

## Combating Marine Litter and Microplastics

Global governance options to be considered at the 4th Session of the UN Environment Assembly  
*How can a stronger global framework support regional and national efforts in combatting marine litter?*



14th of February 2.30pm – 4pm



Palais des Nations – Room XXIV

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Marine plastic litter and microplastics is a serious and rapidly growing issue of global concern which requires an urgent and global response, involving all relevant actors at all levels.

The Ad Hoc Open-Ended Expert Group on Marine Litter and Microplastics, met in Nairobi from 29 to 31 May and in Geneva from 3 to 7 December 2018, in accordance with resolution UNEP/EA.3/Res.7, on marine litter and microplastics, adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its third session, in December 2017. The options discussed at these meetings will be presented to the UN Environment Assembly at its fourth Session in March 2019.

Experts called for the need for stronger global action to combat marine litter. A number of initiatives and activities exist aiming at eliminating plastic litter entering the ocean and their potential should be explored within their respective mandates. Meanwhile, there was a growing recognition for a new governance model to be explored. Some delegations pointed to a new legally binding agreement as one possible effective response to be considered. Strengthening waste management systems has been underlined by UNEA as key in solving this issue. Norway has put forward a proposal for a draft resolution on stronger global governance. Other countries have also put forward resolutions.

Regardless of the outcomes of the upcoming Assembly, the Expert Group acknowledged the need to continue progress on urgent national and regional activities in the near term to curb plastic litter entering into the ocean

recognizing the options and priorities outlined by the second and third sessions of the UN Environment Assemblies.

You are cordially invited to attend a dialogue on governance options to be considered at the 4th session of the UN Environment Assembly, taking place at the Palais des Nations, Room XXIV, Thursday 14 February, 2.30pm.

### AGENDA

#### Welcome and Introduction

H.E. Amb. Hans BRATTSKAR, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

Edwige KOUMBY MISSAMBO, Chargé d'affaires a.i., Permanent mission of Gabon to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Switzerland

François GAVE, Deputy Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Switzerland

#### Towards a new global governance model

Christine HAFFNER-SIFAKIS, Strategic Policy & Programme Officer, UN Environment

Rolph PAYET, Executive Secretary, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Inger ANDERSEN, Director General, IUCN

Brendan EDGERTON, Director, Circular Economy, WBCSD

Moustapha Kamal GUEYE, Coordinator, Green Jobs Programme, International Labour Organization



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