

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

Bureau meeting

Monday, 29 June 2026

17:00- 18:00 EAT

In-person, Nairobi

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INC BUREAU MEETING 29 JUNE 2026

Note by the Secretariat

Attendance

Chair

- Julio Cordano (Chile)

Bureau Members

- Mohammed Albarrak (Saudi Arabia)
- Linroy Christian (Antigua and Barbuda)
- Irma Gurguliani (Georgia)
- Harry Liiv (Estonia)
- Johanna Lissinger-Peitz (Sweden)
- Gustavo Meza-Cuadra Velasquez (Peru)
- Hiroshi Ono (Japan)
- Ndiaye Cheikh Sylla (Senegal)
- Larke Williams (United States of America)

INC Secretariat

- Jyoti Mathur-Filipp (Executive Secretary of the INC)

Agenda item 1 – Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.

- The agenda was adopted with no comments or revisions.
- The Bureau requested the Secretariat to capture discussions in the form of a brief summary to ensure prompt release in advance of the informal in-person Heads of Delegation meeting.

Agenda Item 3 – Introduction with Co-facilitators

- The Co-facilitators for **Cluster A** informed the Bureau of the following organization of work:
 - **Day 1:** Guiding questions 1 and 2;
 - **Day 2:** Guiding questions 4 and 5; and
 - **Day 3:** Guiding question 3.
- The Co-facilitators for **Cluster B** informed the Bureau of the following organization of work:

- **Day 1:** Guiding questions 1 and 2;
- **Day 2:** Guiding questions 3 and 4;
- **Day 3:** Guiding question 5, with dedicated time following the guiding questions to discuss any remaining issues.
- The Co-facilitators for **Cluster C** informed the Bureau of the following organization of work:
 - **Day 1:** Guiding questions 1 and 2, with the possibility to proceed to guiding question 3, time permitting;
 - **Day 2:** Guiding questions 3 and 4;
 - **Day 3:** Guiding question 5.
- The Co-facilitators for **Cluster D** informed the Bureau of the following organization of work:
 - **Day 1:** Guiding questions 1 and 2, with time reserved for any other discussion on the allocated topics for the day (Preamble; Principles and Approaches; Objective);
 - **Day 2:** Guiding question 3;
 - **Day 3:** Guiding questions 4 and 5, with time allocated following the guiding questions to discuss any remaining issues.
- The Co-facilitators for **Cluster D** informed the Bureau that, during the ‘Review of Progress’ session, they would report back on developments in convergence, divergence and emerging issues.
- The Bureau emphasized the need to maintain consistency in approaches across Clusters and encouraged the Co-facilitators to keep time during the Cluster meetings.
- Responding to questions on how proposals will be addressed by Co-facilitators in Clusters, the Chair clarified that, in the absence of a common text to work on, discussions would remain mostly at the conceptual level. He acknowledged that some Members may decide to present either brief or elaborate proposals in Clusters. He noted that Members may request proposals to be projected on the screen during the Cluster meeting. He underscored that, in such circumstances, the projected proposals would only be used as a visual aid to explain ideas and not for the purpose of live text editing.
- Responding to questions on how cross-cutting issues would be addressed in Clusters, the Chair acknowledged that there are topics in all Clusters that may present entry points for discussion on cross-cutting issues. He noted that Members may bring to the attention of the Cluster any cross-cutting issues that may relate to the topics of discussion in that Cluster.
- On the form of the daily ‘Review of Progress’, the Chair clarified that the Co-facilitators will be brief in their interventions, with the ‘Review of Progress’ being intended to provide a moment of reflection on the general direction of the informal in-person Heads of Delegation meeting.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption of the report of the Bureau meetings of 18 June 2026

- The report was adopted with no comments or revisions

Agenda Item 4 -

(a) Final considerations for informal in-person Heads of Delegation meeting

- The Chair noted that Regional Group meetings would take place from 8 – 9 a.m. on 30 June, with the opening Pamoja session to begin at 9 a.m. He encouraged Regional Groups to keep time to ensure a prompt start to the opening Pamoja session.
- The Chair noted that, beginning on 1 July, there would be daily Bureau meetings following the ‘Review of Progress’ session. The Bureau agreed that these Bureau meetings on 1 – 3 July would be convened informally for informational purposes only, during which the Co-facilitators would inform the Bureau of progress being made in Clusters. During these meetings the Bureau would also have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions of the Co-facilitators and provide inputs as appropriate.

- The Bureau further agreed that only topic of discussion during the Bureau meetings to be held on 1 – 3 July would be the informal in-person Heads of Delegation meeting. The Chair encouraged the Bureau to continue to provide feedback from the Regional Groups on how the in-person Heads of Delegation meeting is proceeding in order to help inform any adjustment of approaches for future meetings.
- Responding to a question on the Chair’s consultations on the topics of scope; decision-making; and arrangement of elements in the text, the Chair noted that there would be no guiding questions for these consultations. He emphasized that the consultations would be held to engage in conversations about exploring the various angles of each issue according to the areas each group is interested in exploring.
- Responding to questions on the nature of interventions that may be made by delegates during the opening Pamoja session, the Chair clarified that he will request delegates to refrain from delivering national statements. However, he recognized that delegates may wish to share reflections on the expectations of the meeting.
- The Chair informed the Bureau that, during the opening Pamoja session, he would open the floor to 1-minute reflections on how Members can use the spirit of togetherness and unity to advance and deliver on the process.
- The Chair noted that, during the opening Pamoja session, he would provide guidance on how each Cluster will be operated. He also noted that he would provide introductory remarks during the first meeting of each Cluster to ensure a common approach across all Clusters.

(b) Update on practical arrangements

- The Secretariat provided an update on practical and logistical arrangements in advance of the opening of the informal in-person Heads of Delegation meeting:
 - The Secretariat circulated to focal points and registered participants on Thursday 25 June, a notification on practical information for the in-person Heads of Delegation meeting. This notification includes the most up-to-date logistical information for the in-person meeting.
 - The Secretariat has updated the meeting's Information Note to Participants which delegates should continue to familiarise themselves with. The Information Note can be found on the INC website.
 - As of the time of reporting, 373 delegates from 149 Members have collected their badges out of 430 delegates from 160 Members of the Committee registered for the meeting. It is expected that additional badges will be collected before the opening of the meeting.
 - The Secretariat has been informed that 19 funded delegates representing 13 Members who have cancelled their participation at the last minute due to various reasons which has had financial implications including potential financial losses for the Secretariat.
 - Due to the increased number of delegations attending the meeting, seating in Conference Room 2 has been adjusted to accommodate all registered delegates and to ensure each Member has sufficient seating commensurate to the number of delegates attending for each Member.
 - The Meeting Schedule will be available on the UNON venue screens outside Conferences Room 1 and 2 and the “Plastic Pollution Negotiations” mobile app. Meeting participants are encouraged to update or download the mobile app and familiarise themselves with the mobile app. The mobile app also has information on the rooms and catering facilities under the Information icon.
- A Bureau member clarified that some delegates had cancelled their attendance at the in-person meeting due to medical restrictions requiring mandatory quarantine on return to their home countries.

Agenda item 5 – Other matters

- The Chair was encouraged to share materials for the Bureau retreat as early as possible.