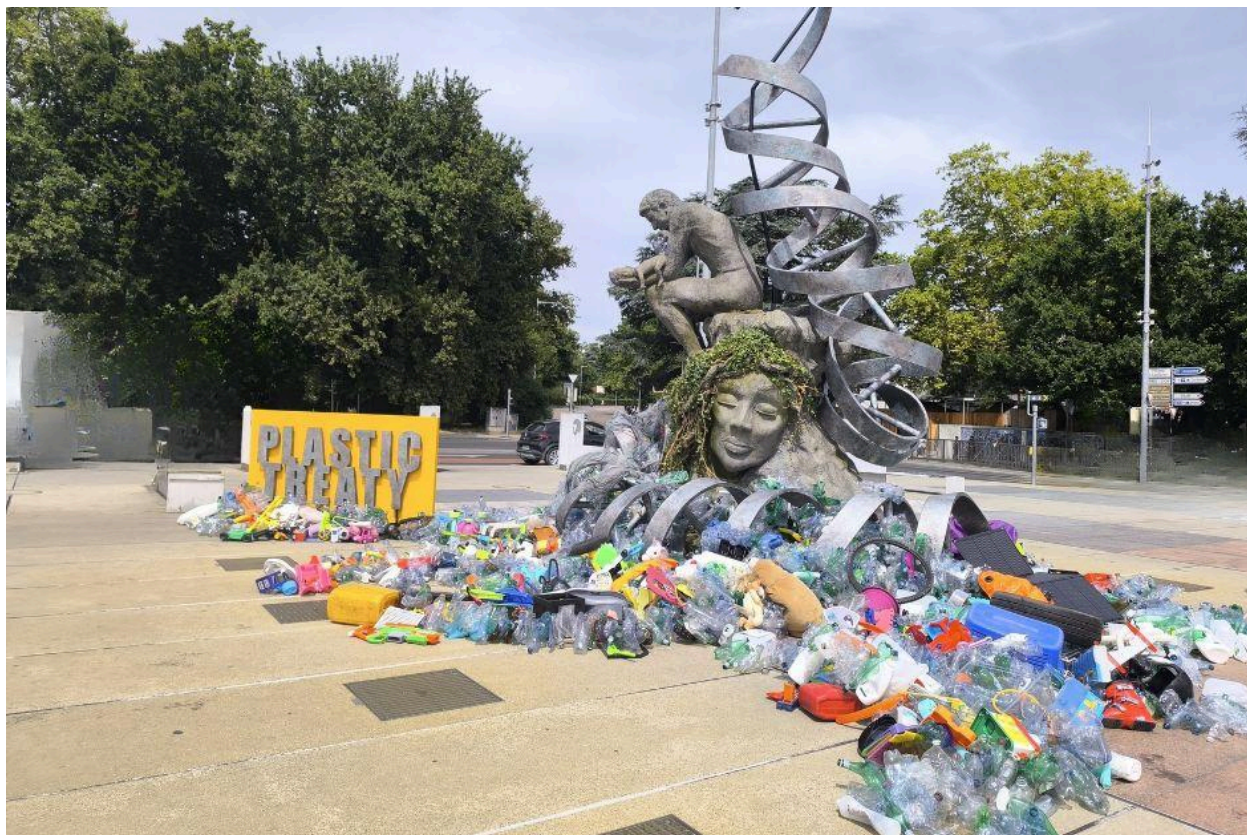


# SACEP & PLEASE Project at INC 5.2



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**SACEP and PLEASE Project at the second part of the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop a legally binding Instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC 5.2)**

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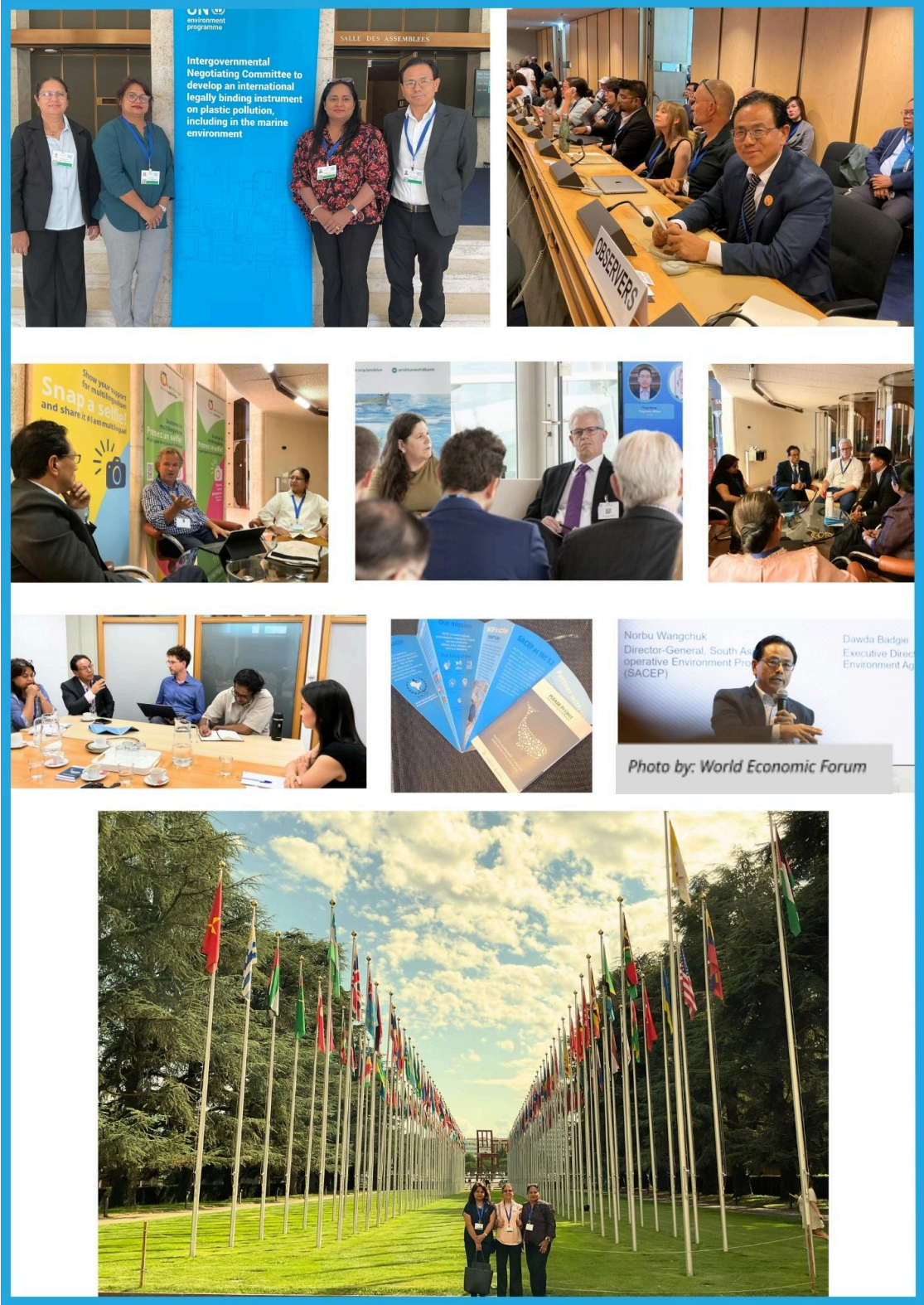


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## List of Acronyms

<b>ADB</b>	Asian Development Bank
<b>ANZPAC</b>	Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands
<b>CAH</b>	Circular Action Hub
<b>CSE</b>	Center for Science and Environment
<b>CSO</b>	Civil Society Organization
<b>DRS</b>	Deposit Refund System
<b>EPR</b>	Extended Producer Responsibility
<b>GAP</b>	Global Action Partnership
<b>GEF</b>	Global Environment Facility
<b>GFCR</b>	Global Fund for Coral Reefs
<b>GPAP</b>	Global Plastic Action Partnership
<b>IGO</b>	Intergovernmental Organization
<b>INC</b>	Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee
<b>IUCN</b>	International Union for Conservation of Nature
<b>LSNG</b>	Local and Sub National Governments
<b>MOCC &amp; EC</b>	Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination
<b>MSMEs</b>	Micro, Small and Medium sized Enterprises
<b>NFP</b>	National Focal Point
<b>NORAD</b>	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation

<b>NPAP</b>	National Plastic Action Partnership
<b>OAPEC</b>	Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries
<b>OECD</b>	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
<b>PLEASE</b>	Plastic Free Rivers and Seas
<b>SACEP</b>	South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme
<b>SMEs</b>	Small and Medium sized Enterprises
<b>SUP</b>	Single Use Plastic
<b>TCII</b>	The Confederation of Indian Industry
<b>UNCDF</b>	United Nations Capital Development Fund
<b>UNEA</b>	United Nations Environment Assembly
<b>UNEP</b>	United Nations Environment Programme
<b>UNIDO</b>	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
<b>UNITAR</b>	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
<b>UNOPS</b>	United Nations Office for Project Services
<b>WEF</b>	World Economic Forum
<b>WMO</b>	World Meteorological Organization
<b>WRAP</b>	Waste and Resources Action Programme
<b>WWF</b>	World Wildlife Fund

## 1. About INC 5.2

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) was formed following the [resumed fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly \(UNEA-5.2\)](#) in March 2022, where a historic resolution was adopted to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment. [The UNEA resolution \(5/14\)](#) requested the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to convene an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) to develop "the instrument," which is to be based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the full life cycle of plastic, including its production, design, and disposal.

The INC began its work during the second half of 2022, with the ambition to complete the negotiations by the end of 2024. The first session of the INC (INC-1) took place in Punta del Este, Uruguay, from 28 November to 2 December 2022, followed by a second session (INC-2) from 29 May to 2 June 2023 in Paris, France. The third session (INC-3) marked the process' midway point from 13 to 19 November 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya, followed by the fourth session (INC-4) from 23 to 29 April 2024 in Ottawa, Canada. The first part of the fifth session (INC-5.1) took place from 25 November to 1 December 2024 in Busan, Republic of Korea.

The second part of the fifth session (INC 5.2) to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (also known as The Global Plastics Treaty), took place from 5 to 15 August 2025 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland<sup>1</sup>.

## 2. Participation of SACEP and PLEASE Project in Previous INCs

As a regional intergovernmental organization committed to the protection, management, and enhancement of the environment in South Asia, The South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP), alongside the Plastic Free Rivers and Seas (PLEASE) Project - South Asia's first and largest initiative to combat plastic pollution in rivers and seas, stands firmly in solidarity with the global effort to address plastic pollution through a

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.unep.org/inc-plastic-pollution>

legally binding treaty. Recognizing the unique environmental challenges faced by South Asian countries, SACEP and the PLEASE Project have actively participated in previous INC meetings as “Observers” to ensure that the region’s needs and priorities are integrated into these critical global negotiations. Through the submission of written statements to the Open Plenary, organizing side-events showcasing the interventions of the PLEASE Project, and engaging in panel discussions at events organized by like-minded organizations, SACEP and the PLEASE Project have consistently advocated for a treaty that is not only ambitious but also fair, equitable, and adaptable to the diverse realities of different regions. SACEP and the PLEASE project participation in INCs, underscore the importance of reflecting the perspectives of South Asia in the global treaty, fostering stronger international cooperation, and ensuring that all regions, particularly those most affected by plastic pollution, are empowered to take effective action in the fight against this growing environmental crisis.

In this regard, SACEP and the PLEASE Project team have participated in previous INC meetings: INC 3 in Kenya and INC 5.1 in Korea, as part of the PLEASE project.

During INC 3, the team participated in all plenary sessions as observers, multiple side events, approached member states to introduce the PLEASE project, and had numerous bilateral meetings with key stakeholders, including The World Bank and The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Furthermore, the SACEP Director General made a statement on behalf of SACEP during a plenary session.

During INC 5.1, the team engaged in similar activities to INC 3. In addition, SACEP also hosted a discussion titled ["Building a Circular South Asia: Innovations, Inclusion, and Policy Pathways"](#), parallel to the proceedings during INC 5.1.



*SACEP at INC 5.1*

The event showcased innovative solutions to plastic pollution in South Asia, enabled by the PLEASE project through regional block grants and innovation grants that focused on

inclusive practices and job creation, while highlighting the importance of key policy advancements.

### 3. SACEP and PLEASE Project at INC 5.2

SACEP's participation in the INC 5.2 was planned for two objectives;

- 1) To attend the sessions open to the "Observers," including Opening and Closing Plenary, Contact Group Discussions, and side-events organized during the INC 5.2 week, and contribute to shaping meaningful and action-oriented dialogue during this important week for the INC 5.2 negotiations.
- 2) Bilateral meetings with organizations attending INC 5.2, and other relevant organizations in Geneva to foster dialogue and mutual understanding of work on combatting plastic pollution, along with identifying opportunities for collaboration and partnerships around shared priorities.

#### 3.1 Pre-INC 5.2 Preparations: Engagement with NFPs and Preparation of Project Outreach Materials

Prior to participating in INC 5.2 in Geneva, the SACEP Secretariat engaged with the National Focal Points (NFPs) from member countries by disseminating a "Suggestive Support Note" (Annex 2 and 3). This articulated common concerns and aspirations that may be of strategic value to the Member States and closely resonates with the negotiation positions of the SACEP Member States delegation, while also identifying possible areas of convergence and cooperation with regional partners, including SACEP, during the INC-5.2 deliberations.

- [Annex 2: SACEP letter to NFPs - INC 5.2 Reference note](#)
- [Annex 3: SACEP Non Binding Reference Note to Member Countries](#)

In order to enhance the visibility of SACEP and the PLEASE project at INC 5.2, the following materials were developed to be distributed during side events and bilateral meetings.



[PLEASE Project Innovation Booklet](#): Of the 49 innovations developed by 28 PLEASE Grantees in six South Asian Countries on tackling plastic pollution, the booklet highlighted one innovation per Grantee



[SACEP brochure](#): An introductory brochure about SACEP, its governing structure, and mandates

### 3.2 Pre-INC 5.2 Preparations: Attendance of Webinars

Christof Delatter- International Plastic Expert and Prakriti Kashyap - Plastic Expert, SACEP, attended the following Webinars held prior to INC 5.2. These webinars helped understand the course of discussions at INC 5.2 and to align the SACEP and PLEASE project's position for the INC 5.2 event.

#### Observers Informal Webinar

Date: 23 July 2025  
Hosted by: UNEP INC Secretariat

This webinar was organized in preparation for INC 5.2 in order to inform observers on the practicalities of the expected proceedings at the negotiations. The webinar was chaired by the INC Chair and Executive Secretary. It also provided a platform for certain observers to present their views on the treaty, as follows.

- BVRio: Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) fees should cover collection and treatment – the informal sector should be included in the process, and EPR regulation should be simplified and standardized
- Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC): EPR should be voluntary, not have caps on production, and instead focus on effective waste management
- [Scientists' Coalition](#): Upstream measures are essential (caps, standards), downstream measures will only be effective in combination with upstream measures.

Watch here: [Informal webinar with Observers ahead of INC-5.2](#)

## **Webinar on Country positions**

Date: 29 July 2025

Hosted by: Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)

During this webinar, CSE presented their [report](#) highlighting the positions of all countries on key elements of the negotiations. The main issues of strong disagreement between the countries are possible limitations to the production and trade of plastics, health impacts of plastic pollution, and measures promoting sustainability. Strong differences in opinion also exist on product design, financing mechanisms, and plastics to be included in a possible treaty. During the debate, panelists highlighted that financial mechanisms will be crucial for developing countries.

## **Webinar: Securing a Sustainable Plastics Future for Southeast and East Asia**

Date: 30 July 2025

Hosted by: The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

The OECD presented their newest report, "[Regional Plastics Outlook for Southeast and East Asia](#)" (launched on the same day), which delves into the lifecycle of plastics in the ASEAN region, along with China, Japan, and Korea. Some key findings are given below;

- 113 million tons of plastic waste is generated - most come with a lifespan of less than 5 years, and 2.9 million tonnes end up in the aquatic environment
- Economic growth will drive further use of plastics, projected at 280 million tonnes by 2050.
- Recycling might rise to 45 Mt by 2050, but also mismanaged waste might grow up to 56 Mt by 2050
- The Report emphasized that stringent policies will be needed across the lifecycle to eliminate plastic leakage. This requires capacity building, enforcement, and financing.

The webinar also featured a panel of policymakers and regional stakeholders who unpacked the dynamics of plastic flows within the region, took stock of current policies, and highlighted key gaps to be bridged to end plastic pollution.

[More information on OECD and plastics](#)

Watch here: [Securing a Sustainable Plastics Future for Southeast and East Asia](#)

### 3.3 SACEP and PLEASE Project at INC 5.2 in Geneva

The following SACEP delegation, together with a representative from UNOPS, actively participated in INC 5.2 in Geneva from 2 - 10 August 2025.

- Norbu Wangchuk: Director-General - SACEP
- C. Priyankari Alexander: Programme Officer - SACEP
- Anjalie Devaraja: Project Director - SACEP
- Prakriti Kashyap: Plastic Expert - SACEP
- Christof Delatter: International Plastic Expert - SACEP
- Dinoo Wickramage: Partnerships Officer - UNOPS (attended from 4 - 10 August)



*The SACEP delegation at INC 5.2*

The SACEP Delegation attended the pre-INC 5.2 stakeholder consultations, open plenary and open door contact group negotiation during INC 5.2.

### **INC-5.2: Conversation with Observers**

Date: 4 August 2025  
Organized by: INC Secretariat  
SACEP Attendees: Christof Delatter

This event was an In-person conversation for observers with Ms. Inger Andersen, *Executive Director - UNEP*, His Excellency Ambassador Luis Vayas Valdivieso, *Chair of the INC*, and Mrs. Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, *Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the INC*.

Many organizations took this opportunity to convey a short message on their expectations from INC 5.2. This included environmental organizations that called for an ambitious treaty. Further, a number of representatives from the youth, stressed the importance of an ambitious treaty for their future health and wellbeing.

### **Multistakeholder Forum**

Date: 4 August 2025  
Hosted by: The Government of Switzerland  
SACEP Attendees: Norbu Wangchuk, Prakriti, Priyankari, Anjalie

The forum consisted of multiple panels on the following topics:

- Science and research for an effective instrument
- Perspectives from the world of work, the informal sectors, and Indigenous Peoples in the effort to tackle plastic pollution
- Public, public-private, and civil society partnerships to address plastic pollution
- Environmental action and investments as an effective instrument

### **INC 5.2 Open Plenary**

Date: 5 August 2025  
Hosted by: UNEP INC Secretariat  
SACEP Attendees: Norbu Wangchuk, Prakriti, Priyankari, Anjalie, Christoff



Mr. Luis Vayas, *the Chair of the INC*, resumed the INC 5.2 negotiations. Speaking at the opening plenary, INC Chair, Ms. Inger Andersen - *Executive Director of UNEP*, Katrin Schneeberger - *Director of the Federal Office for the Environment of Switzerland*, and Jyoti Mathur-Filipp - *Executive Secretary, INC Secretariat*, all urged delegates to demonstrate a spirit of dialogue, cooperation, and commitment to multilateralism, along with pragmatism, to reach an agreement that is effective, inclusive, implementable, and capable of evolving.



SACEP, as an Observer, attended the Opening Plenary and submitted an official "[Observer Statement](#)." ([Annex 1](#))



[SACEP at the Official Opening of INC 5.2](#)

[SACEP official Statement as an Observer organization](#)

After the Opening Plenary, delegates convened in contact group discussions, basing their discussions on the [Chair's Text](#) circulated on 1 December 2024. The SACEP Team attended the following INC 5.2 Contact Group meetings.

- Contact Group 1: Articles related to the Plastic Product Design and Sustainable Consumption)
- Contact Group 2: Articles related to Plastic pollution/waste management
- Contact Group 3: Articles related to Financial Mechanisms

- Contact Group 4: Articles related to the Implementation and compliance

[INC 5.2 in session documents](#)

## Section A: SACEP at INC 5.2 Side Events

### SACEP representation as panelists at INC 5.2 Side Events

SACEP experts participated as panelists in the following, well-attended side events in Geneva, held in the margins of the INC 5.2 negotiations. These engagements provided the opportunity to highlight the impact of the PLEASE project in South Asia to a broader global audience and significantly enhanced SACEP's visibility.



[SACEP delegates as panelists at INC 5.2 side events](#)

## Beating Plastic Pollution: Solutions Day3

Date: 3 August 2025

Hosted by: GPAP

*SACEP participation:*

- Panelist: Norbu Wangchuk (Panel 1: Diverse perspectives on country needs)
- Attendee: Prakriti Kashyap



To mark the beginning of the negotiation, an in-person event was hosted by the GPAP, spotlighting scalable solutions, inclusive financing and national strategies, aimed at informing the treaty process and accelerating local action through collaboration. Discussions also highlighted the importance of upstream interventions, robust national planning, and data-driven systems for ensuring traceability. The event emphasized that systemic change is only possible through collaboration across the entire plastics value chain.

[Insights Paper: Effective National Planning to Coordinate Action on Plastic Pollution](#)

As a part of the event, the Segment 'National Plastic Action', co-hosted by GPAP, WRAP, the World Bank, the Global Plastics Policy Centre, and Common Seas, convened leaders from government, business, civil society, and academia to set the stage for effective national planning and implementation to address plastic pollution.

**Panel 1 - Diverse perspectives on country needs, moderated by the World Bank**

*Panelists*

- Norbu Wangchuk, Director General, SACEP
- Dawda Bagie, Executive Director, National Environment Agency of Gambia
- Andres Silva, National Plastic Action Partnership (NPAP) Manager Ecuador, Circular Economy Program Officer, Coordinator at World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Ecuador

This panel explored country realities, highlighting common challenges such as budget constraints, rural infrastructure gaps, and uneven local capacity. These issues make it difficult for governments to implement ambitious action and point to the urgent need for stronger national leadership and monitoring tools that reflect real-world conditions<sup>2</sup>.

SACEP Director General, Norbu Wangchuk, speaking at the panel, highlighted the challenges faced by the eight South Asian countries in developing and implementing national action plans on plastic pollution prevention and management. He noted critical elements that need to be factored into the national planning when addressing the inadequate plastic waste management systems and infrastructures. This includes

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.globalplasticaction.org/inc52>

generating financing (especially by attracting and engaging the private sector) and ensuring the effective use of scarce resources within national governments, which are already managing a multitude of other issues and concerns. He also highlighted the importance of strengthening policy enforcement and creating a conducive policy and regulatory environment.



Photo by: World Economic Forum

Concluding his statement, Mr. Wangchuk said it is beneficial to strengthen regional institutions like SACEP, which have the convening power to gain the attention of national governments and "political will" to address and accelerate plastic pollution actions. This is not only within the national boundary of a country, but at a regional level, for planning and actions to tackle transboundary plastic pollution.



Photos by: World Economic Forum



[SACEP Director General at the Panel 'Diverse perspectives on country needs'](#)

Across all panels, there was strong consensus: for national plans to drive real change, they must cover the full plastic life cycle, be backed by solid data and measurable metrics, and center people in their design and delivery. Pairing top-down policy frameworks with grassroots knowledge is the only way to ensure solutions are effective, inclusive, and sustainable.

[Closing film: Beating Plastic Pollution: Solutions Day](#)

## **Collaborative action to advance impact on the Global Plastics Agenda**

Date: 5 August 2025

Hosted by: World Bank Group

*SACEP & UNOPS participation:*

Panelist: Norbu Wangchuk

Attendees: Priyankari, Anjalie, Prakriti, Christof, Dinoo

*Other Panelists*

- Safiya Sawney, Special Adviser to the Minister of Climate Resilience, the Environment & Renewable Energy and to the Prime Minister, Grenada
- Dr. Ali Abosena, CEO, EEAA (Ministry of Environment Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency), Egypt
- Anil Bruce Sookdeo, Chemicals and Waste Coordinator and Senior Environmental Specialist, Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- Yabanex Batista, Deputy Director, Global Fund for Coral Reefs (GFCR), United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)
- Erin Simon, Vice President and Head of Plastic Waste and Business, WWF

Countries and stakeholders are navigating a dynamic landscape of emerging and existing initiatives aimed at supporting the implementation of a global plastics treaty. These facilities and programs focus on different aspects of addressing plastic pollution and are expected to play distinct but complementary roles in the implementation of the potential treaty. While each mechanism has its own value proposition, there is growing recognition



of the need for complementarity and coordination. Governments — particularly those seeking to move quickly from negotiation to implementation — are asking how these pieces fit together: which tools can support planning, de-risking, capacity-building, or investment? How can they work in tandem, rather than in parallel?

This side event aimed to explore countries’ needs for implementing plastic solutions, particularly in light of an international legally binding instrument, and examine how various entities can collaborate to address these priorities. It aimed to provide a structured framework for translating global treaty commitments and national objectives into national implementation, highlighting how the World Bank Group and its partners can support this transition through aligned policy and regulatory assistance, investment planning, financing solutions, and coordinated, country-led approaches that complement existing initiatives<sup>3</sup>.



*The PLEASE Project and Regional Block Grantee - Bangladesh Petrochemical Company (BPCL) in the World Bank presentation*

**Topic for Director General SACEP: Perspectives and experiences on implementation challenges and opportunities at the country level**

Mr. Norbu Wangchuk expressed that South Asia is a quintessential example of how plastic pollution hotspots exist within a shared geographic space, including shared mountains, rivers and seas that are grappling with macro and microplastics. He highlighted the need for alignment in policies and enforcement of policies, strengthening capacities of government, and mobilizing financing as the non-negotiable enablers to generate high

<sup>3</sup> World Bank Group event at INC 5.2 — Collaborative Action to Advance Impact on the Global Plastics Agenda Run of the show

impact solutions to plastic pollution in the region. He further iterated that market-based solutions through mobilization of private sector financing are the way forward.

Mr. Wangchuk also emphasized that while funding should be directed towards country-level actions and solutions, it is equally important to support regional institutions such as SACEP to bring about a regional lens and integration of solutions to tackle plastic pollution effectively, as it is a transboundary issue, crossing borders of a country. He detailed how SACEP has the strength to convene countries and generate political will, which is fundamental for the success of any instrument. South Asia and a regional institution like SACEP is requesting funders to take a regional lens to harmonize efforts in fighting transboundary plastic pollution, since financing is currently fragmented,



*Mr. Wangchuk speaks from the South Asian perspective on the implementation challenges and opportunities of the Global Plastics Treaty*



*SACEP Director General Mr. Norbu Wangchuk and other panelists at the Event : Collaborative action to advance impact on the Global Plastics Agenda*

[SACEP at the event 'Collaborative action to advance impact on the global plastics agenda'](#)

## Meet the Experts on EPR

Date: 6 August 2025

Hosted by: World Bank Group and UNITAR

### *SACEP & UNOPS participation:*

Panelist: Christof Delatter

SACEP and UNOPS Attendees: Prakriti, Dinoo

### *Other Panelists*

- Peter Borkey: Circular Economy Lead at OECD Environment Directorate
- Feng Wang: Coordinator of UNEP Plastics Initiative
- Véronique-Aimée Dion: Government of Québec
- Christophe Pautrat: Chief Operating Officer (Africa, Asia, Latin America) Landbell GreenForest Solutions

Sustainable financing is crucial for responsible plastic waste management. EPR is meant to ensure producers manage their products' lifecycle, including recycling and disposal. Effective EPR systems, tailored to each country's socio-economic and political realities, support waste management, reduce environmental impact, and foster a circular economy. However, adapting these systems to the local context can be challenging for countries.

The World Bank Global Environment Department and UNITAR emphasize creating awareness and training stakeholders (governments, private sector, Civil Society Organizations - CSOs) to align on strategies, develop policies, invest in infrastructure, and influence production and consumption behaviours. To support countries in managing plastic waste through effective policy design and implementation, and in the context of the ongoing negotiations towards a Global Plastic Treaty, these two organizations organized a Knowledge Sharing Series focused on EPR in the plastic sector. The event 'Meet the experts on EPR' was a part of this series, supported by PROBLUE, the World Bank's Blue Economy program that supports a sustainable and integrated development of marine and coastal resources in a healthy ocean. This Knowledge Sharing Series brought together experts in EPR and pollution prevention, along with national and municipal players, to:

- Inform relevant waste management actors;



- Develop deep dives into priority topics based on interest and needs;
- Show-case case-studies and share the lessons learned;
- Facilitate targeted knowledge-sharing sessions between select countries and experts;
- Publicly share the workshop and published materials developed by The World Bank and other organizations

The event explored practical approaches, highlighting lessons learned from diverse national contexts, and addressed common challenges in EPR implementation. Through a focused panel discussion and open dialogue, participants listened to and shared real-world EPR models and engaged in peer-to-peer learning to better understand how EPR systems are being developed in various contexts<sup>4</sup>.

During the panel, Mr. Christof Delatter shared that the positions of the SACEP member countries are different in terms of readiness level to introduce and implement EPR. Nevertheless, SACEP's engagement with these countries, including capacity building efforts, was successful in aligning their views on basic EPR principles. This demonstrates the willingness of South Asian countries to implement EPR. Their collective understanding and interest also allows for harmonization across the region, and inciting multinational producers to participate in the EPR schemes.



*Mr. Delatter speaking on South Asia's experience with EPR at the panel*

Mr. Delatter also emphasized that although EPR is an immensely strong policy instrument, it cannot be a stand-alone policy. Designing and implementing EPR systems requires

alignment with other national policies. While all producers should be brought under a

<sup>4</sup> [Combatting plastic pollution through effective policy design and implementation: EPR in the Plastic Sector](#)

mandatory EPR system, it is also critical to integrate other value chain actors into the system.

For example, the legal framework of EPR should also guide upstream production and design, together with collection and recycling systems. He noted that EPR is a step-by-step approach. Therefore, beginning with a target for each stage while keeping the final target in mind is adequate for countries that are introducing EPR for the first time. For instance, countries can initiate the process with collection targets, and later have policies such as mandated recycled content in packaging.

[SACEP at the event 'Meet the Experts on EPR'](#)

## **SACEP attendance at other INC 5.2 side events**

### **Local and Subnational Governments coalition to end plastic pollution reception**

Date: 3 August 2025  
SACEP Attendees: Christof, Priyankari, Anjali

The international coalition of Local and Subnational Governments (LSNG) and relevant organizations, had a collective goal of engaging Member States and the INC-Secretariat during and post INC negotiations with a unified voice. The coalition also seeks to ensure that the future international instrument on plastic pollution has a high ambition to address plastic pollution, and also create healthy and thriving communities and workforce in line with the principles of a *Just Transition*, while ensuring a sustainable economy.

[Local and Subnational Governments Coalition to End Plastic Pollution: Statement towards INC-5 of the Global Plastics Treaty](#)

### **Indian Industry action on plastics: a dialogue**

Date: 3 August 2025  
Organized by: The Confederation of Indian Industry (TCII)  
SACEP Attendees: Christof Delatter



This event highlighted the following;

- TCII has a centre of excellence for sustainable development
- EPR in India requires 30% recycled content, which has to be locally acquired, and this percentage will be increased in the coming years. This supports them in avoiding issues with subpar quality imports of recycled material.
- Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) are currently exempt from the EPR, but will gradually be integrated into the system. While Micro, Small and Medium sized Enterprises (MSMEs) are sometimes exempted, they account for a large share in the plastics put on the market
- EPR in India focuses on different categories of plastic
  - Category 1: Rigid plastics
  - Category 2: Soft plastics with one material
  - Category 3: Soft plastics with different materials
- The value chains and exact network for plastics is still being established, and gathering accurate data remains a significant challenge.
- Requested European countries to not impose their approaches on developing countries such as India which has a different context, but instead support in strengthening systems that already exist there.
- India's national position remains that chemicals of concern should not be in the global plastics treaty and there should be phase out of certain polymers.
- Introduction of biodegradable packaging is only valuable when followed with accurate segregation, which remains a massive challenge. Biodegradable packaging often causes greater problems than solutions.
- Mechanical and chemical recycling are seen as complementary and both solutions will be necessary for effective plastic waste management.

Specific panel members also noted the following;

Punit Singhal – *Ecotex Limited – Engages in mechanical and chemical recycling*

- Recycled materials still face significant challenges in the market due to lack of demand and virgin alternatives being cheaper.
- While EPR will support to remediate the above issue, he stated that implementation of EPR in India is still not very effective.

- Jerome Stucki – *United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)* UNIDO aims to support the private sector in transitioning towards circular approaches
- Circular Economy projects should feed into policy

Peter Skelton – *strategic partnership manager WRAP*

- WRAP, in cooperation with The Ellen MacArthur Foundation, facilitates cooperation amongst different national Pacts
- WRAP has a strong focus on collaborative working. However, there are challenges in getting producers together with competitors to speak on common issues in plastic waste management
- EPR in India is very ambitious but having multiple targets at once on design, recycled content, reuse, recycling etc. may hinder progress.
- In India, all products with over 900 ml rigid plastic packaging should have a reusable alternative. Unfortunately, producers have moved away from rigid packaging to multilayer soft plastics for which the reusable alternative is not obligatory.

## **Advancing Local Waste Recovery Solutions to deliver against the Global Plastics Treaty, shaping the future of the Circular Action Hub**

Date: 4 August 2025  
Organized by: BVRio | Circular Action Hub (CAH)  
SACEP Attendees: Norbu Wangchuk, Prakriti, Anjalie

BVRio believes that market-based, effective solutions can turn the tide on waste, strengthen local economies, and improve lives - particularly for the millions of informal waste workers who are already playing a vital role and are often undervalued.

This event was a call to engagement, reinforcing the need for practical tools that can contribute to the successful negotiation and implementation of a global plastics treaty. It aimed to ensure that the CAH is strategically positioned to mobilise investment, scale impact, and accelerate local waste recovery and recycling efforts that align with the treaty's goals and contribute to a just and inclusive circular economy. The session convened a select group of stakeholders to explore how the CAH can evolve as a matchmaking and visibility tool aligned closely with the treaty's objectives. Contributions from attendees



supported the CAH's goals of building a future where circular economy solutions are practical, impactful and useful for organisations, communities, and the environment<sup>5</sup>.

About the [Circular Action Hub](#): Originally developed as a platform to connect grassroots initiatives with essential finance and policy support, the CAH addresses a persistent gap: providing visibility and coordination for community-led circular economy solutions. Waste workers are central to this effort, playing a pivotal role in the transition to a world free of plastic pollution. The CAH has made it viable to connect over 120 waste recovery projects in 40+ countries, as a means to support the potential of recovery of more than 500,000 tonnes of waste per year, and providing additional income to over 5,000 waste pickers.

[CAH Video](#)

## Unlocking Impact through Collaboration: How the Plastics Pact Network Accelerates Treaty-Aligned Solutions

Date: 6 August 2025  
Organized by: WRAP and Ellen MacArthur Foundation  
SACEP and UNOPS Attendees: Prakriti, Christof, Dinoo

This event emphasized the power and approaches for effective collaboration — across sectors, geographies, and the value chain — to deliver measurable results, and included presentations on the following;

- WRAP: The Plastics Pact Network
- Chile Plastics Pact: Scaling Reuse in Chile
- India Plastics Pact: Fostering Circular Design in India

The event also had a Panel discussion: *Leveraging multistakeholder collaboration for effective implementation of national strategies*, which consisted of speakers from the Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands (ANZPAC) Plastics Pact, Pack UK, US Plastics Pact and Hasiru Dala, who described the impact of the pact in their respective countries. The speaker from Hasiru Dala meaning 'Green Force' in Kannada (a social impact organization established in

<sup>5</sup> [BVRIO Convenes RoundTable at UN 's Global Plastic Treaty Talks to Unlock Finance for Inclusive Waste Recovery Initiatives](#)

Bangalore, India dedicated to securing justice for waste pickers) also spoke of the important role of waste pickers in the circular economy and plastics value chain.

About [The Plastics Pact Network](#): Convened by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation and WRAP, the network connects national and regional initiatives around the world to implement solutions towards a circular economy for plastic. Their vision is a circular economy for plastics, capturing their value by keeping them in the economy and out of the natural environment. In 2018 [The UK Plastics Pact](#) was launched, which has been the trailblazer for a global network of Pacts which now spans every continent, engaging 19 countries and over 900 local and global organisations. It includes national plastic pacts in the UK, France, Chile, the Netherlands, South Africa, Portugal, the US, Poland, Canada, Kenya, India and Colombia. Regional pacts include the ANZPAC Plastics Pact.

Their blueprint, based on collaborative systems change, is being used by national governments, businesses, and NGOs around the world tackling the plastic pollution crisis. Their blueprint is based on the following;

- Elimination of unnecessary and problematic plastics
- Design for reuse and recyclability
- Effective recycling in practice at scale
- Inclusion of recycled content

Plastic Pacts have achieved the elimination of over 360,000 tonnes of problematic and unnecessary plastics. In some Pact countries, rates of recycled content in plastic packaging have tripled. Overall, members of Plastics Pacts prevented the use of over 2.2 million tonnes of virgin plastic by 2022.

## **“CAPacity” to Act: Reducing Plastic Pollution through Capacity Development**

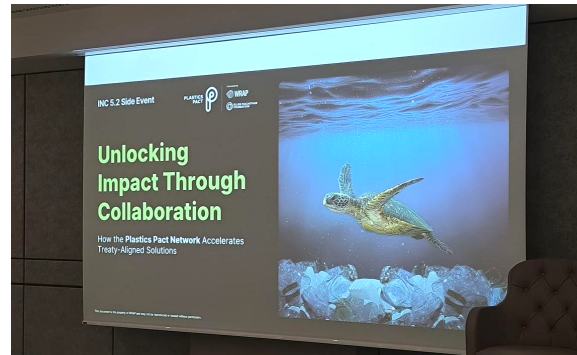
Date: 8th of August 2025  
Organized by: PREVENT and IUCN  
SACEP and UNOPS Attendees: Norbu Wangchuk, Anjalie, Priyankari, Prakriti, Christof, Dinoo

This event highlighted case studies of successful capacity building approaches, and discussed how these tools and approaches could be used to implement measures that



contribute towards treaty ambitions and to foster partnerships and cooperation between PREVENT members. This included the GIZ Plastics Treaty Assist Toolkit, and the Waste Flow Diagram Tool. Presenters further discussed the Global Action Partnership (GAP) between UNEP, GIZ, WWF and OECD for EPR and shared experiences of capacity building for plastic treaty negotiations held in Africa<sup>6</sup>.

About [The PREVENT Waste Alliance](#): Initiated by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the alliance serves as a platform for exchange and international cooperation. It aims to contribute towards minimising waste, eliminating pollutants and maximising the reuse of resources in the economy worldwide, jointly working together with the private sector, academia, civil society and public institutions.



**SACEP and the PLEASE project at other INC 5.2 side events**

<sup>6</sup> [“CAPacity” to Act: Reducing Plastic Pollution through Capacity Development](#)

## Section B: SACEP Bilateral Meetings at INC 5.2

In addition to enhancing their visibility at INC 5.2 side events, the SACEP team conducted several bilateral meetings with the organizations stated below. These meetings served to outline the SACEP mandate, highlight the impact of the PLEASE project, and identify potential areas for future collaboration. For instance, the team discussed the Circularity and Oceans Financing Initiative with ADB, strengthening regional collaboration on marine and coastal ecosystem protection with IUCN, potential collaboration for NPAPs in South Asia with GPAP, matchmaking of plastic projects in South Asia (including PLEASE Grantees with investors and donors) with KOLEKT, and private sector investment for environmental projects (including plastic pollution) with the Catalytic Finance Foundation.

Date (August)	Organization	Representatives	SACEP & UNOPS Attendees
5th	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Roger Joseph S. Guzman: <i>International Policy, Governance, and Legal Specialist (Consultant)</i>	Norbu Wangchuk, Anjalie, Priyankari, Prakriti, Christof, Dinoo
6th	IUCN	Dr. Karine Siegwart: <i>Senior Policy Advisor - Centre for Policy and Law</i>	Norbu Wangchuk, Anjalie, Priyankari,
6th	KOLEKT	Thierry Sanders: <i>Co-founder and Director</i>  Maria Accioly: <i>Circular Economy Expert</i>	Norbu Wangchuk, Anjalie, Priyankari, Prakriti, Christof, Dinoo
7th	GPAP	Christian Kaufholz: <i>Head of Community and Impact</i>  Pedro Sao Simao: <i>NPAP Lead</i>  Margehrita Pucino: <i>Global Metrics and Roadmaps Lead</i>	Norbu Wangchuk, Anjalie, Priyankari, Prakriti, Christof, Dinoo  Together with Junu Shrestha: <i>Senior</i>

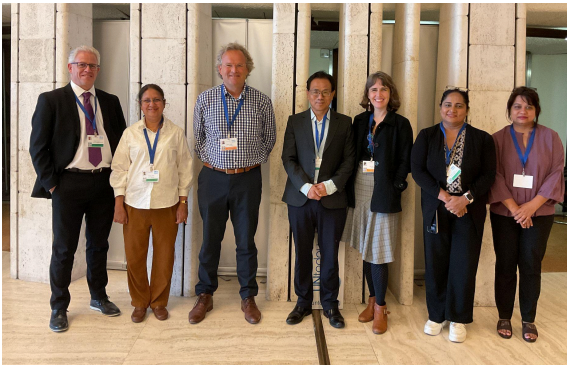
		Liviana Zorzi: <i>NPAP Specialist</i>	<i>Environmental Specialist - World Bank</i>
7th	Delegation from Pakistan	Nazia Zaib: <i>Joint Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination (MOCC&amp;EC), Pakistan</i>	Norbu Wangchuk, Priyankari
7th	Catalytic Finance Foundation	Jiao Tang: <i>Deputy CEO</i> Ole Ohlhoff: <i>Grant Officer</i>	Norbu Wangchuk, Anjalie, Priyankari, Prakriti, Christof, Dinoo
8th	World Bank	Junu Shrestha: <i>Senior Environmental Specialist</i>	Norbu Wangchuk, Anjalie, Priyankari, Christof, Prakriti, Dinoo
8th	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)	Per Magnus Andrese: <i>Senior Adviser</i> Kari Johanson: <i>Senior Adviser, Section for Ocean</i>	Norbu Wangchuk, Priyankari

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*Meeting with The Catalytic Finance Foundation*



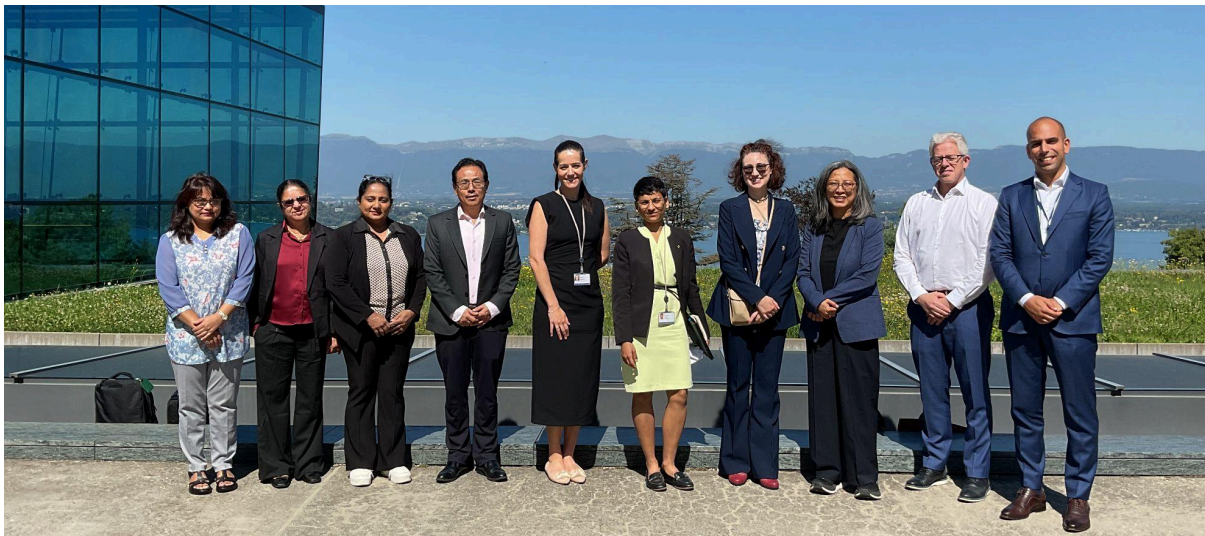
*Meeting with KOLEKT*



*Meeting with The World Bank*



*Meeting with IUCN*



*Meeting with GPAP*



## 4. Beyond INC 5.2

At INC 5.2, SACEP was able to represent South Asia's interests and the region's unique challenges and opportunities in the global negotiations on the plastic pollution treaty by submitting written statements, attending side-events, and engaging in panel discussions. Through bilateral meetings, SACEP was also able to disseminate SACEP's mandate and the PLEASE Projects' impact on fighting plastic pollution in South Asia, as well as initiate discussion on possible international collaboration and cooperation for more effective plastic pollution solutions.

Below are some areas of work for SACEP and the PLEASE Project to continue.

### **Continuation of the Negotiations on a Global Treaty**

The Geneva negotiations did not result in a finalized global agreement to tackle plastic pollution. However, many countries reaffirmed their commitment to continue the process. While UNEP has yet to announce the date and location for the resumed negotiations, SACEP is well-positioned to play a more strategic role in the lead-up to the next session.

Building on its dissemination of a support note ahead of INC 5.2, SACEP could now develop a South Asia Treaty Implementation Framework, aligning national priorities with treaty ambitions. This would strengthen the region's collective voice and ensure that South Asian perspectives are well-represented in future negotiations.

The Strategic Planning Workshop held in Bangkok (September 2 – 3, 2025), supported by the World Bank's PLEASE Project, laid the groundwork for this enhanced role. The workshop identified institutional strengths and challenges, and explored collaborative planning mechanisms. Based on its outcomes, SACEP could lead the development of a regional roadmap for treaty engagement and implementation, including harmonized action plans, regional monitoring frameworks, and capacity-building initiatives.

Ultimately, SACEP could serve as a regional coordination hub for treaty implementation, facilitating knowledge exchange, mobilizing resources, and supporting member countries in translating global commitments into national action.

## Further Support for Implementation of EPR in SACEP Countries

EPR has emerged as a cornerstone policy in national plastic waste management strategies under the PLEASE Project. However, implementation remains complex due to varying levels of readiness, market dynamics, and regulatory environments.

### SACEP can play a catalytic role by:

- Facilitating regional harmonization of EPR principles, enabling multinational producers to engage consistently across borders;
- Hosting targeted capacity-building workshops in collaboration with organizations such as UNITAR, OECD, and the World Bank;
- Developing a regional EPR toolkit, including policy templates, case studies, and implementation roadmaps tailored to South Asian contexts.

This approach would enable member countries to design EPR systems that are both locally responsive and regionally coherent, thereby accelerating adoption and impact.

### Support for Scaling Up of Regional Innovations

The PLEASE Project has seeded promising initiatives across South Asia. To ensure their long-term viability, SACEP should focus on:

- Transitioning pilot projects into scalable models, supported by robust business plans and impact metrics;
- Engaging with donors and development partners to secure multi-year funding and technical assistance;
- Creating a regional innovation platform, connecting grantees with investors, policymakers, and technical experts.

SACEP's bilateral engagements during INC 5.2 with organizations like NORAD, World Bank, ADB, GPAP, and the Catalytic Finance Foundation provide an opportunity for mobilizing support. Continued dialogue with these and other partners could be key to unlocking resources and scaling impact.

## World Bank and SACEP to Continue Cooperation within PROBLUE

The World Bank's PROBLUE program offers a strategic opportunity to deepen collaboration with SACEP. While specific modalities are yet to be defined, potential areas of cooperation could include:

- Joint implementation of treaty-aligned projects, especially in marine litter management and circular economy;
- Technical assistance for policy reform and infrastructure development;
- Support for regional monitoring and data systems, aligned with treaty metrics.

SACEP and the World Bank could formalize this partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding or joint work plan, ensuring sustained engagement and alignment with treaty goals.



## Annexes

### **Annex 1: SACEP Official Statement on INC 5.2**

#### **Official Statement on the second part of the Fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-5.2) by SACEP**

The South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) reaffirms its strong support for the ongoing negotiations toward a Global Treaty to End Plastic Pollution. We recognize the urgency of addressing plastic pollution as one of the defining environmental challenges of our time and commend the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) for its inclusive and consensus-driven approach. We particularly welcome the Treaty's emphasis on a just transition and science-based policymaking, which are essential to ensuring equitable and effective outcomes for all.

South Asian countries stand united in their commitment to a legally binding instrument that is ambitious in scope yet grounded in flexibility, respecting national circumstances and capabilities. We advocate for nationally determined measures that reflect the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities. This approach allows countries to tailor their actions to their unique socio-economic contexts, development priorities, and capacities, ensuring that ambition is matched with practicality and fairness.

In line with our regional priorities, we emphasize the importance of environmentally sound management of plastic waste, the remediation of legacy pollution, extended producer responsibility, and the promotion of circular economy principles. To ensure the successful implementation of the Treaty, we strongly urge the establishment of a dedicated financial mechanism. This mechanism must provide predictable, accessible, and additional resources to support capacity-building, infrastructure development, and technology transfer in developing countries. Without robust financial and technical support, the goals of the Treaty risk remaining aspirational.

SACEP remains committed to fostering regional cooperation and supporting its Member States in aligning national efforts with global objectives. We stand ready to facilitate



harmonization of action plans, knowledge exchange, and regional monitoring frameworks, and to serve as a strategic partner in the implementation of the Treaty.

We call upon all parties to uphold the principles of equity, inclusivity, and shared responsibility as we move toward a future free from plastic pollution.

SACEP is an accredited Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) to the INC, participating as an observer. It represents eight South Asian countries – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka – a region significantly affected by plastic pollution, climate change, and other pressing environmental challenges.

## **Annex 2: SACEP Letter to National Focal Points**

### **Subject: Suggestive Note for the INC 5.2 Preparations - Strengthening South Asia's Strategic Priorities and Engagement in the Global Plastic Treaty Negotiations**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As countries prepare for the upcoming second part of the Fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on the global treaty to end plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-5.2), I am pleased to share with you a suggestive support note developed by the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP) Secretariat that closely resonates with the negotiation positions of our Member States.

This document reflects broad themes and shared priorities that have emerged across South Asian countries through recent dialogues, national statements, and participation in past INC sessions. It aims to serve as a non-binding reference to assist Member States in their preparatory work for the INC 5.2 negotiation in Geneva, 5-14 August 2025.

While this is not an official or consolidated regional position, we believe the Note provides a useful articulation of common concerns and aspirations that may be of strategic value to the Member States and the South Asia region as a whole.



These include:

- Call for a balance between global ambition and national circumstances and capabilities reflecting the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities in the Plastic Treaty architecture and instruments,
- Respect for consensus-based decision-making, a just and inclusive transition - leaving no one behind, including realigning and reaffirming informal waste sector,
- Manage utilization of plastics, emphasize on improvement of environmentally safe management of plastic waste, including addressing of legacy plastic pollution,
- Advocate for financing mechanisms under the Treaty with adequate additional, predictable financial support to developing countries for capacity-building, infrastructure development, and technology transfer to implement the measures required by the Global Plastic Treaty instrument, and
- Leverage the potential role of regional platforms like SACEP in implementation and coordination of the Treaty and issues concerning the transboundary nature of plastic pollution.

We trust this document will assist your delegation in identifying possible areas of convergence and cooperation with regional partners including SACEP during the INC-5.2 deliberations. Should your office wish to engage further on any of the elements within the Note, the SACEP Secretariat remains at your service.

We also kindly inform you that SACEP as an Observer Organization will participate in the INC 5.2 in Geneva between 3 - 9 August 2025. The SACEP Secretariat stands willing to participate in pre - and - during INC 5.2 sessions involving regional consultations and country/thematic discussions, and ready to support our Member States to win the fight against plastic pollution.

We extend our best wishes for a constructive and impactful engagement in Geneva and reaffirm our commitment to supporting our Member States throughout the Treaty negotiation process.

Sincerely,



Norbu Wangchuck  
Director General

## **Annex 3: SACEP Non-Binding reference note**

### **A Non-Binding Reference Note from South Asia for the second part of the Fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on the global treaty to end plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC-5.2) – Geneva, 5 - 14 August 2025**

The negotiations for the Global Plastics Treaty have entered a critical phase, seeking a resolution for one of the most pressing environmental challenges of our times: the crisis of plastic pollution. South Asia stands at a pivotal juncture to engage in the negotiation for a proactive strategy that balances the Treaty's ambition, where equity resonates with our region's shared ecosystems, unique socio-economic dynamics, and divergent national circumstances and capabilities.

Under this pretext, the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP), an Intergovernmental Organization mandated to foster regional cooperation on transboundary environmental challenges and opportunities in South Asia, has prepared this note as a contribution to the regional dialogue and support for its Member States.

This note reflects the broad convergence of views expressed by South Asian countries during the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) process on ending plastic pollution. It is intended as a non-binding reference to support Member States in their preparatory work for the upcoming negotiations in Geneva, to find common ground and foster inclusivity, reducing asymmetries inherent in the global plastics treaty process.

#### **1. Ambition Anchored in Flexibility**

South Asian countries support the development of a legally binding international instrument that is ambitious in its objectives while allowing for flexibility in implementation. Measures should be nationally determined, underpinned by the principle of common but



differentiated responsibility framework. This NDC-like flexibility would enable countries to tailor actions to their respective circumstances, capacities, development priorities, and socio-economic contexts.

## **2. Emphasis on the Improvement of Environmentally Safe Management of Plastic Waste, including Addressing Legacy Plastic Pollution**

Recognizing the critical role of plastics in development, South Asia advocates for a Treaty that prioritizes improved waste management, product design for circularity, and extended producer responsibility over prescriptive global caps on primary plastic production. This approach ensures environmental integrity without compromising developmental needs.

## **3. Science-Based and Risk-Informed Regulation of Chemicals and Plastics of Concern**

The Treaty should adopt a scientific and risk-based approach to identify and regulate problematic plastic products and chemical additives. National regulatory autonomy must be respected, and overlaps with existing multilateral environmental agreements should be avoided.

## **4. Establishment of a Dedicated Financial Mechanism**

To ensure effective and equitable implementation, South Asia calls for financing mechanisms supporting capacity-building, infrastructure development, and technology transfer. This fund should provide predictable, accessible, and additional financial resources to support developing countries in meeting their obligations under the Treaty.

## **5. Commitment to Consensus-Based Decision-Making**

South Asia reaffirms its commitment to consensus-building as the foundation of decisionmaking in the Treaty process. This principle ensures inclusivity, transparency, and shared ownership of outcomes, particularly for countries with diverse capacities and perspectives.

## 6. Just Transition and Inclusive Implementation

The Treaty should promote a just and inclusive transition, particularly for informal waste workers and marginalized communities who play a vital role in plastic waste recovery. Measures should be taken to ensure their integration, protection, and empowerment within national and global plastic management systems.

## 7. Regional Cooperation and Implementation Support

South Asia expresses readiness to contribute to regional coordination efforts, including:

- Harmonization of national action plans
- Exchange of knowledge and best practices
- Organize regional dialogues, and global positioning strategies
- Support capacity development and technical cooperation
- Anchoring the Treaty in existing regional frameworks
- Develop or strengthen regional monitoring frameworks for plastic pollution aligned with Treaty metrics

Such collaboration can enhance the effectiveness and coherence of treaty implementation across the region.

### **SACEP: A Regional Mandate for Ambitious Environmental Protection in South Asia**

Established in 1982, the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP), is an intergovernmental organization promoting environmental protection across its eight member countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. With its vision for 2030 to create a healthy environment, resilient society and regional prosperity for the present and future generations in South Asia, SACEP has led numerous initiatives in environmental education, legislation, biodiversity, pollution, protection and coastal management.

SACEP is a key strategic partner for international projects and donors, actively advancing regional initiatives to address plastic pollution while fostering cooperation and the sharing of experience and knowledge across a broad geographic area. As the Secretariat for the South Asian Seas Programme (SASP), one of UNEP's 18 Regional Seas Programmes, SACEP coordinates marine protection efforts in South Asia. The South Asian Seas Action Plan, adopted in 1995 by the region's five maritime countries: Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, outlined a regional strategy for protecting shared marine waters. This was followed by SACEP's Framework on Marine Litter Management in the South Asia Seas Region in 2007, and the Marine Litter Action Plan for the South Asian Seas region in 2019.

Through the World Bank-funded "Plastic Free Rivers and Seas for South Asia (PLEASE)" Project, SACEP puts circular solutions into practice by supporting 28 grantees working on initiatives focused on reducing, reusing, and recycling plastic waste. SACEP also works with national governments to strengthen policies, develop standards and analytics, and foster public and private sector engagement across the region.

**SACEP remains committed to regional cooperation and welcomes partnerships to end plastic pollution.**



## Annex 4: Agenda - SACEP and PLEASE Project Participation at the INC 5.2 Negotiation, Side Events and Bilateral Meetings

Date (August)	Time	Name of Event	Venue	Event Organizers/ Bilateral Meeting Representatives	SACEP & UNOPS participation
3rd Sunday	8 a.m- 4 p.m	Beating Plastic Pollution: Solutions Day	World Economic Forum offices, Geneva: <i>Rte de la Capite 91/93, 1223 Cologny, Switzerland</i>	GPAP	SACEP Director General Norbu Wangchuk - Panelist  Prakriti - Attendee
3rd Sunday	6 - 8 p.m	Local and subnational governments coalition to end plastic pollution reception	Villa Rigot: <i>Avenue de la Paix 9, 1202 Geneva</i>	Dr Magash Naidoo Head: Circular Development ICLEI World Secretariat	Christof, Priyankari, Anjalie
4th Monday	7 - 10 a.m	Indian Industry action on plastics: a dialogue	Hotel N'vy Rue de Richemont 18	Confederation of The Indian Industry	Christof
4th Monday	9 a.m - 12 p.m	Advancing local waste recovery solutions to deliver against the	Hotel de la Paix, Geneva	BVRio   Circular Action Hub	Norbu Wangchuk, Prakriti, Anjalie

		global plastics treaty, shaping the future of the circular action hub			
4th Monday	11a.m -12 p.m	INC-5.2: Conversation with Observers	Assembly Hall, Building A, third floor	INC Secretariat	Christof
4th Monday	1 - 5 p.m	Multistakeholder Forum	Assembly Hall Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland	INC Secretariat Hosted by the Government of Switzerland	Norbu Wangchuk, Prakriti, Christof, Priyankari, Anjalie
5th Tuesday	10 - 11:30 a.m	Official opening INC 5.2	Assembly Hall, Palais Des Nations	INC Secretariat	Norbu Wangchuk, Anjalie, Priyankari, Christof, Prakriti, Dinoo
5th Tuesday	2:00 p.m	Bilateral Meeting with ADB	Palais des Nations	Roger Joseph S. Guzman: <i>International Policy, Governance, and Legal Specialist (Consultant)</i>	Norbu Wangchuk, Anjalie, Priyankari, Christof, Prakriti, Dinoo
5th Tuesday	5.30 - 8.00 p.m	Collaborative action to advance impact on the global plastics agenda	WMO Building, Room D: <i>7 Bis Avenue de la Paix, 1202 Geneva</i>	World Bank Group	Norbu Wangchuk,: Panelist  Attendees:

					Christof, Anjalie, Prakriti, Priyankari, Dinoo
6th Wed	8.00 - 9.30 a.m	Meet the experts on EPR	WMO Building: Room D <i>7 Bis Avenue de la Paix, 1202 Geneva</i>	World Bank and UNITAR	Christof - Panelist  Dinoo, Prakriti
6th Wed	9 - 10 a.m	Bilateral Meeting with IUCN	Palais des Nations, Geneva	Dr. Karine Siegwart <i>Senior Policy Advisor - Centre for Policy and Law</i>	Norbu Wangchuk, Anjalie, Priyankari,
6th Wed	10.30 a.m	Bilateral Meeting with KOLEKT	Palais des Nations, Geneva	Thierry Sanders: <i>Co-founder and Director</i>  Maria Accioly: <i>Circular Economy Expert</i>	Norbu Wangchuk, Anjalie, Priyankari, Prakriti, Christof, Dinoo
6th Wed	1.30 - 3.30 p.m	Unlocking Impact Through Collaboration How the Plastics Pact: Network Accelerates Treaty-Aligned Solutions	Mandarin Oriental, Geneva	WRAP and Ellen MacArthur Foundation	Prakriti, Christof, Dinoo,
7th Thursday	10.30 a.m	Bilateral Meeting with GPAP	WEF Office	Christian Kaufholz: <i>Head of</i>	Norbu Wangchuk, Anjalie, Priyankari,

				<p><i>Community and Impact</i></p> <p>Pedro Sao Simao: <i>NPAP Lead</i></p> <p>Margehrita Pucino: <i>Global Metrics and Roadmaps Lead</i></p> <p>Liviana Zorzi: <i>NPAP Specialist</i></p>	<p>Prakriti, Christof, Dinoo</p> <p>(Together with Junu Shrestha - Senior Environmental Specialist World Bank)</p>
7th Thursday	1 - 2 p.m	Bilateral meeting with the Pakistan Delegation	Palais des Nations, Building E	Nazia Zaib: <i>Joint Secretary, MOCC &amp; EC, Pakistan</i>	Norbu Wangchuk, Priyankari
7th Thursday	3 p.m	Bilateral meeting with The Catalytic Finance Foundation	Catalytic Finance Foundation: <i>Chemin de Balexert 7-9 1219 Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland (Building 9, 3rd floor)</i>	Jiao Tang: <i>Deputy CEO</i>  Ole Ohlhoff: <i>Grant Officer</i>	Norbu Wangchuk,, Anjalie, Priyankari, Prakriti, Christof, Dinoo
8th Friday	4.30 - 5.30 p.m	Meeting with The World Bank	Palais des Nations, Building E	Junu Shrestha - <i>Senior Environmental Specialist World Bank</i>	Norbu Wangchuk,, Anjalie, Priyankari, Prakriti, Christof, Dinoo
8th Friday	6 - 9.30 p.m	"CAPacity" to Act: Reducing Plastic	HINIVUU Café - International Red	PREVENT and IUCN	Norbu Wangchuk,,

		Pollution through Capacity Development	Cross and Red Crescent Museum: <i>Avenue de la Paix 17, 1202 Geneva</i>		Anjalie, Priyankari, Prakriti, Christof, Dinoo
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## Annex 5: Social Media Coverage of SACEP and the PLEASE Project during INC 5.2

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