Invitation to informal technical briefings in preparation for INC-1

Upcoming informal technical briefings to support discussions at the first session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

Dear Madam/Sir,

The intergovernmental negotiating committee secretariat is pleased to announce a series of informal technical briefings in the lead up to the first session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-1). INC-1 is scheduled to take place from 28 November to 2 December 2022 in Punta del Este, Uruguay.

The briefings will be in English only and are intended to inform participants on the preparation of the first session. The briefings will provide an opportunity for participants to familiarize themselves with the working documents prepared by the secretariat and to give the secretariat the possibility to address any questions raised by participants. Meeting documents are accessible under the INC-1 meeting document tab (https://www.unep.org/events/conference/inter-governmental-negotiating-committee-meeting-inc-1).

The informal technical briefings will **not be negotiating sessions.** These sessions are intended to provide an opportunity to assist participants in their preparations for INC-1. It is important to note that statements and views expressed during these briefings would not be considered part of the official work of the INC-1 and will not be directly reflected in the documentation prepared for INC-1.

Taking into account the limited time available at INC-1, Member States and stakeholders are encouraged to join the briefings to get familiar with the working documents. Each session is planned to take place **14:00 – 15:30 EAT**, a timetable of the briefings is provided below. Further information on the briefings will be made available on the overview page for INC-1 (https://www.unep.org/events/conference/inter-governmental-negotiating-committee-meeting-inc-1).

The secretariat invites participants to send any questions in advance of the briefings to the INC email (unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org).

We look forward to your active participation in the upcoming webinars.

Best wishes,
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