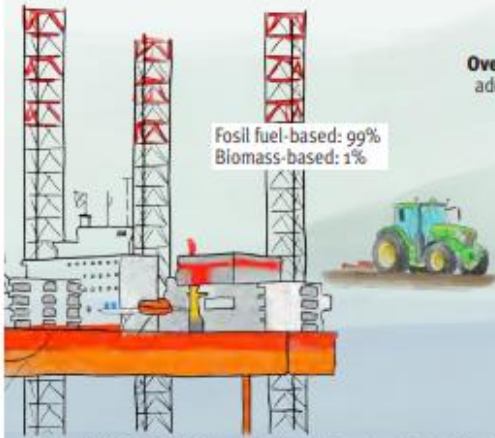
Looking across the lifecycle...

This is about jobs, opportunities, health and planetary wellbeing.

The plastics life cycle

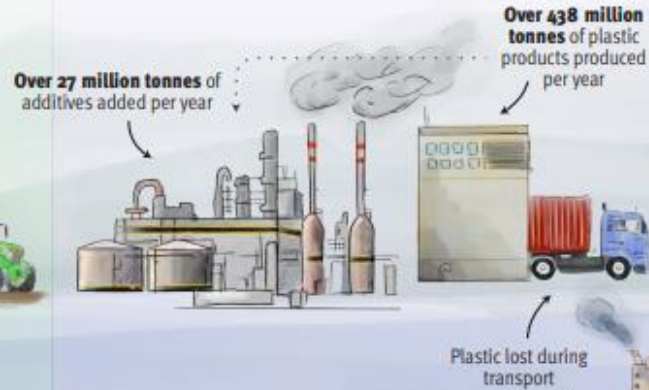
1. Extraction & conversion

Key stakeholders:
Raw material producers
Monomer producers
Polymer producers



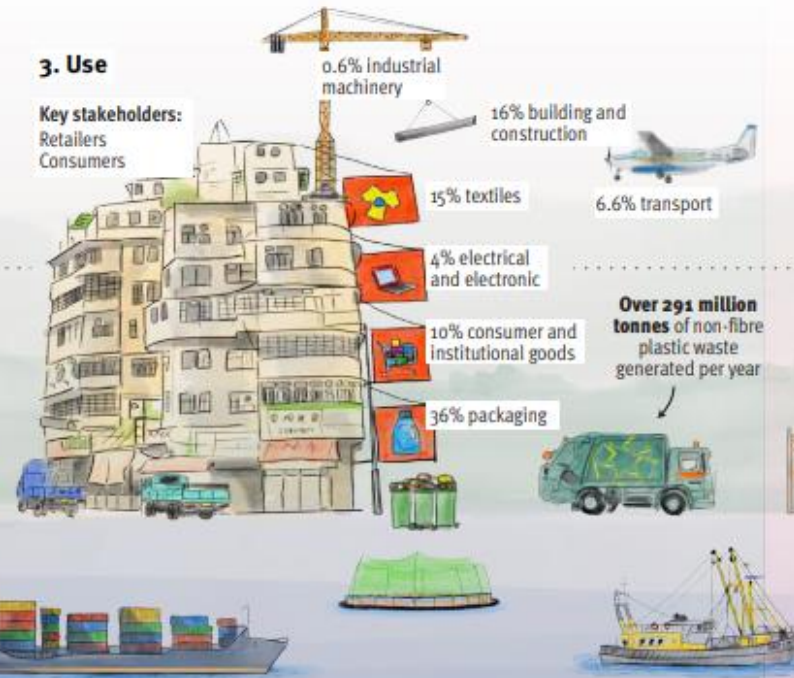
2. Manufactur-

Key stakeholders:
Plastic processors
Plastic producers
Brands



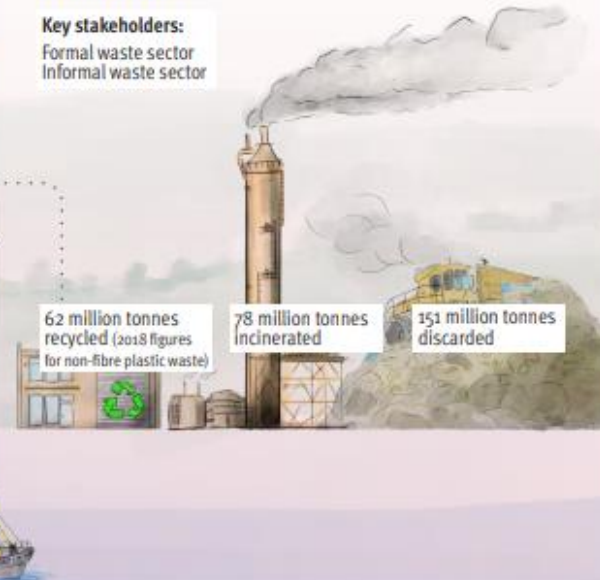
3. Use

Key stakeholders:
Retailers
Consumers



4. End of life

Key stakeholders:
Formal waste sector
Informal waste sector





Thank you

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