Plastic Pollution INC Secretariat

UN environment programme

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Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the H.E. Mr. Julio Cordano, Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, I am pleased to invite observer organizations to participate in the first edition of a series of informal webinars with Observers. The first webinar will be held **24 March 2026, from 14:30 – 16:00 East African Time (GMT+3).**

It is anticipated that webinars in this series will take place at regular intervals of approximately 6 weeks, schedule permitting.

The purpose of these webinars is to share information on the INC process and to provide a space for interested observer organizations to share their reflections and views with the Chair. The webinars will be exclusively dedicated to interventions from Observers, allowing them to engage and convey their perspectives directly.

Participants from observer organizations wishing to **participate as attendees**, not as speakers, at the upcoming webinar on 24 March 2026 **can register here**.

Participants from observer organizations **interested in speaking** at the upcoming webinar on 24 March 2026 are kindly **requested to complete this form**. When completing the form please provide the name and affiliation of the proposed speaker. Each organization must designate only one speaker.

Each webinar will accommodate up to **25 interventions** from observer organizations, with each intervention limited to **3 minutes.** Interventions will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis, with consideration given to representation across sectors and regions. **Confirmed speakers will be notified directly via email** and provided with additional practical guidance. The list of interventions will be published in advance of the webinar on the INC website.

Please also note that the online form for the first webinar will close once the number of observers organizations expressing interest to speak reaches capacity. For subsequent webinars, priority will, to the extent possible, be given to organizations that have not yet spoken, allowing a greater number of organizations to contribute.

Please note that all webinars will be in English only, without simultaneous interpretation.

During the webinar, attendees will have the opportunity to use the chat function to ask questions. Please ensure that all questions are related to the webinar topic. Time permitting, these questions may be addressed during the webinar, either orally or in writing, after the interventions have concluded.

The INC Secretariat remains at your disposal for any information as needed at unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org.

Yours sincerely,

Signed

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Executive Secretary
INC on Plastic Pollution and Head of the Secretariat

Informal Webinar Series with Observers to the INC

First webinar

24 March 2026, 14:30 – 16:00 East African Time (GMT+3)

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Webinar Outline

1) **Opening**

   INC Chair opens the webinar and provides opening remarks

2) **Remarks from the Secretariat**

   a. Welcome remarks by INC Executive Secretary

   b. Housekeeping remarks from the Secretariat

3) **Update from the INC Chair**

   Introduction of discussion by INC Chair

4) **Observer interventions**

   Interventions from 25 observer organizations confirmed based on the expressions of interest submitted in advance of the webinar. Each will have a maximum of 3 minutes to deliver their intervention.

5) **Closing**

[1] Speakers can log in at least 30 mins before using the zoom link shared with them upon registration to test technical arrangements.