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Provisional programme

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Provisional Programme

Background:

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the European Commission (EC) are implementing the project Identifying and quantifying plastic contaminant sources and leakages into the aquatic environment. The objective of this project is to establish a practical methodology to identify and quantify sources of plastic pollution in the aquatic environment. Three outputs are expected of the project: (i) a toolkit to identify and quantify sources/leakages of plastic waste entering aquatic environment; (ii) source/leakage inventory of plastics entering the aquatic environment in Kanya applying the toolkit, and (iii) communication and visibility of the project results through the existing water agreements and a future legally binding agreement on plastic pollution.

A Working Group (WG) to assist the project implementation was established and a first meeting was held in Sept/2024, to agree on an initial conceptual framework in consideration of the project's objective. The proposed methodology was named a toolkit, aiming to be a quick assessment tool for an initial estimation of plastic pollution sources and flows running into the environment, with particular attention to aquatic media.

The objectives of this second Working Group meeting are as follows:

- Discuss the proposed leakage factors and their applicability into the toolkit's conceptual framework;
- Discuss proposed coefficients and discuss alternative values if necessary;
- Validate the proposal for leakage factors;
- Agree on a workplan for upcoming activities.

Your role in the meeting

As an experienced professional on plastic waste and plastic pollution realm, we believe you can help the project team to refine and validate the proposed equations, as a central element within the toolkit development. This will be done through an expert elicitation-based process, which aims to provide more robustness to the scientific process whilst helping researchers better navigate bias and uncertainty.

This discussion will be underpinned by a guiding document (version 2) with an initial proposal for the set of leakage factors envisaged for the toolkit. This and other relevant meeting documents will be shared with experts at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

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Date	Hour	Theme	Speakers, remarks
3 Jul	**9:00 – 9:30**	**Opening Ceremony**	**UNEP & EC Representatives**
	9:30-10:15	Introduction of participants and project update	
	10.15-10.30	**Break**	
	10.30-11:00	Objectives and dynamics of the meeting	Project manager
	11:00-12:15	Presentation of leakage factors	Project coordinator
	12:15-13:30	**Lunch**	
	13:30-15:00	Working session 1	Group discussions
	15:15-15:30	**Break**	

	15:30-17:00	Working session 2	Group discussions
	17:00-17:30	Presentation of initial findings	Group leaders
	17-30-17:40	**Closing remarks**	**Project coordinator**
4 Jul	**9:00-9.15**	**Opening (catch up day 1 and today's agenda)**	**Project coordinator**
	9:15-10:45	Working session 3	Group discussions
	10:45-11:00	**Break**	
	11:00-12:30	Working session 4	Group discussions
	12:30-13:45	**Lunch**	
	13:45-15:00	Working session 5	Group discussions
	15:00-15:15	**Break**	
	15:15-16:30	Presentation of final findings	Group leaders
	16:30-17:00	Key conclusions and workplan	Project team
	17:00-17:30	**Closing remarks**	**UNEP & EC Representatives**

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