

Ministerial Conference on Marine Litter and Plastic Pollution

Agenda

1. Opening of the Ministerial Conference
2. Update of recent progress on the issue of marine litter and plastic pollution
3. Summary of the outcomes of the Ministerial Conference pre-meetings held 27-28 May and 28-29 June 2021 and reflections on the draft Ministerial Statement
 - a) Presentation of key takeaway messages from five thematic workstreams
 - b) Reflections on the draft Ministerial Statement
4. Outlining steps in the lead-up to the resumed fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 5.2)
5. High-level dialogue
6. Co-conveners' summary
7. Update on relevant processes
8. Any other matters
9. Closing of the Ministerial Conference

Annotated Agenda

Item 1.

Opening of the Ministerial Conference

The Ministerial Conference on Marine Litter and Plastic Pollution is jointly convened by the Governments of Ecuador, Germany, Ghana and Vietnam with the aim to keep the topic of marine litter and plastic pollution high on the political agenda towards the resumed fifth session of the UN Environment Assembly in 2022 (UNEA 5.2). The Ministerial Conference is led by the co-conveners, with technical and logistical support from UNEP. The Ministerial Conference will be opened at 14:00 (CET) on Wednesday, 1 September 2021. Interpretation into all United Nations official languages will be provided during the Ministerial Conference.

Item 2.

Update of recent progress on the issue of marine litter and plastic pollution

The Chair(s) will invite various representatives of global initiatives of relevance to this meeting to provide brief updates on recent progress on the issue of marine litter and plastic pollution.

Item 3.

Summary of the outcomes of the Ministerial Conference pre-meetings held 27-28 May and 28-29 June 2021 and reflections on the draft Ministerial Statement

a) Presentation of key takeaway messages from five thematic workstreams

The key take away messages from the five thematic workstreams discussed during the pre-meetings held 27 – 28 May and 28 – 29 June 2021 will be presented:

- i. Common goal/vision and objectives of a potential global instrument
- ii. Data, monitoring and reporting
- iii. Measures to address marine litter and plastic pollution, including through a life cycle approach, and dialogue with industry and consumers
- iv. National and regional cooperation, coordination, and implementation
- v. Financial and technical support

b) Reflections on the draft Ministerial Statement

Co-conveners will present the revised draft Ministerial Statement, which has been prepared based on the discussions during the two pre-meetings and taking into consideration the inputs received.

Participants will be invited to consider the content of the revised draft Ministerial Statement.

Item 4.

Outlining steps in the lead-up to the resumed fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 5.2)

The Chair(s) will invite for updates on specific next steps in preparation for the resumed session of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 5.2) and the formal process leading up to it.

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High-level dialogue

High-level representatives will be invited to deliver statements on (national) position especially on (a) the desired outcome of the resumed fifth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA 5.2) and (b) related to the Ministerial Statement.

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Co-conveners' summary

The co-conveners of the Ministerial Conference will be invited to present their summary, lay out the signature process of the Ministerial Statement, explain the next steps and call for expression of support on the Ministerial Statement.

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Update on relevant processes

Relevant processes to the Ministerial Conference will be discussed. This will include a presentation by relevant countries on potential draft resolutions under preparations for submission.

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Any other matters

Any other matters related to the Ministerial Conference.

Item 9.

Closing of the Ministerial Conference

The Ministerial Conference on Marine Litter and Plastic Pollution is expected to close at 16:00 (CET) on Thursday, 2 September 2021.

Programme

Wednesday 1 September 2021		Thursday 2 September 2021	
14:00- 17:00 CET	1. Opening of the Ministerial Conference 2. Update of recent progress on the issue of marine litter and plastic pollution 3. Summary of the outcomes of the Ministerial Conference pre-meetings held 27-28 May and 28-29 June 2021 and reflections on the draft Ministerial Statement a) Presentation of key takeaway messages from five thematic workstreams b) General reflections on the draft Ministerial Statement Closing of day one	10:00- 12:00 CET	Opening of day 2 3. b) continued 4. Outlining steps in the lead-up to the resumed fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 5.2)
		13:00- 16:00 CET	5. High-level dialogue 6. Co-conveners' summary 7. Update on relevant processes 8. Any other matters 9. Closing of the Ministerial Conference
17:00 CET	High level reception hosted by the Swiss government ¹	16:30 CET	Press conference

¹ Registration required during the meeting