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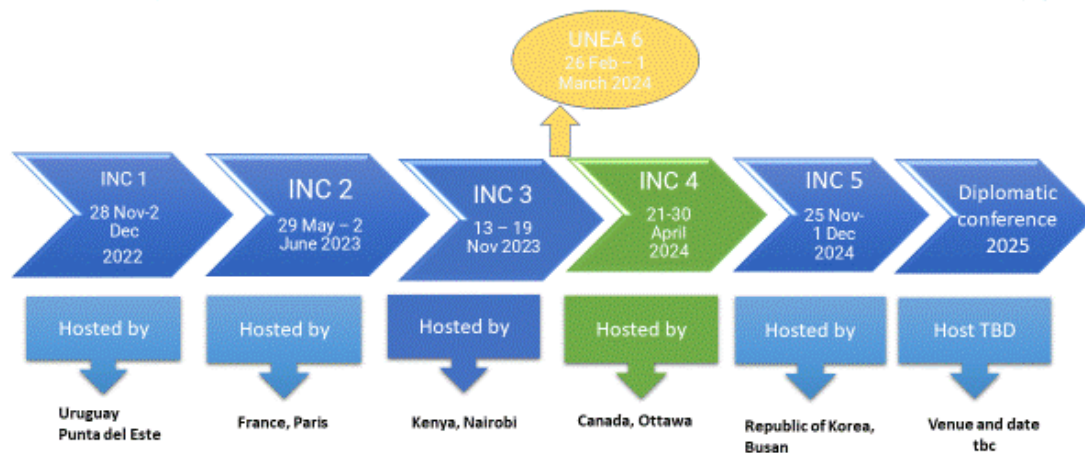


## Update on the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to Develop an internationally legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

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### Background: INC timeline



## Background: previous INC session

### First session of the INC (INC-1):

- 28 November to 2 December 2022 in Punta del Este, Uruguay.
- Elected the Chair of the INC and mandated the secretariat to prepare, under the guidance of the Chair of the INC, a document with potential options for elements towards an international legally binding instrument.

### Second session of the INC (INC-2):

- 29 May to 2 June 2023 in Paris, France.
- At INC-2 the Committee elected its Bureau and mandated the Chair, with the Secretariat's support, to prepare a zero-draft text of the international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution.



## Third session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-3)

- INC-3 took place **13 to 19 November 2023** at UNON in Nairobi, Kenya.
- The session was preceded by:
  - A preparatory meeting to discuss the synthesis report of the submissions received on elements not discussed at INC-2, such as principles and scope, as well as potential areas for intersessional work, on 11 November.
  - Regional consultations on 12 November 2023.
- More than 1,900 delegates participated in INC-3, representing 161 Members of the Committee (including EU), and over 340 observer organizations representing UN entities, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations.



## Third session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-3)

Over the course of INC-3, Members:

- Discussed the Chair's Zero Draft
- Went through compilations of texts incorporating all the in-session submissions from Members
- Validated co-facilitators' merged texts prepared on the basis of compilations of submissions
- Agreed on a way forward on elements not discussed at previous INC sessions.

## 12 thematic side-events organized on the margins of INC-3

	Theme
1	Promoting sustainable consumption and production of plastics
2	Oceans and the marine environment, including transport, ghost fishing gears, dumping, pellet loss and impacts on biodiversity
3	The role of trade measures in the future instrument: challenges and opportunities
4	Monitoring the situation and monitoring progress of the future instrument: objectives/targets and their associated baselines, indicators, and timelines
5	Plastic pollution, toxicity, chemicals, and potential risks to human health
6	Means of implementation, including resource mobilization and financial mechanism
7	Microplastic: understanding the challenge and its impacts
8	Promoting circular economy to retain plastics in the economy and out of the environment, including innovation and expanding the share of circular plastics
9	Enabling change at local, national and regional levels
10	Promoting environmentally sound management of plastic waste, including collection, sorting and recycling, and consideration of investments
11	Existing plastic pollution: Challenges of SIDs and remote communities
12	Socio-economic considerations in the transition to circular approaches to plastic, including human rights approaches and inclusion of the informal waste sector



## Outcomes of INC-3

- The Committee:
  - Requested the Secretariat to compile, into a single “revised draft text”, the merged texts put forward by contact groups 1 and 2, and the outcome document of contact group 3
  - Agreed that the revised text will be the starting point and basis for textual negotiations at INC-4, without the prejudice to the right of any Member to propose additions, deletions or modifications during the negotiations at INC-4.
- The INC also elected two Vice-Chairs to the Bureau and a new Chair of the Committee - Ambassador Luis Valdivieso of Ecuador.
- INC Members agreed on the dates of:
  - INC-4, Ottawa, Canada, 7 days within the period 21-30 April 2024
  - INC-5, Busan, Republic of Korea, 25 November - 1 December 2024.



**Thank you!**

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