

**DIALOGUE ON PLASTICS POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTALLY
SUSTAINABLE PLASTICS TRADE (DPP)**

CONVENING NOTICE

Revision

The following convening notice, dated 08 April 2024, is being circulated at the request of the Dialogue Coordinators (Australia, Barbados, China, Ecuador, Fiji and Morocco).

1. The DPP will hold its next pre-plenary meetings in hybrid mode (Room S3 and Zoom) on **Friday 12 April 2024, from 10 a.m. Geneva time**. If required, the meeting will reconvene in the afternoon. All WTO Members are invited to attend the meeting. Please see technical arrangements in Annex I.

2. Draft agenda

1) Introductory remarks by coordinators

- a. Presentation of the post-MC13 DPP Plan.

2) Crosscutting issues

- a. Update on the World Customs Organization (WCO) plastic-related proposals in the current Harmonized System (HS) reform process.
 - i. Briefing by the WCO Secretariat.
 - ii. Presentation by the WTO Secretariat on single-use plastic goods definitions and criteria found in the DPP Survey of Trade-related Plastics Measures (TrPMs).¹
- b. Update on the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) negotiation process to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution.
 - i. Brief intervention by Ambassador Luis Vayas Valdivieso - Chair of the INC
 - ii. Briefing on the preparations for the [fourth meeting of the INC \(INC-4\)](#) by the INC Secretariat
- c. Presentation by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) on their trade-related plastic pollution programmes (*TBC*).
- d. Open discussion on the following guiding question:

¹ The TrPMs Survey Factual Report can be found in document ([INF/TE/IDP/W/11](#)).

Considering the substantive technical work reflected in the MC13 statement and the presentations today, what are the "concrete pragmatic and effective outcomes" by MC14 Members should pursue under the 'crosscutting issues' workstream to implement the MC13 statement?

3) Reduction to Tackle Plastic Pollution

- a. Presentation by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on the interim findings of the "[Towards Eliminating Plastic Pollution by 2040: A Policy Scenario Analysis](#)".
- b. Trade-related elements of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes.
 - i. Presentation by the Circular Innovation Lab on the paper "[Study on items shipped for reuse and Extended Producer Responsibility fees: A case for extending EU EPR fees to cover end-of-life activities of products shipped outside the EU](#)" (TBC).
- c. Presentation by the Forum on Trade, Environment, & the SDGs (TESS) on the paper "[Options for Trade-Related Cooperation on Problematic and Avoidable Plastics: Building on Existing Experiences with Single-Use Plastics](#)".
- d. Presentation by the European Environment Agency (EEA) on [used textiles exports](#).
- e. Presentation by the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) on transparency of plastic-related subsidies.
- f. Open discussion on the following guiding question:

Considering the substantive technical work reflected in the MC13 statement and the presentations today, what are the "concrete pragmatic and effective outcomes" by MC14 Members should pursue under the 'reduction' workstream to implement the MC13 statement?

4) Promoting Trade to Tackle Plastic Pollution

- a. Briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on the state-of-play of their non-plastic substitutes work.
- b. Briefing by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Secretariat on the "[Draft Voluntary Code of Conduct \(VCoC\) on the sustainable use of plastics in agriculture](#)".
- c. Briefing by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (BRS) Secretariat on the Basel Convention Technical Guidelines on Environmentally Sound Management of Plastic Wastes and related technologies.
- d. Briefing by the seaweed packaging startup [Noriware](#) on their experience and trade-related challenges.
- e. Briefing by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) on gaps and opportunities in developing standards applicable to plastic alternatives and non-plastics substitutes.
- f. Open discussion on the following guiding question:

Considering the substantive technical work reflected in the MC13 statement and the presentations today, what are the "concrete pragmatic and effective outcomes" by MC14 Members should pursue under the 'promotion' workstream to implement the MC13 statement?

5) Any other business or interventions by delegations and stakeholders

6) Concluding remarks by coordinators

Annex I – Technical Arrangements

Please note that the pre-plenary meeting will be held in hybrid mode (Room S3 and via Zoom).

1 REMOTE PARTICIPATION

1.1 For Zoom meetings:

Delegates and invited stakeholders wishing to participate virtually to the pre-plenary meeting via the Zoom platform, including capital-based officials, must register using this link:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://worldtradeorganization.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvcO2qqjIpH9GWWvIdaa-qYzoPb6eV8AOr>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If prompted for the following information when accessing the meeting, please enter:

Meeting ID: 872 7424 9355

Passcode: 273422

1.2 Before the meeting:

We are available 1/2 hour before the meeting to test your connection with you.

On behalf of the interpreters please follow these recommendations:

- Use a wired internet connection (or very stable WiFi).
- Use a computer/laptop, not a phone or tablet.
- When participating remotely, at first choice, use an external USB tabletop microphone or a lapel microphone or second choice a USB Headset.
- Avoid using your computer's built-in microphone or cell-phone earbuds.
- Always turn on your camera before speaking.
- Turn off all notifications.

This will ensure that everyone can hear and understand your message fully.

1.3 During the meeting:

- If technical difficulties result in delegates being unable to intervene virtually under a given agenda item, the opportunity to take the floor will be given at an appropriate juncture before the meeting ends. Should the technical problem persist, delegates may contact the meeting coordinators (dpp@wto.org) during the course of the meeting, to either send their statement for it to be read out during the meeting, or to request that other attendees are to be informed about their interest to intervene under the item discussed and the subsequent circulation of their written statement.

2 ATTENDANCE IN THE MEETING ROOM

Invited Stakeholders with no WTO accreditation who want to attend the meeting in person are requested to send a message to dpp@wto.org.

The use of face masks is still recommended in common areas and meeting rooms, in safeguarding health for all.

3 STATEMENTS

To facilitate interpretation, delegations are strongly encouraged to send their written statements to the Secretariat (dpp@wto.org) before the meeting starts. Statements will also be gratefully received during the meeting (dpp@wto.org).
