

Written submission from WBCSD to the INC process

WBCSD welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the INC process on (i) the Preparation of the Forum and (ii) Substantive issues which would contribute to preparation of documentation for INC-1.

[WBCSD](#) is the premier global, CEO-led community of over 200 of the world's leading sustainable businesses working collectively to accelerate the system transformations needed for a net zero, nature positive, and more equitable future.

(i) Preparations for the forum' [\(UNEP/PP/OEWG/1/INF/4\)](#).

Complementary format: Science to Policy Dialogues Series

WBCSD applauds the successful organization of the multi-stakeholders dialogues in Dakar alongside the OEWG that allowed to hear voices from many different stakeholders.

WBCSD welcomes the Forum that will take place in conjunction with the first INC session in November in Uruguay. To enable fruitful discussions with public and private multi-stakeholders - especially across the plastics value chain - over key topics across the plastics life-cycle, WBCSD suggests to co-convene with UNEP and in partnership with other organizations deliberate Science to Policy Dialogues Series over 18 months as a complementary space to the UNEP-run multi-stakeholder forum and the more formal INC negotiations.

This approach, implemented by WBCSD since several years, designs a safe space for detailed conversations between science, civil society, policy makers and business focused on defining specific solutions embedded in a long-term commitment to developing and implementing purpose-driven solutions actionable by legislators and business. It maintains momentum and contributes to building a longer standing community for impact and mutual accountabilities.

These Dialogues could pave the way for the future Science Policy panel (to be established pursuant to UNEP resolution 5.8).

Proposed topic for the Forum: corporate plastic disclosure metrics

Concerted action to achieve the objectives of the UN treaty will be difficult without standardised corporate plastic disclosure metrics that can feed into existing environmental reporting systems. Standardised metrics are needed to align stakeholders, feed upwards into the UN Treaty, and to provide a baseline against which to measure progress on voluntary targets.

To open the debate on plastic disclosure metrics, WBCSD mapped the landscape of existing frameworks, methodologies and initiatives that enable the private sector to measure and disclose their footprint. In parallel, WBCSD also interviewed actors along the plastic value chain to understand their stance on plastic disclosure. Based on the results of the landscape analysis and interviews, the WBCSD is publishing a report that aims to further the conversation by proposing a set of metrics that could be adopted by existing environmental reporting systems.

At the forum, WBCSD could further socialize the metrics, collecting feedback from stakeholders on relevant ways of adoption.

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(ii) Substantive issues which would contribute to preparation of documentation for INC-1**Tires**

If tires – for example, at end-of-life or as source of tire and road wear particles (TRWP) – are considered relevant in the context of INC discussions, then the Tire Industry Project (TIP) (operating under the umbrella of WBCSD), will be an important and readily available source of scientific knowledge and technical expertise.

TIP is the tire industry's primary global forum on sustainability topics. It is a voluntary CEO-led initiative that brings together 10 leading tire companies which represent more than 60% of the world's tire manufacturing capacity. TIP works on a range of environmental and health topics relevant to the key stages of the lifecycle of tires—from raw material sourcing through manufacturing and use phases to the management of end-of-life tires.

TRWP are tiny debris produced by necessary friction between tires and road surfaces during normal driving. They are a distinct particle type, comprised of an approximately half-and-half mixture of tire tread and road pavement materials.

Since its inception in 2005, TIP has been developing science-based research and knowledge regarding TRWP, including the fate and potential human health and environmental impacts of the particles generated as tires move over road surfaces.

TIP-sponsored research is independently verified through scientific peer review, and TIP has worked with NGOs, GOs and IOs, including the OECD on the consideration of policies for the reduction and/or mitigation of TRWP, and ISO, the International Organization for Standardization, in the development of technical standards relevant to understanding and measuring potential impacts of TRWP. In addition, at the regional level, TIP and Regional Tire Trade Associations are engaged in collective stakeholder action toward evidence-based management and mitigation of TRWP.

TIP provides a comprehensive overview of TRWP and access to the research that it has sponsored here: www.tireparticles.info

To further scientific knowledge, TIP continues to study the potential impacts of long-term exposure to TRWP, the degradation of TRWP in the environment and the presence, fate and transport of TRWP in air, soil, rivers, and oceans.

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