

## ICCA Recommendations for the Organization of Work of the INC

Following the OEWG meeting held from 30 May to 1 Jun 2022, UNEP invited Member States, members of specialised agencies and relevant stakeholders to make submissions on several aspects related to the organisation of the INC, on potential elements of the future instrument and on the content and considerations for the preparation of the Stakeholder Forum.

Please find below our recommendations.

**Organizational aspects:** As prevention of plastic waste in the environment and a circular economy for plastics are interlinked, we recommend clustering the discussion into four thematic and interlinked focus areas addressing both the plastics life cycle and overarching elements.

- **Cluster 1 – Vision:** Develop terms of reference and principles including elements to be included in the national action plans for each part of the life cycle, i.e., enabling national or regional policies, including binding and non-binding measures and guidelines taking account of national circumstances and capabilities
- **Cluster 2 – Financial mechanism:** Identify financial mechanism and enabling policies to attract additional financing to improve circularity and reduce plastic waste pollution; (consider running in parallel to Cluster 1)
- **Cluster 3 – National action plans:** Develop guidance for national action plans including enabling policies, considering the following elements of the plastics life cycle:
  - a) **Upstream:** Sustainable product design and development of and access to innovative technologies to accelerate the transition to a more circular economy and sustainable production
  - b) **In-Use:** Sustainable consumption and use, including waste prevention through reduce, reuse, repair, recycle, and repurpose
  - c) **Downstream:** Market development and waste management, including collection, sorting, and recycling
- **Cluster 4 – Definition of research needs to close science gaps and inform policy making:** Consider running concurrently with Clusters 1, 2, and 3

**Overarching Elements:** The overarching vision, terms of reference, objectives and targets, education, and capacity building, as well as a funding mechanism and public-private partnerships to enable investments and the promotion of innovation, etc. are underlying elements to each of the 4 clusters. The mandate and cross links with other conventions will need to be defined.

**Elements for consideration – The INC should consider the following 5 key elements for inclusion in a global agreement:**

1. Governments Commit to Eliminate Leakage and Establish National Action Plans: Adopt the G20's 2050 Osaka Blue Ocean Vision and allow countries flexibility to develop regionally appropriate plans to eliminate plastic waste leakage based on local circumstances and supported by enabling policies.
2. Harmonized Definitions & Reporting: Develop, with industry input, globally harmonized definitions and reporting metrics on plastics and plastic waste, using validated and harmonized methodologies
3. Guidance to Improve Product Design: Develop global guidance, with industry input, on product design, recycled content, and resources efficiency optimization
4. Waste Management Capacity Building and Technology Deployment: Ensure access and improve waste management capacity. Support chemical recycling technology, complementing mechanical recycling, to increase circularity of plastics
5. Achieve Climate Goals: Support life cycle analysis to evaluate impacts of plastics and alternatives

More details on these elements can be found in ICCA's position on a global framework [here](#)

**Stakeholder Forum**

We strongly recommend that the timing for the multi-stakeholder forum meetings do not conflict with regional coordination meetings to ensure member states are able to engage in the multi-stakeholder forum.