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The Global Plastics Treaty

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INC-4 Debriefing workshop for stakeholders in Asia and the Pacific

5th August 2024

14:00 – 15:45 (Bangkok time) via Zoom

Part I: Update on the INC Process

14:00	Welcome and introduction
15 min	Input: Overview of the process and Debrief from Ottawa: achievements and remaining obstacles
15 min	Q&A / discussion
5 min	Input: Asian Perspectives: levels of ambition on different provisions
10 min	Discussion: What did surprise you? What did confirm your already existing assessment?

Part II: Intersessional Work and its implications

14:45 15 min	Input: introduction to group 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of issues that are being discussed in Group 1• Deep dive into Policy Brief on overview of the different financing options
10 Min	Q&A / Discussion: where is more detailed and elaborated knowledge desired when it comes to financing options?
15 min	Input: introduction to group 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of issues that are being discussed in Group 2• Deep dive into the Policy Brief on “chemicals and polymers of concern”
10 Min	Q&A / Discussion: where is more detailed and elaborated knowledge desired?

Part III: Outlook and Priorities

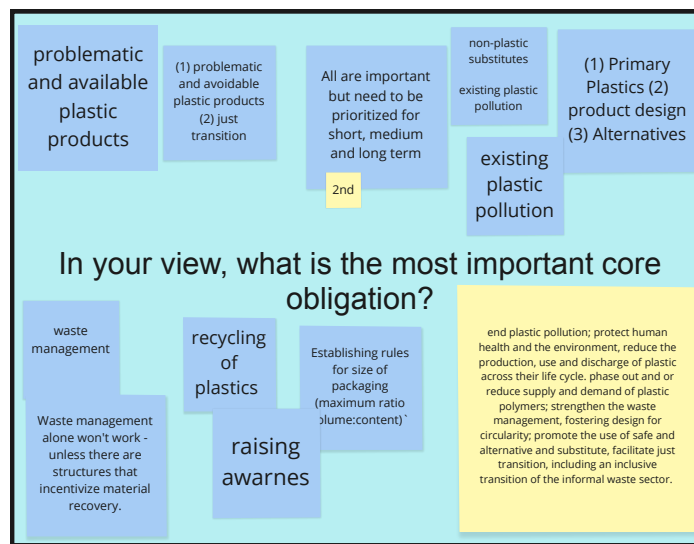
15:35 2 min	Future Policy Briefs and Workshops under development: financing deep-dives. On what other topics would you like to see more elaborated knowledge products?
8 min	Discussion: needs assessment
15:45	Final reflections and concluding remarks



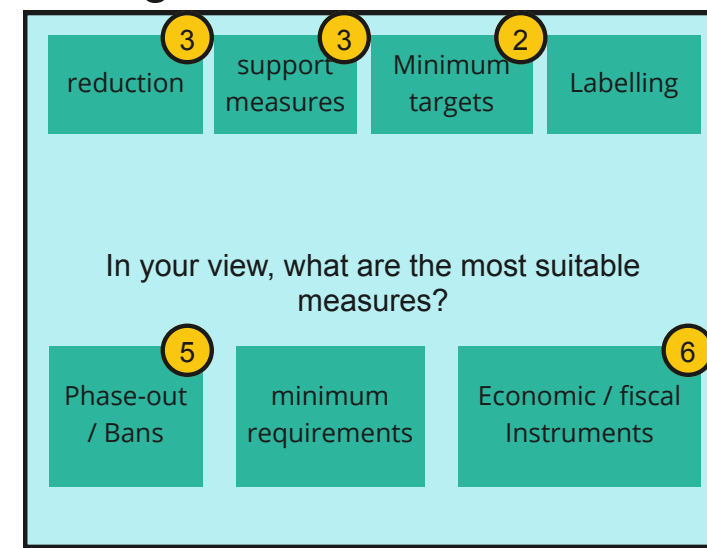
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State of negotiations of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment

- Timor-Leste: new zero plastics policy
- awareness raising: make people understand the risks
- what are sustainable alternatives (products/materials)?
- possibly new design criteria or labelling
- incentives (in GER): deposit-refund system
- require transition towards a circular economy: does not mean that we have no plastics anymore.

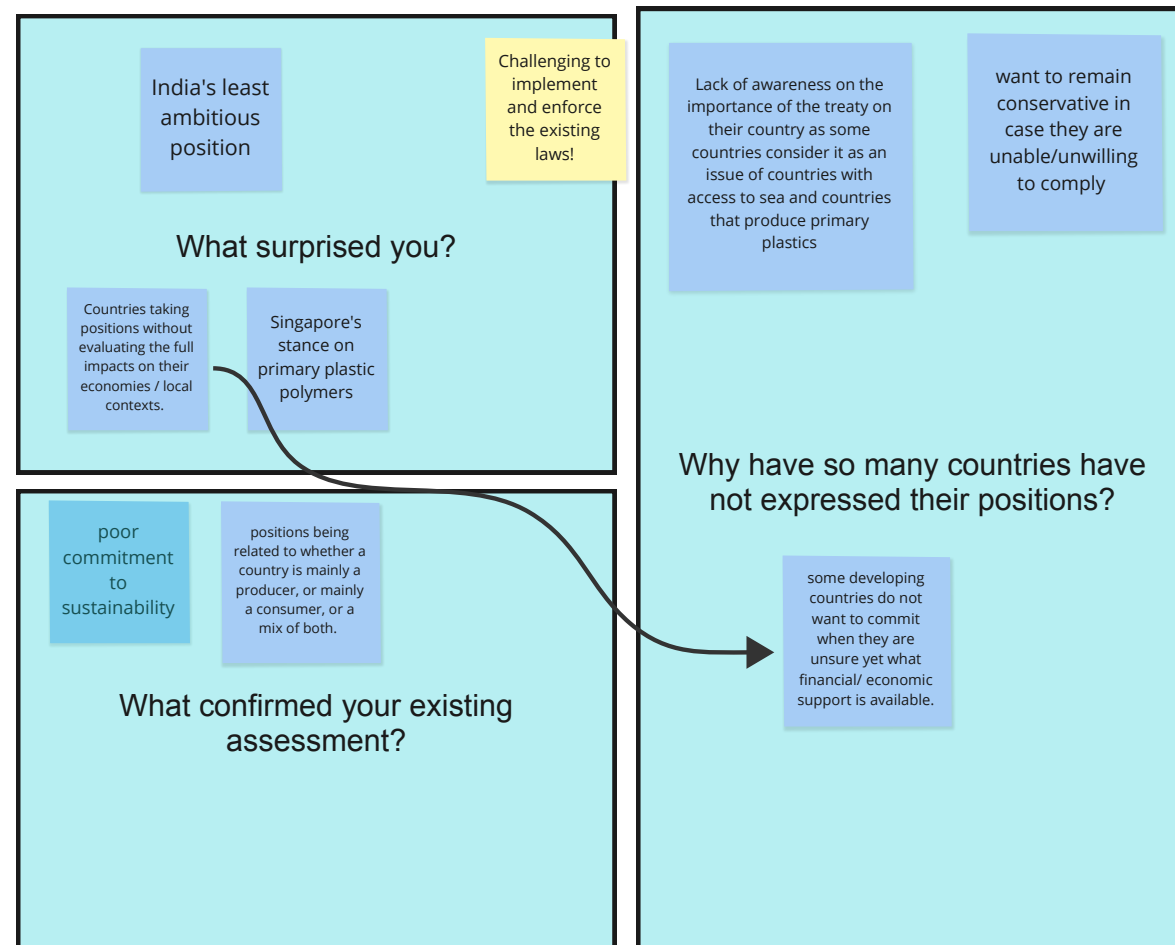


Voting:



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Country Positions on Selected Treaty Provisions from the Zero Draft



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problematic and available plastic products

(1) problematic and avoidable plastic products
(2) just transition

All are important but need to be prioritized for short, medium and long term

2nd

non-plastic substitutes

existing plastic pollution

(1) Primary Plastics (2) product design (3) Alternatives

existing plastic pollution

In your view, what is the most important core obligation?

waste management

recycling of plastics

Establishing rules for size of packaging (maximum ratio volume:content)

raising awareness

Waste management alone won't work - unless there are structures that incentivize material recovery.

end plastic pollution; protect human health and the environment, reduce the production, use and discharge of plastic across their life cycle. phase out and or reduce supply and demand of plastic polymers; strengthen the waste management, fostering design for circularity; promote the use of safe and alternative and substitute, facilitate just transition, including an inclusive transition of the informal waste sector.

Voting:

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reduction

3
support measures

2
Minimum targets

Labelling

In your view, what are the most suitable measures?

5
Phase-out / Bans

minimum requirements

6
Economic / fiscal Instruments

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India's least ambitious position

Challenging to implement and enforce the existing laws!

What surprised you?

Countries taking positions without evaluating the full impacts on their economies / local contexts.

Singapore's stance on primary plastic polymers

Lack of awareness on the importance of the treaty on their country as some countries consider it as an issue of countries with access to sea and countries that produce primary plastics

want to remain conservative in case they are unable/unwilling to comply

Why have so many countries have not expressed their positions?

poor commitment to sustainability

positions being related to whether a country is mainly a producer, or mainly a consumer, or a mix of both.

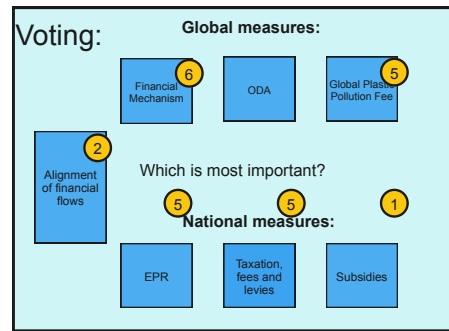
some developing countries do not want to commit when they are unsure yet what financial/ economic support is available.

What confirmed your existing assessment?

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Overview of intersessional work

Policy Brief Financing Options:
https://www.swit-ch-asia.eu/site/assets/files/4063/financing_options.pdf



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Policy Brief Chemicals and Polymers of Concern:

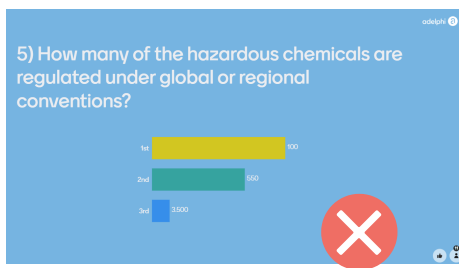
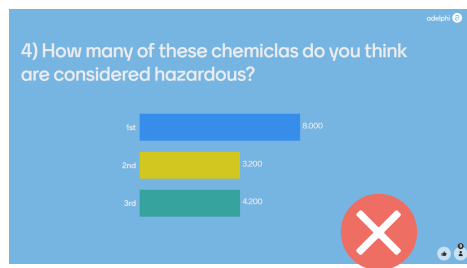
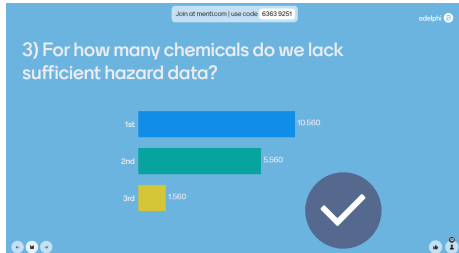
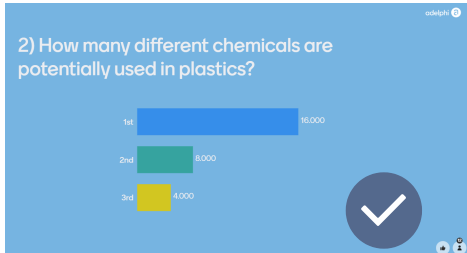
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Chemicals of concern in Plastics

Understanding the Issues and Pathways to Solutions

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Overview of intersessional work

Voting:

Global measures:

6
Financial Mechanism

ODA

5
Global Plastic Pollution Fee

2
Alignment of financial flows

Which is most important?

5

5

1

National measures:

EPR

Taxation, fees and levies

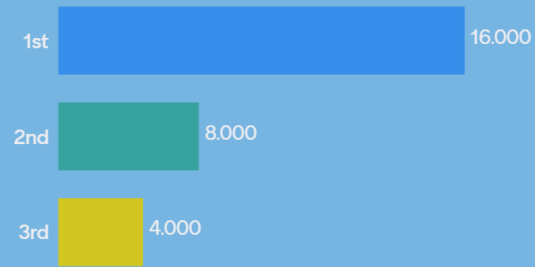
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1) In your view: What are problematic and avoidable plastic products?

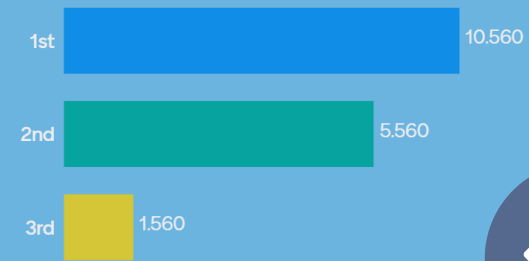
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multi layer packaging
single use plastic
plastic with pba
short-use plastic items
single use plastics options
unavoidable non-essential
single use and packaging
many single use

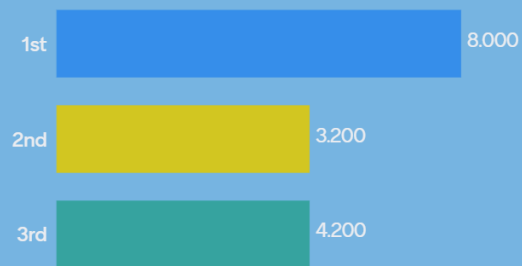
2) How many different chemicals are potentially used in plastics?



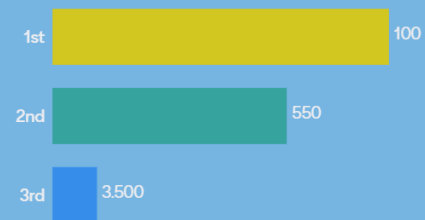
3) For how many chemicals do we lack sufficient hazard data?



4) How many of these chemicals do you think are considered hazardous?



5) How many of the hazardous chemicals are regulated under global or regional conventions?



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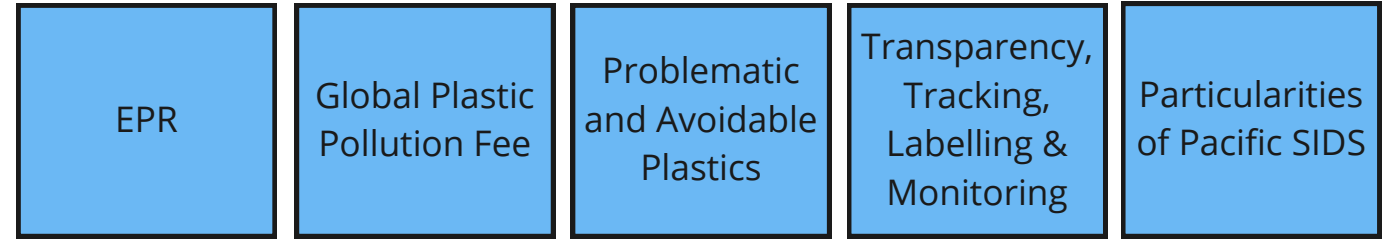
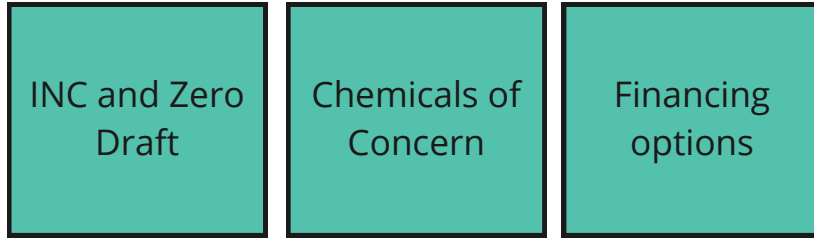
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Policy Briefs:



Country Profiles:
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Chapter 2. Policy landscape
Chapter 3. Private sector innovations
Chapter 4. Challenges
Chapter 5. Way forward

