

Intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

Bureau meeting

Wednesday, 02 July 2025

18:15 - 20:15 EAT

UNON, Nairobi

SUMMARY AND ACTION POINTS INC BUREAU MEETING 02 JULY 2025

Note by the Secretariat

1. The meeting was attended by the following members:

INC Chair: Mr. Luis Vayas Valdivieso (Ecuador);

African States: Ms. Juliet Kabera (Rwanda);

Asia-Pacific States: Mr. Hiroshi Ono (Japan); Mr. Mohammed Albarrak (Saudi Arabia);

Eastern European States: Mr. Harry Liiv (Estonia); Ms. Irma Gurguliani (Georgia);

Latin American and Caribbean States: Mr. Gustavo Meza-Cuadra Velasquez (Peru);

Small-Island Developing States: Ms. Asha Challenger (Antigua and Barbuda);

Western European and Other States: Ms. Johanna Lissinger-Peitz (Sweden), Ms. Larke Williams (United States of America).

2. The INC Secretariat was represented by the Executive Secretary of the INC, Ms. Jyoti Mathur-Filipp.
3. The INC Chair opened the meeting by expressing his deep appreciation to the Bureau for their guidance during the in-person Heads of Delegation (HODs) meeting in Nairobi. He noted that the meeting, though informal in nature, had been productive and a valuable barometer for INC-5.2. The Executive Secretary also welcomed the Bureau and thanked them for their continued commitment to reaching an agreement in August.
4. The Bureau considered the provisional agenda for the meeting. The agenda was amended to reflect the informal nature of the Bureau meeting on 30 June 2025, held in advance of the HODs. As a result, the item concerning preparation for the HODs was removed. With this adjustment, the provisional agenda was adopted.
5. The Bureau considered and approved the summary and action points from its meeting held on 17 June 2025.
6. The Chair informed the Bureau that he will be working on finalizing the Scenario Note, taking into account reflections put forward by delegations during the HODs meeting. The

draft Scenario Note will be shared with the Bureau by Tuesday, 8 July 2025. He requested the Bureau to provide any imperative comments shortly after, on Wednesday, 9 July, with a view to the Chair finalizing and making the Scenario Note available on the INC website on Friday, 11 July.

7. The Bureau reflected on the HODs meeting and noted the positive engagement, dynamic discussions, and the emergence of new bridging solutions. It was mentioned that the format, including breakout groups and informal informals, worked well. Similar modalities could be considered for INC-5.2, while keeping in mind the capacity of small delegations.
8. The Bureau acknowledged that challenges remain in reaching convergence on some areas of the text. Nonetheless, the Bureau was encouraged that there were extensive exchanges and that a better mutual understanding among delegations has begun to emerge.
9. The Bureau underscored the importance of clarity in the process going forward, including a clear guidance for the Co-Chairs at INC-5.2 to enable them to facilitate discussions effectively and consistently across the Contact Groups.
10. The Bureau also noted the importance of clarity in the Scenario Note on how textual proposals would feed into the Chair's text at INC-5.2, noting that expansion of the text through numerous submissions should be avoided.
11. The Bureau addressed the importance of trust-building. Different views were expressed as to whether contact groups should first discuss the provisions with more convergence or those with many open issues. The need for a balanced approach to addressing all provisions was also raised. The Bureau noted the importance of ownership of the text by the Committee as a whole, especially in the issuance of in-session documents, encouraged overall approaches that avoid entrenchment on specific issues. The Bureau further recognized that a "one size fits all" approach may not be effective.
12. The Bureau discussed leveraging its two upcoming meetings in the lead-up to INC-5.2 to effectively support the process. The need for a virtual HODs meetings to introduce the Scenario Note following its publication was noted, with possible timing in the week following publication of the Note.
13. The Chair announced that the next Bureau meeting was scheduled for 15:00 – 17:00 EAT on Tuesday, 22 July.