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Opportunities for Support in the Global Plastics Treaty

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ADB and GPT Support

- In preparation for implementation, ADB to support in policy and investment to fulfill country commitments
 - Identify and support investment areas and project preparation
 - Support national frameworks on circular economy
 - Foster regional cooperation and information exchange
- ADB's Strategy 2030: to achieve a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable region
 - Promoting the circular economy
 - Delivering co-benefits to climate
 - Achieving SDGs
- ADB thrust on innovative solutions, private sector growth, addresses climate change and more responsive to countries.
 - Aligned with ADB programs, Healthy Oceans Action Plan



Opportunities for Support – GPT Means of Implementation

Support for GPT implementation

 Country obligations, waste management infrastructure, etc.

Support for enabling frameworks

- Strengthened legislation or regulation, national action plans
- Financing instruments, EPR schemes
- Monitoring and reporting

Technical assistance and capacity building

- Improved plastic waste management systems, best practices
- Private sector alignment with GPT goals

Support for innovation and high-level technology

- Alignment with technology transfer provisions
- Innovative recycling methods, alternative plastic products, deposit-return systems, etc.

Regional collaboration

- Regional cooperation, knowledge sharing and partnerships
- Alignment of national actions with GPT and regional goals

Potential Projects and Investments

Development of EPR Frameworks

- Policy reform and capacity development in implementation/ legislation
- E.g. EPR implementation in Viet Nam, Philippines; EPR development in Thailand, Indonesia
- Development of innovative finance mechanisms, e.g. plastic credits.
 - Systems to standardize tracking and accreditation of collection and recycling
 - Support to regional plastic credit schemes for scale up
 - Linkages within national EPR schemes
- Support to digital and high-level technology solutions.
 - Digital roadmaps for plastic waste management system
 - Holistic digital solutions, e.g linking with EPR and plastic credit schemes
 - Just transition goal: targeting informal sector integration

Financing for GPT Implementation

- ADB finance facilities for project preparation support and to facilitate compliance
 - ADB Ocean Finance Framework guidance
 - Existing ADB facilities e.g. Blue Southeast Asia (SEA) Finance Hub, Blue Pacific Finance Hub, ASEAN Catalytic Green Finance Facility, and SME BlueImpact Asia
- Leveraging GPT to attract more private sector investments
 - Identification, preparation, and implementation of private sector investments
 - Blue Loans e.g. PET recycling expansion for scale up

Accountability, Compliance and the Role of Data

National
Action Plans
(NAPs)

National reporting

Compliance

Assessment, monitoring and evaluation

- Implementation measures: to ensure parties are able to meet their obligations
- Accountability mechanisms to facilitate implementation and promote compliance

Other Multilateral Environmental Agreement (MEA) examples:

- Paris Agreement (UNFCCC): nationally determined contributions, transparency of action and support (ETF), Global Stocktake (GST)
- Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
 - National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan (NBSAP): indicators, national targets aligned with global framework
 - National Monitoring and Assessment Plan

Accountability, Compliance and the Role of Data

GPT: Potential Implementation and Compliance Committee

- Non-adversarial mechanism to provide recommendations and address gaps
- Likely based on submissions from parties or from parties' reporting on progress

ADB Assistance in Ensuring Compliance: Data, Monitoring and Reporting

- Building overall institutional capacity for implementation.
 - Formulation of national action plans
 - Monitoring and reporting systems to track progress
- Facilitating the development of methodologies on data collection and reporting
- Establishing key performance indicators on compliance with obligations

Need to address gaps in plastic waste data management systems for future GPT requirements





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Possible Core Obligations

Problematic and Chemicals and Primary plastic avoidable plastic Microplastics polymers of polymers products concern Safe, Reduce, reuse and repair of sustainable Waste Design for plastic products circularity alternatives and management and packaging substitutes Release to Just and Existing plastic Human health water, soil and inclusive pollution transition air