

BANGKOK PLASTICS WEEK

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Introduction

ADB and the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA) present a series of events under the banner, Bangkok Plastics Week, from 9 -12 October, that focuses on data monitoring approaches and regional cooperation to address marine plastic pollution. This also includes complimentary access to the Global Plastics Summit by The Economist Impact from 11-12 October.

Bangkok Plastics Week events will share best practices, tools and approaches for data collection, analysis, and management of plastic pollution and marine litter to meet local and national needs, achieve regional priorities, and track progress against global goals, with additional discussions on the upcoming global plastics treaty.

PROGRAM AGENDA

(as of 12 September 2023)

DAY 1: COBSEA Regional Workshop, Marine Litter Monitoring

Advancing Data Analysis and Data Comparability in the East Asian Seas

9 October

In Person and Online

Holiday Inn Bangkok Sukhumvit

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS
9:00–9:15	Welcome and introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome remarks from UNEP and COBSEAIntroduction of participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms. Kamala Ernest, Project Coordinator SEA circularMr. Mahesh Pradhan, Coordinator of COBSEAMentimeter
9:15–10:30	Setting the Scene <ul style="list-style-type: none">Back to basics: Survey design and methods to answer your questionsOverview of monitoring efforts in East Asian Seas countriesOverview of surveys and trainings conducted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interactive exchange (mentimeter)Presentation, video materialDiscussion
10:30–10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45–12:30	Unlocking the Power of Data <ul style="list-style-type: none">Data analysis: What happens after data collection?Steps to measure effectiveness of policies and interventionsFrom cleanups to citizen science	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Presentation, animationDiscussionGroup exercise
12:30–13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30–13:45	Energizer	Group exercise

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TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS
13:45–15:15	Harmonizing Monitoring for Data Comparability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why is harmonization important? The value of data sharing and transparency Toward a regional assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation Group discussion
15:15–15:30	Coffee break	
15:30–16:30	Identifying Capacity Needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input to online training modules and tools Support to expand survey efforts and data sharing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion
16:30–17:00	Closing and Takeaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natalie Harms, COBSEA, UNEP Denise Hardesty

DAY 2: ADB Regional Workshop

Strategies for Plastic Waste Data Collection and Management: Foundations for National and City Action Plans

10 October

In Person and Online

Holiday Inn Bangkok Sukhumvit

TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS
8:00–8:30	Registration	
9:00–9:20	Welcome Remarks and Preliminaries	
	Introduction	Erin Sinogba Project and Knowledge Management Lead TA on Promoting Action on Plastic Pollution from Source to Sea in Asia and the Pacific ADB
	Opening Remarks	Jay Roop Deputy Country Director Thailand Resident Mission ADB
	Opening Remarks	Mahesh Pradhan Coordinator Secretariat of the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA) United Nations Environment Programme, Thailand
	Training Overview	Erin Sinogba, ADB
9:20–9:30	GROUP PHOTO	
9:30–10:30	SESSION 1: Overview of Approaches: Collecting Data Along the Plastic Value Chain	

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	Harmonizing monitoring of plastic pollution in the environment – key takeaways from 9 October workshop	Natalie Harms Lead, Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter Secretariat of the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA) United Nations Environment Programme, Thailand
	Plastic Waste Data Collecting Approaches and Experiences	Marie Gouttebroze Project Manager Waste and Energy Recovery Department SEURECA- Veolia
	<i>Facilitated Discussion</i>	
10:30–10:45	COFFEE BREAK	
10:45–12:15	SESSION 2: Formal and Informal Waste Management: Working on the Ground and Overcoming Challenges.	
	Plastic Waste Data Collection: Current Practices, Key Challenges and Strategies	Prof. Visvanathan Chettiyappan Professor Mahidol University, Thailand
	<i>Facilitated Discussion</i>	
	Plastic Waste Data Integration for EPR Implementation by Cities: Experiences from Healthy Oceans and Clean Cities Initiative (HOCCI)	Charlyn Pendang Coordinator, HOCCI UN-Habitat Philippines
	<i>Facilitated Discussion</i>	
	Digital Solutions for Plastic Waste Data Collection & Waste Flow Monitoring	Dr. Kavinda Gunasekara Manager and Chief Operating Officer Global Water and Sanitization Center Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand
12:15–13:15	LUNCH	
13:15–15:00	SESSION 3: National Plastic Data Management: Approaches to Action Plans	
	Scaling Up Plastic Waste Collection with Better Informal Sector Data: Case Study & Lessons Learned	Siddarth Hande Founder and CEO Kabadiwalla Connect, India
	<i>Facilitated Discussion</i>	
	National Source Inventories & GPML Global Digital Platform and Data Hub	Heidi Savelli-Soderberg Chief, a.i., Source to Sea Pollution Unit, Ecosystems Division UNEP
	<i>Facilitated Discussion</i>	

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	Developing National Waste Data Platform: Experience and Recommendations	Nguyen Thi Thu Trang Co-Founder and Deputy Director Centre for Supporting Green Development (GreenHub), Hanoi, Viet Nam
	<i>Facilitated Discussion</i>	
15:00–15:30	COFFEE BREAK	
15:30–16:30	SESSION 4: Moving Forward: Addressing Needs, Building Opportunities, and Working with Partners	
	ADB Support and the Global Plastics Treaty	Rocky Guzman International Governance, Policy, and Legal Consultant TA on Promoting Action on Plastic Pollution from Source to Sea in Asia and the Pacific ADB
	<i>Facilitated Discussion</i>	
	Introduction to Working Group 3, Global Plastics Summit	Natalie Harms COBSEA, UNEP
16:30–16:40	Closing Remarks	James Baker Senior Circular Economy Specialist (Plastic Wastes) Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department ADB
17:00	NETWORKING RECEPTION	

Expert Informed Discussions

This event also brings together leading experts who will participate in facilitated session discussions. They will provide insights and answer questions relevant to their areas of expertise. They include:

1. Yumi Nishikawa, WWF Plastic Smart Cities Lead (Asia)
2. Marilyn Mercado, WWF Plastic Policy Asia Coordinator
3. Raja Asvanon, Research Associate, Stockholm Environment Institute
4. Liviana Zorzi, Specialist, National Plastic Action Partnership, Global Plastic Action Partnership (GPAP), World Economic Forum
5. Heidi Savelli-Soderberg, Chief, a.i., Source to Sea Pollution Unit, Ecosystems Division, UNEP
6. Panate Manomaivibool, Assistant Professor, Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand

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DAY 3 Global Plastics Summit by The Economist Impact *Plastics Systems, Capacity Building and Innovation*

11 October

In Person and Online

Marriott Marquis Queen's Park

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00–8:25	Registration and refreshments
8:25–8:45	Plenary Welcome from The Economist
8:45–9:15	Plenary Ministerial Keynote Interview
9:15–9:35	Plenary Spotlight Interview
9:35–10:25	Plenary Panel: State of Play: The 'Zero Draft' and Evaluating the Global Plastic Treaty Negotiations at the Halfway Mark
10:25–10:30	Coffee Break
10:30–11:10	Plenary Panel: Achieving a Lifecycle Approach to Plastic Pollution: Modelling Different Treaty Scenarios
11:10–11:45	Differing Ambition: High and Low for a Robust Treaty
12:00–12:15	Keynote Interview
12:15–13:00	Plenary Panel: Strengthening the Science-treaty Interface
13:00–14:00	Lunch
14:00–17:00	Working group one Working group: Addressing the Human Health Impacts of Plastics, Microplastics and Chemicals
	Working group two Working group: A Circular Economy for Plastics (PART 1): Frameworks for Redesign, Reuse, and Alternatives
	Working group three (Session co-organized by ADB and COBSEA) Working group: Localizing a Global Mandate: The Role of Regional Bodies and Stakeholders *See detailed agenda below for this event
17:15–17:45	Plenary Working Group Summary and Takeaways Sessions
17:45	Networking drinks

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Working Group Three (co-organized by ADB and COBSEA)

Localizing a Global Mandate: The Role of Regional Bodies and Stakeholders

TIME (GMT+7)	ACTIVITY
14:00–14:05	Opening and Setting the Context: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introductions and overview of the WG focus and format
14:05–14:35	Existing Regional Mechanisms to Accelerate Action <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Seas: COBSEA, NOWPAP• Multilateral Development Banks: ADB• Regional Organization: ASEAN, EU (tbc)
14:35–15:25	Break-out session theme 1: <i>Advancing Regional Action for Implementing the Global Mandate on Plastic Pollution</i>
15:25–15:40	Reporting back from each group of the break-out sessions on theme 1
15:40–15:45	Break
15:45–16:35	Break-out session theme 2: <i>Collaborative Approaches for Inclusive Localization of the Global Mandate on Plastic Pollution</i>
16:35–16:50	Reporting back from each group of the break-out sessions on theme 2
16:50–17:00	Working group summary and takeaways

DAY 4 Global Plastics Summit by The Economist Impact

Harmonizing Standards and Collaborating for Success

Date: 12 October

Format: In Person and Online

Venue: Marriott Marquis Queen's Park

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00–8:45	Registration and refreshments
8:45–9:00	Plenary Welcome from The Economist
9:00–9:15	Plenary Ministerial Keynote Interview
9:30–9:45	Plenary Spotlight Interview
9:50–10:20	Plenary Panel - A Just and Inclusive Transition: Maintaining a Social Lens
10:20–10:30	SCREENING The Economist film: Small Island Developing States and Plastics
10:30–11:10	Plenary Panel - What is Mission Critical for INC-3 in Nairobi, Kenya?
	Plenary

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TIME	ACTIVITY
11:10–11:30	Networking and refreshments break
11:30–13:00	Plenary Dialogue: Implementation: Translating a Robust, Legally Binding Treaty into Viable National Action Plans
13:00–14:00	Lunch Break
14:00–17:00	Working group one Working group: Financing an effective treaty: Support for developing countries and long-term sustainable financing Working group two Working group: A circular economy for plastics (PART 2): The extended producer responsibility at the heart of waste collection and recycling Working group three Working group: Small Island Developing States (SIDS): Unique Plastics Challenges and Crafting Appropriate Solutions
17:15–17:40	Plenary Working Group Summary and Takeaways Sessions
17:45–18:00	Plenary Economist Impact Conclusion and Closing Remarks
18:00	Close of conference

ADB Knowledge Partner: COBSEA

The Twenty-fifth Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM 25) of the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA) adopted [Regional Guidance on Harmonized National Marine Litter Monitoring Programmes](#) to strengthen monitoring efforts based on individual country capacities in line with global best practice and international guidelines. COBSEA has also held a series of training sessions on marine litter monitoring methods at national and regional level and conducted baseline surveys in five countries in South-East Asia. *Monitoring and Assessment of Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter: Methods for Comparable Data Collection to Prioritize and Evaluate Interventions*, is part of COBSEA's ongoing efforts to build country capacity on data analysis to evaluate effectiveness of interventions, and to further harmonize monitoring efforts at regional level.

10 Oct ADB Event Organizer: Seureca in consortium with DT Global

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