



INC-5.2 – Day 8 Highlights

- ◆ International Youth Day side event highlights African youth leadership on plastic pollution crisis
- ◆ Call for strict, comprehensive limits on toxic additives in plastic production
- ◆ Message from Dr. Zoneziwoh M-W demanding finance, justice, and urgency in the treaty
- ◆ Civil society debrief with INC Chair on youth engagement and treaty progress



International Youth Day: African Youth Demand Justice and Ambitious Action



Youth Day Side Event (African Region)

- ◆ ***Edith-Cecile Kameni, IPEN Francophone Africa Regional Coordinator, shared lived experiences of plastic pollution across Africa***
- ◆ **Plastic waste overwhelms African coastlines, rivers, marketplaces, and communities—from Senegal to Cameroon and Nigeria**
- ◆ **Much plastic is imported as “**recyclables**,” making Africa the global dumping ground**
- ◆ **Lack of recycling infrastructure forces harmful burning, exposing communities to toxic fumes and health risks**
- ◆ **Despite tireless NGO efforts, the youth insist the world must stop outsourcing its plastic crisis**
- ◆ **Call for an ambitious, enforceable treaty addressing plastic across its lifecycle and stopping waste exports**
- ◆ ***“Africa is ready for a future free of plastic pollution. The youth are ready.”***



Call for Green Limits on Toxic Additives



- ◆ Strong push from delegates and **civil society to set full restrictions** on toxic additives in plastic production
- ◆ Essential to reduce harm at source and **protect human health and the environment**



Message from Dr. Zoneziwoh M-W



- ◆ **“We do not need armies of volunteers to clean up the daily wastes the world keeps making.”**
- ◆ **Urged negotiators to remember children playing on polluted beaches and NGOs exposed to pollution cleaning waste**
- ◆ **Demand for treaty delivering finance, centering justice, and committed to protecting planet and people**
- ◆ **“Our oceans can’t wait, our islands can’t wait, and our generations can’t wait.”**



CSO Debrief with INC Chair



- ◆ Civil society met with INC Chair to discuss treaty progress
- ◆ Emphasis on youth inclusion, finance mechanisms, and binding commitments to justice and environmental health

