

## Thirty Second SPREP Meeting of Officials

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Apia, Samoa

“Sustaining our Pacific Environment in Harmony with our Cultures”

### **Agenda item 8.4: Update on the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution**

#### **Purpose:**

1. To inform Members of the:
  - a) Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution; and
  - b) Plastic pollution project outcomes.

#### **Brief background and rationale (Why this matter/issue is important?)**

2. The INC was established by the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) resolution 5/14 in March 2022, with the mandate to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, addressing its full lifecycle. The INC has held a series of sessions to negotiate this instrument:
  - INC-1 (Punta del Este, Uruguay, November 2022): This inaugural session focused on establishing the groundwork for negotiations, including procedural matters.
  - INC-2 (Paris, France, May-June 2023): This session advanced the discussions on the scope and objectives of the future treaty.
  - INC-3 (Nairobi, Kenya, November 2023): This session marked a significant point in the negotiation process, with deeper discussions on the core elements of the treaty.
  - INC-4 (Ottawa, Canada, April 2024): During this session, the delegates based their discussions on a revised draft text that was compiled after the deliberations that took place at INC-3.
  - INC-5.1 (Busan, Republic of Korea, November-December 2024): This session continued the work of forming the treaty, and worked on the chairs text.
  - INC-5.2 (Geneva, Switzerland, August 2025): This was final session, where the final treaty will be agreed upon.
3. In accordance with the UNEA Resolutions 1/6, 2/11, 3/7, 4/6 and 5/14, as well as the framework document of the Global Partnership on Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter (GPML), for which it has signed a partnership agreement on implementing the project the “Capacity development to catalyze actions and commitments at the national and global level to reduce plastic pollution including in the marine environment”. This Agreement supports the implementation of the above-mentioned project in seven (7) Pacific Island Countries (Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu) through the support of the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) as the Regional Node of the Global Partnership on Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter.

4. In a joint effort by GIZ, SPREP and the Pacific Community (SPC) as regional implementing partners, CleanSeas aims to reduce plastic waste pollution in selected Pacific Island Countries (Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Marshall Islands) to protect marine biodiversity and establish sustainable solutions to reduce plastic use and waste generation and improve waste management and recycling. The project “Regional and Private Sector Action to reduce plastic production, use and waste in Pacific Island Countries”, supported under this grant agreement, within the scope of the overall project “CleanSeas – Marine Litter Prevention in Pacific Island Countries”.

**Recommendation:**

5. The Meeting is invited to:
    - 1) **Note** the outcomes of the INC sessions as well as the preparatory meetings; and
    - 2) **Foster** active engagement from member states in the execution and delivery of the projects.
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