



Key Messages

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Key messages from ISWA at INC-1

- Address the transition to a circular economy across sectors, considering minimization solutions as a relevant path.
- Ensure access for all to adequate waste collection and waste management services and infrastructures.
- Create a robust Financing and Governance system and reflect local needs.

General message

ISWA supports the development of an ambitious international legally binding instrument based on a comprehensive and circular approach that ensures urgent action and effective interventions along the full lifecycle of plastics. There is an urgent need to accelerate the transition to a circular and resource-efficient economy, and ISWA supports strong and ambitious common global rules, in order to speed up this transition and to end plastic pollution.

Message 1:

Address the transition to a circular economy across sectors, considering waste minimization solutions and acknowledge the importance of sound waste management systems and sustainable use of recycled resources for all materials and waste streams.

- Apply principles of resource efficiency including waste prevention measures such as single use plastics and mandatory eco-design.
- Set clear and ambitious collection and recycling targets and include a review mechanism to gradually strengthen them over time, with mandatory deadlines.
- Plastic waste must be regarded as part of a holistic waste management system, not isolated from other material- and waste streams.
- Ensure chemicals that hinder progress towards a circular economy, pose critical health risks, or have a high risk of ending up in the natural environment to be prevented or removed.



Message 2:

Ensure access for all to adequate waste collection and waste management as part of basic services in sustainable cities and communities

- Combat plastic pollution by improving solid waste management.
- Make mapping of local resources mandatory, in terms of quantity and type of waste generated by residents, establishments and businesses.
- Create livelihood opportunities and contribute to healthier and wealthier communities.
- Ban all open dumping and open burning of wastes, including plastic waste, as part of national legislation and create mechanisms to make it a reality.

Message 3:

Create a robust Financing and Governance system

- Mandatory waste management systems must be funded through a combination of waste generator/user fees and extended producer responsibility (EPR) schemes.
- Mandatory, well-designed EPR schemes are necessary to provide a long term and sustainable financing mechanism to collect, sort, and recycle plastic waste, as well as incentivize producers to choose and manage their packaging and plastic products more sustainably.
- Financial tools, strategic planning and governance should reflect the local needs and be tailored to promote best practices in diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Establishing global funding mechanisms for investments in waste management systems in developing countries e.g. climate and aid funds.



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