Plastic pollution convention under negotiation: what about the cities?

Informal briefing for local and regional government officials about the ongoing negotiation

20 January 2023
14:00 - 15:00 CET

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The negotiation of the new International Legally Binding Instrument on Plastic Pollution (Plastic Pollution INC-1) started in November in Punta del Este, Uruguay and will continue next May in Paris (INC-2).

Plastic pollution has become central in today’s world, with a devastating impact on our environment. Local and regional governments (LRGs) are among the first to be concerned by this phenomenon. Yet they are nowhere to be seen in the negotiation, which aim at providing an international framework to prevent and address plastic pollution.

This discussion, which will take place on 20 January 2023 at 14:00, will look at the following questions:

- What does this negotiation imply?
- What are the next steps?
- If this is a classical traditional interstate negotiation, what can LRGs do?
- How to include LRGs and issues of relevance to them in the text of the convention?
- What can be done to ensure implementation of the convention at the local level once adopted?

Speakers

- **Bernardo Roca-Rey Ross**, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations Geneva
- **Diana Rizzolio**, Coordinator, Geneva Environment Network

- Interactive Q&A with participants in the room and online

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