



Workshop: Global Plastic Treaty

Date: 13 July, 2021

Time: 13:00 to 16:00 Singapore Time (SGT)

About the project and the workshop

Plastic pollution has become one of the most pressing environmental issues of our time. Over the last years, countries have increasingly recognised that plastic pollution needs a solution at the international level to complement national and regional efforts. During its next session in February 2022, the UN Environment Assembly will continue discussing a global treaty on plastic pollution.

This project focuses on the Asian perspective by identifying regional challenges and possible negotiation positions in regard to plastic pollution. Funded by WWF, the project is implemented by Ecologic Institute together with the Alternative Law Group Philippines, the University of Philippines, the National University of Singapore and the Thammasat University Thailand.

In the first stage of the project, the project team gathered responses from government authorities of the participating countries – including from you. On the basis of the desk research and responses received, the project team has consolidated interim findings. The workshop aims to discuss preliminary findings with the workshop participants, gather feedback and initiate discussion amongst participating countries. To collect different kind of feedback, the workshop will be split in two parts – block I focusing on national and regional challenges and block II will focus on expectations towards a global treaty.

The workshop will use the Chatham house rules method to collect inputs and feedback, meaning that the information gathered during the workshop will be used in the report without revealing the identity and affiliation of the workshop participants. The project team may later contact the participants to clarify if selected positions can be used in the report by linking it to the country. The findings from the workshop will feed into the project report which is due to be published in autumn 2021.

Agenda of the workshop

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13:00 – 13:10*	Opening remarks
Block-1: National and regional challenges in addressing plastic pollution	
13:10 – 13:20	Presentation of preliminary findings in the plenary Dr. Heidi Stockhaus
13:20 – 13:50	Discussion with government officials in parallel break-out groups Led by: Dr Naporn Popattanachai, Jackie Espenilla, Atty. Therese (Niner) Guiao, Atty. Genee Mislant, Dr. Linda Yanti Sulistiawati
13:50 – 14:00	Concluding with two main findings per break-out group Anurodh Sachdeva
14:00 – 14:10	Break
Block-2: Expectations from a global plastic treaty	
14:10 – 14:20	Presentation of preliminary findings in the plenary Dr. Heidi Stockhaus (Ecologic Institute)
14:20 – 14:50	Discussion with government officials in parallel break-out groups Led by: Dr Naporn Popattanachai, Jackie Espenilla, Atty. Therese (Niner) Guiao, Atty. Genee Mislant, Dr. Linda Yanti Sulistiawati
14:50 – 15:00	Concluding with two main findings per break-out group Anurodh Sachdeva
15:00 – 15:20	Final discussion in plenary on the way forward Dr. Heidi Stockhaus
15:20 – 15:30	Closing remarks Dr. Heidi Stockhaus