BANGKOK PLASTICS WEEK

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

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<td>• Back to basics: Survey design and methods to answer your questions</td>
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<td>• Overview of monitoring efforts in East Asian Seas countries</td>
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### 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

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13:45–15:15 | Harmonizing Monitoring for Data Comparability | • Why is harmonization important?  
|            |                                             | • The value of data sharing and transparency  
|            |                                             | • Toward a regional assessment  |
|            |                                             | • Presentation  
|            |                                             | • Group discussion  |
15:15–15:30 | Coffee break                                |                                               |
15:30–16:30 | Identifying Capacity Needs:                | • Discussion  |
|            |                                             | • Input to online training modules and tools  
|            |                                             | • Support to expand survey efforts and data sharing  |
16:30–17:00 | Closing and Takeaways                      | • Natalie Harms, COBSEA, UNEP  
<p>|            |                                             | • Denise Hardesty  |</p>
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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 |
|              | Facilitated Discussion                                                    |                                                                                                                                           |
| 10:30–10:45 | COFFEE BREAK                                                             |                                                                                                                                           |
|              | Plastic Waste Data Collection: Current Practices, Key Challenges and Strategies | Prof. Visvanathan Chettiyappan  
Professor  
Mahidol University, Thailand |
|              | Facilitated Discussion                                                    |                                                                                                                                           |
|              | 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 |
|              | Facilitated Discussion                                                    |                                                                                                                                           |
|              | 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 |
|              | Facilitated Discussion                                                    |                                                                                                                                           |
|              | National Source Inventories & GPM Global Digital Platform and Data Hub    | Heidi Savelli-Soderberg  
Chief, a.i., Source to Sea Pollution Unit, Ecosystems Division UNEP |
<p>|              | Facilitated Discussion                                                    |                                                                                                                                           |</p>
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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   |
|            | Facilitated Discussion                                                  |                                                                         |
| 15:00–15:30| COFFEE BREAK                                                            |                                                                         |
| 15:30–16:30| SESSION 4: Moving Forward: Addressing Needs, Building Opportunities, and  | 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 |
|            | Working with Partners                                                   |                                                                         |
|            | Facilitated Discussion                                                  |                                                                         |
|            | ADB Support and the Global Plastics Treaty                              |                                                                         |
|            | 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
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
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

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

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### 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

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**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**
Seureca is the Consulting Engineering and Strategic and Operational Assistance division of the Veolia Group. Striving for Ecological Transformation, they assist clients in a transition towards a more sustainable economy and a positive footprint. Seureca designs solutions adapted to today’s environmental challenges in the fields of Water, Energy, Waste Recovery and Recycling for industries, public authorities, as well as the tertiary sector.

DT Global is an international development consultancy based in the UK with 10 offices across the world. DT Global has partnered with communities, governments, aid organizations, and the private sector to develop engineered infrastructure projects, as well as the associated management and institutional arrangements to deliver public services and attract investment.