



From Geneva to Southeast Asia: Turning Plastics Treaty Ambitions into Action
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The resumed fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-5.2) in Geneva was expected to deliver a final draft of the Global Plastics Treaty. However, despite intensive negotiations, governments were unable to reach a consensus, leaving uncertainty about the treaty's next steps.

As discussions continue at the global level, ASEAN countries face an urgent reality: plastic use is projected to triple by 2060, and Asia already generates over 60% of global mismanaged plastic waste. The Philippines, one of the region's largest contributors to marine plastic leakage, is also pioneering solutions. Through its Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) law and national target of "zero waste to Philippine waters by 2040," the country is creating a framework for accountability and private sector engagement.

Building on ADB's earlier webinar, *Progress on the Global Plastics Treaty: Outcomes and Insights from the Second Part of the Fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee*, this follow-up session, *From Geneva to Southeast Asia: Turning Plastics Treaty Ambitions into Action*, turns to ASEAN and national perspectives. It showcases how the Philippines' experience under its Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) law can inform peers in the region and highlights ADB's upcoming support to strengthen EPR implementation, promote circular economy investments, and enhance coastal resilience. Complementary approaches such as high-integrity plastic crediting, when aligned with national frameworks, can further mobilize financing for waste collection, recycling, and system improvements.

This webinar is organized by the Green Finance Hub (GFH) of ADB's Southeast Asia Regional Department (SERD) and the ASEAN Catalytic Green Finance Facility (ACGF), and is hosted by ADB's Southeast Asia Development Solutions (SEADS) platform.

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Agenda

Time	Topic and Speaker
3:00-3:05	Welcome and Brief Overview Roger Joseph (Rocky) Guzman, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Panel Discussion	
3:05-3:20	Country Focus – Philippines’ Extended Producer Responsibility in Action Atty. Janice Regoso, Department of Environment and Natural Resources– Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) • Linkages with the plastics treaty developments, progress, lessons, and next steps in implementing the EPR law • Links to PH’s “zero waste to waters by 2040” target.
3:20-3:35	Complementary Solutions – Plastic Credits Vigil Yu, Verra • Role of plastic crediting to complement EPR • Alignment with national systems • Examples relevant for ASEAN governments
3:35-3:50	Regional and Financing Support – ADB Perspective Ghislain de Valon, ADB • Upcoming program in the Philippines • Links to ASEAN solutions and how ADB can help governments scale EPR and circular plastics investments
3:50-4:05	Comments and Reactions • Dian Kurniawati, PT ALBA Tridi Plastics Recycling Indonesia • Aurore Lambert, ADB
4:05-4:25	Moderated Discussion and Q&A
4:25-4:30	Wrap-up, Key Takeaways, and Closing

BIOS

 Rocky Guzman Southeast Asia Green Finance Hub, Asian Development Bank	Rocky Guzman is an environmental lawyer and policy specialist with extensive background on oceans issues. He has worked on topics from plastic pollution and marine conservation to strengthening environmental rights and the rule of environmental law. He is currently the Deputy Director of the Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law.
 Atty. Janice Regoso Department of Environment and Natural Resources–Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB)	Atty. Janice Regoso is the Chief of the Legal Division and Concurrent Board Secretary of the Pollution Adjudication Board of the Environmental Management Bureau of DENR.
 Vigil Yu Verra	Vigil Yu is a Senior Program Officer at Verra, a global nonprofit that develops and manages leading environmental standards, including the Plastic Waste Reduction Standard. In her role, Vigil coordinates Verra’s policy engagement and strategic partnerships globally, with a particular focus on Asia. She works closely with governments, multilateral institutions, and private sector actors to integrate high-integrity Plastic Credits into national and regional Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) systems. Vigil has been closely following the Global Plastics Treaty negotiations and contributes to shaping innovative financing mechanisms that advance circular economy transitions. Before joining Verra, she worked on circular economy and policy advocacy at the Ellen MacArthur Foundation in China. She holds a master’s degree in Industrial Ecology.

 Ghislain de Valon Southeast Asia Green Finance Hub, Asian Development Bank	Ghislain de Valon is a Senior Infrastructure Finance Specialist (Climate Financing) at the Asian Development Bank, with the Southeast Asia Department. He is leading the sovereign policy loan programs in Indonesia and the Philippines to support blue economy development, solid waste management policy framework and the reduction of plastic pollution, and coastal and marine ecosystems protection. He previously worked as AFD Country Director Resident Missions in Indonesia and in Kenya where he was responsible for AFD's sovereign and non-sovereign lending and Development Partners' joint co-financings with an estimated portfolio of 2 billion Euro.
 Dian Kurniawati PT ALBA Tridi Plastics Recycling Indonesia	Dian is the dynamic force steering the ship at Tridi Oasis Group and ALBA Tridi Plastics Recycling Indonesia. Armed with a dual background in Engineering and Management, she leverages over 8 years of global business consulting experience across diverse industries. In 2016, Dian embarked on her entrepreneurial odyssey, founding PT Tridi Oasis Group, a pioneering plastics recycling company based in Tangerang, Banten, Indonesia. In 2022, she branched out Tridi Oasis impact by setting up a new joint venture company with ALBA Group Asia, under the name of ALBA Tridi Plastics Recycling, delivering state-of-the-art 36kta rPET food grade facility in Central Java, Indonesia.
 Aurore Lambert Asian Development Bank	Aurore Lambert is a seasoned infrastructure and corporate finance specialist with over 21 years of experience across banking and risk management in Asia, the Americas, and Europe. She has a solid track record in climate finance and private sector development, particularly in sustainable infrastructure and recently on recycling projects in Southeast Asia. Currently, Aurore serves as a consultant for the Asian Development Bank, where she leads climate-related private sector initiatives to accelerate green growth. Aurore is also an advocate for inclusivity and sustainability, actively participating in key industry programs and advisory boards.