

After the UN Water Conference

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Setting the Scene

- **Billions** of people live without drinking water and sanitation
- **6 billion** people facing water scarcity by 2050
- **9** out of 10 **disasters** triggered by natural hazards **water-related** during the last decade
- **83%** rate at which **freshwater biodiversity** and species populations have been lost since the 1970s

Setting the Scene

- **11 million** tonnes of plastic waste flow annually into oceans
- **1,000 rivers** are accountable for nearly **80%** of global annual riverine plastic emissions into the ocean (0.8 - 2.7 mil tonnes per year)
- More than **800** marine and coastal species are affected
- A shift to a circular economy can reduce the volume of plastics entering oceans by over **80%** by 2040

UN Water Conference

- UN Special Envoy for Water
- Renewed political momentum
- Water to be at the centre of global political agenda
- Inclusive and action oriented commitments
- More than **700** voluntary commitments and pledges

UNEP at the UN Water Conference

- Launch of *Measuring Progress: Water-related ecosystems and the SDGs*
- Dialogue 3: “Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment: Source to Sea, Biodiversity, Climate, Resilience and DRR”
- 2023 World Water Development Report – chapter for the Environment
- Side events

UNEP and Water

- Global Programme for Action for Protection of Marine Environment from Land-based Activity
- Water Monitoring – The GEMS/Water programme supports countries in monitoring and reporting on water quality
- World Water Quality Alliance - evidence-based assessment, scenarios, solutions and services on water quality issues

UNEP and Water

- **Nature-based solutions** to water resources management, including for water quality
- **Plastic pollution** – UNEA-5.2 Resolution - End plastic pollution: towards an international legally binding instrument

END PLASTIC POLLUTION RESOLUTION

WHAT WILL THE INSTRUMENT CONSIDER?

- Sustainable production and consumption
- Advance the work of the [Global Partnership on](#)
- Data monitoring; Compliance
- National Action Plans
- Research and innovation
- Multi-stakeholder engagement ...



KEY CONSIDERATIONS FROM INC-1

- **Full life cycle of plastics**, protecting human health and the environment
- Unique circumstances of those **countries most in need**
- Need clarity in the **objective and scope**
- Widespread recognition that **National Action Plans**
- Ensure that **developing countries are able to actively participate** throughout the entire process
- Inclusion of all **relevant stakeholders**

TIMELINE FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE PROCESS

