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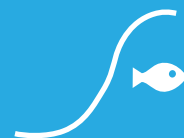


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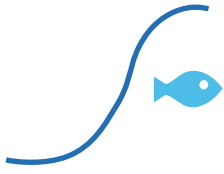
# Marine Litter and Microplastics Mitigation and Prevention



Co-convened in partnership with the  
Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML)



**FEB 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**13.00 - 14.30 EAT**  
**ONLINE**



# MARINE LITTER SESSION

*As a pollutant without borders, marine litter and microplastics continue to choke the world's oceans, with a recent study revealing higher concentrations of plastic hidden beneath the surface of the Atlantic Ocean than anyone previously thought - 7,000 microplastic particles per cubic meter of seawater.*

**Plastics has even been found in human placentas, demonstrating the reach of this pollutant.**

Found along the world's coastlines and estuaries to the remotest polar regions and down into the deepest ocean trenches, we are only just beginning to understand the true impact of marine litter and microplastics on the environment and society.

To tackle plastics, the largest, most harmful and persistent fraction of marine litter, immediate action is needed.

Significantly reducing marine pollution by 2025, as envisaged by the Sustainable Development Goals, requires focused, accelerated action by multiple actors and sectors.

UNEA Resolution 3.7 on Marine Litter and Microplastics, stresses "the importance of long-term elimination of discharge of litter and microplastics to the oceans and of avoiding detriment to marine ecosystems and the human activities dependent on them from marine litter and microplastics".

## **The session will examine the following key questions:**

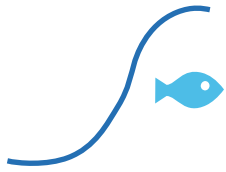
What does the latest science tell us about the risks posed by marine litter and microplastics for ecosystems, human health and society ?

In order to manage and mitigate the risk of marine litter in our environment, what urgent policy action is required at the multi-lateral and national levels?

What part does innovation, technology and finance have to play?

What does multi-stakeholder cooperation offer in the management and mitigation of marine litter and microplastics related risk?





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