UK Intervention Agenda Item 3e - Stakeholder participation and action

Firstly, the UK would like to briefly re-iterate its position regarding stakeholder participation in the INC process. Like many others we recognise the importance of stakeholders being able to engage in a meaningful way.

For the UK, this means that intersessional engagement should be sequenced in such a way that they can inform country positions and written submissions.

Everyone has mentioned the importance of making sure stakeholders have an active role in the INC process and we expect the same to apply to the new treaty.

And it is important that everyone is able to participate, across different stakeholder groups, different communities and regions.

Front and foremost to this is to enable effective participation of the informal waste sector and marginalised communities, so that measures at the national and international level take due account of their needs and the effect of a treaty upon them.

Secondly, it will be essential to bring businesses into the engagements as, ultimately it will be businesses that will implement the treaty provisions. We need them all to work together in the same direction and united by the long term objective of the instrument.

Thirdly, we need investors. We truly believe that a treaty can provide that long term certainty to catalyse a wave of investment that is waiting to happen. So we need a process that will enable that investment to happen

And we would like to reiterate the importance of the academic community: to tell us what solutions work and give us early warning of issues that might arise in the road ahead.

And we need the active engagement of our NGOs who educate people around the world and hold us to account.

Finally, we need the active involvement of our youth. Not only are they going to bear the effects of decisions we make over the next few years, but they are also going to be the leaders of tomorrow who will end plastic pollution.

And it is this diversity of stakeholders that means they need to be consulted fully in shaping a multistakeholder action agenda. We have heard from many of those we have spoken to that they want this action agenda to be more than commitments made on a podium. They want to see transparency and accountability, and the UK agrees that these are essential for an action agenda that is truly able to shift the dial on tackling plastic pollution.

Given that the action agenda should help implement the treaty, we believe we need to make further progress during these negotiations on the path to launching an ambitious action agenda.