

# ENDING PLASTIC POLLUTION: TOWARDS A LOCAL AND SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENT POSITION FOR INC5



## INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE (INC) ON PLASTIC POLLUTION

LOCAL AND SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS (LSNG) COALITION

### INFORMATION WEBINAR



# WEBINAR AGENDA

Welcoming remarks

Overview of the INC process and point of interest for local and subnational governments

Presentation of the Local and Subnational Governments Coalition to End Plastic Pollution

Roadmap to Busan (INC5)

Period of question and discussion

Wrap up and next steps



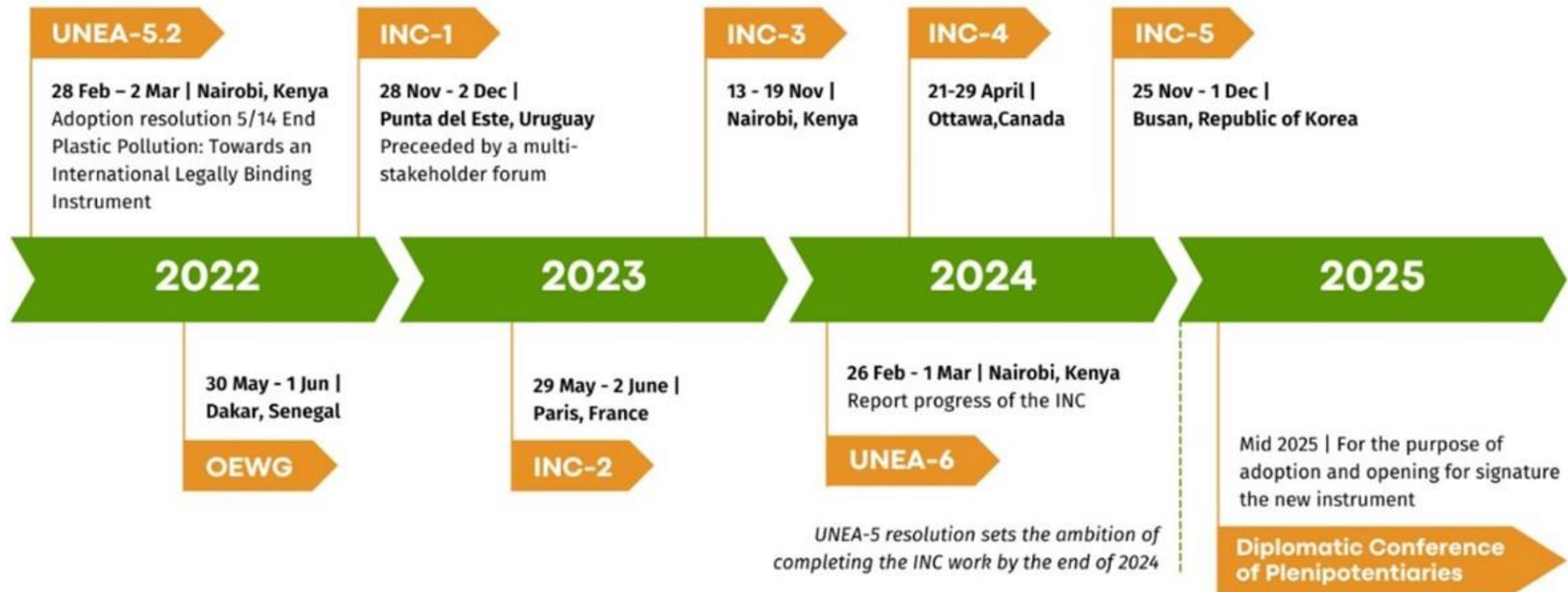
# New international instrument on plastic pollution

- UNEA-5 (2022): adoption of an **historic decision** (Resolution 5/14) establishing an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) to develop a global legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including the marine environment.
- Only 9% of the world's plastic is recycled, and plastic production is expected to **triple by 2060**. "This is the most important multilateral environmental agreement since the Paris Agreement," (Inger Andersen, UNEP).
- The future instrument is to be based on a comprehensive approach that addresses the **full life cycle of plastic**, including its production, design and disposal. It addresses the impact on plastic both on the environment and the health.
- The INC includes Members (countries) and **observers** (larger group of civil society, private sector, academia, waste pickers, youth, and local and subnational governments).



# INC: a fast pace process

## End Plastic Pollution: Looking forward





# Why do we need a LSNG Coalition?

1. **Front line** of plastic production crisis
2. **Competencies and regulatory powers** and the responsibility to develop and implement
3. Local and subnational **best practices**
4. Raising **awareness**
5. **Tools, knowledge, and resources** to effectively tackle plastic pollution



# Local and Subnational Governments Coalition (LSNG) to End Plastic Pollution

**Main goal: speak with a unified voice + call for an ambitious plastic treaty**

## Objectives:

1. Recognition of LSNG as key actors for the negotiations
2. Include the LSNG importance and role in the text of the future instrument, to ensure an effective implementation

**Main partners:** ICLEI, Québec, Catalonia, UCLG

+ support from Regions4, Geneva Cities Hub, C40, WWF, UN-Habitat, UNEP

Official launch of the Coalition on April 22, 2024 (Earth Day, Partnership Day)

**More than 80 signatories!**



# How to join the Coalition?

- Official website: [Local and Subnational Governments Coalition to End Plastic Pollution – Circulars \(iclei.org\)](https://iclei.org)
- Endorse the Coalition Official [Statement](#)
- Fill the [application form](#) or sign the membership letter
- Opportunity for national governments to support the Coalition and invite sub-national and local governments to join.
- Additional information webinars will be organized before INC5







# Key information about the negotiation process



# INC 4: main outcomes

- More than 2 500 participants
- Objectives: reduce the draft text produced after INC3 and confirm intersessional work before INC5
- Streamlined and **bracketed [3.686] zero draft** text
- Progress in the different contact groups
- Scope of the treaty: Waste management VS plastic full life-cycle
- Consensus VS majority voting
- Two major groups: High Ambition Coalition vs “like minded group”



# INC 4: a successful meeting for the LSNG Coalition!

- Launch of the Coalition on Partnership Day
- Opening statement in the negotiations + following the contact groups
- Participation in the official side-events
- Events on subnational governments in the Plastic Action Zone
- Advocacy and bilateral meetings



# Coalition Roadmap to Busan (INC5)

## Before INC5 – intersessional work (August, Bangkok)

Group 1: Means of Implementation

Group 2: Product design and approaches to plastic products and chemicals of concern

## INC5: November 25 to December 1 in Busan, Republic of Korea

### Coalition priorities:

1. Coalition engagement (increase the Coalition members and signatories)
2. Involvement in the negotiation process (prepare a new position for LSNG)
  - *Call for interested cities and subnational governments to play a leadership role with their national governments*



