



## INC-5.2 – Day 1 Highlights

- ◆ Opening plenary sets direction for negotiations
- ◆ 3,700+ delegates from 140 countries, 619 observer organizations present
- ◆ WFAC joins national CSOs in meeting with Cameroon officials
- ◆ Contact groups dive into definitions, objectives, and structure of the plastics treaty
- ◆ African group pushes for inclusive, fair negotiation schedules



## Opening Plenary Insights



The day began with opening remarks from:

- ◆ INC Chair Mr. Luis Vayas
- ◆ UNEP ED Ms. Inger Andersen
- ◆ Swiss Ambassador for the Environment

The Chair reintroduced the **“Chair’s Text”** from INC5.1 in Busan as the main focus for negotiations toward the final treaty.



## Inclusive Push by the African Group



**The African group raised concerns about simultaneous sessions limiting their full engagement.**

- ◆ **Persistent advocacy led to a revised schedule**
- ◆ **Now, **Contact Groups 1 and 4** will hold simultaneously, ensuring African and LEDC representation across groups**
- ◆ **A key win for **equitable participation****



## Contact Group Negotiations Begin

Article 1. Objective	Article 13. Implementation and Compliance	Article 23. Amendments to the Convention
Article 1. bis Principles and Approaches	Article 14. National Plans	Article 24. Adoption and Amendment of Annexes
Article 2. Definitions	Article 15. Reporting	Article 25. Right to Vote
Article 3. Plastic Products	Article 16. Effectiveness Evaluation	Article 26. Signature
Article 4. Exemptions	Article 17. Information Exchange	Article 27. Ratification, Acceptance, Approval or Accession
Article 5. Plastic Product Design	Article 18. Public Information, Awareness, Education and Research	Article 28. Entry Into Force
Article 6. Supply	Article 19. Health	Article 29. Reservations
Article 7. Releases and Leakages	Article 20. Conference of the Parties	Article 30. Withdrawal
Article 8. Plastic Waste Management	Article 20 bis. Subsidiary Bodies	Article 31. Depositary.
Article 9. Existing Plastic Pollution	Article 21. Secretariat	Article 32. Authentic Texts
Article 10. Just Transition	Article 22. Settlement of Disputes	
Article 11. Financial mechanism		
Article 12. Capacity Building		

**Contact Groups 1 and 4 opened discussions on key articles:**

- ◆ Defining “**plastic**” and “**plastic pollution**”
- ◆ Ensuring these definitions are **legally binding** and **grounded in human rights**
- ◆ Differentiating between plastic **management** vs **production**

**WFAC closely followed conversations on the lifecycle approach, just transitions, and universal applicability.**



## Treaty Objectives Under Debate

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

**1 December 2024**

**ARTICLE 1  
OBJECTIVE**

1. The objective of this Convention is to protect human health and the environment from plastic pollution, including in the marine environment [based on a comprehensive approach that address the full life cycle of plastics].

**Contact Group 4 focused on Articles 1 (objectives) and Articles 26–37.**

**Discussions included:**

- ◆ **Avoiding overlap and redundancy**
- ◆ **Ensuring clarity in treaty language**
- ◆ **Initiating informal consultations on **Article 1 Ibis**, led by the **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia****



## Meeting with Cameroon Delegation



**WFAC met with national officials and other Cameroonian CSOs to:**

- ◆ **Share civil society insights**
- ◆ **Discuss Cameroon's position and strategy in negotiations**
- ◆ **Build stronger coordination among national actors at INC5.2**



## Looking Ahead



**As negotiations intensify, WFAC remains focused on:**

- ◆ **Human rights-based treaty framing**
- ◆ **Gender inclusion in definitions and obligations**
- ◆ **Supporting African and youth representation in every contact group**

**Stay tuned for Day 3 updates.**

**See You on #Day2**