

The League of Arab States (LAS) Participated in this meeting based on a summit Resolution adopted by Arab leaders in Lebanon January 2019 which requested the LAS to draft an 'Arab Strategy for waste management'; and gave mandate to the council of Arab Ministers responsibilities for the Environment (CAMRE). LAS as a secretariat of CAMRE believe that plastic waste should be part of this strategy and therefore, there is a need for technical support to LAS secretariat from UNEP and other stakeholders enabling it to support this strategy with a 'plastic waste' component. LAS puts into consideration the varying degree of its ups commitment and habits to the issue of waste. Therefore, support to address a varying situation is a necessity.

To address a global issue such as marine plastic litter, there is need for a Regional dimension to be supported. Thus, the need to benefit from the Resources available to Regional Organization.