

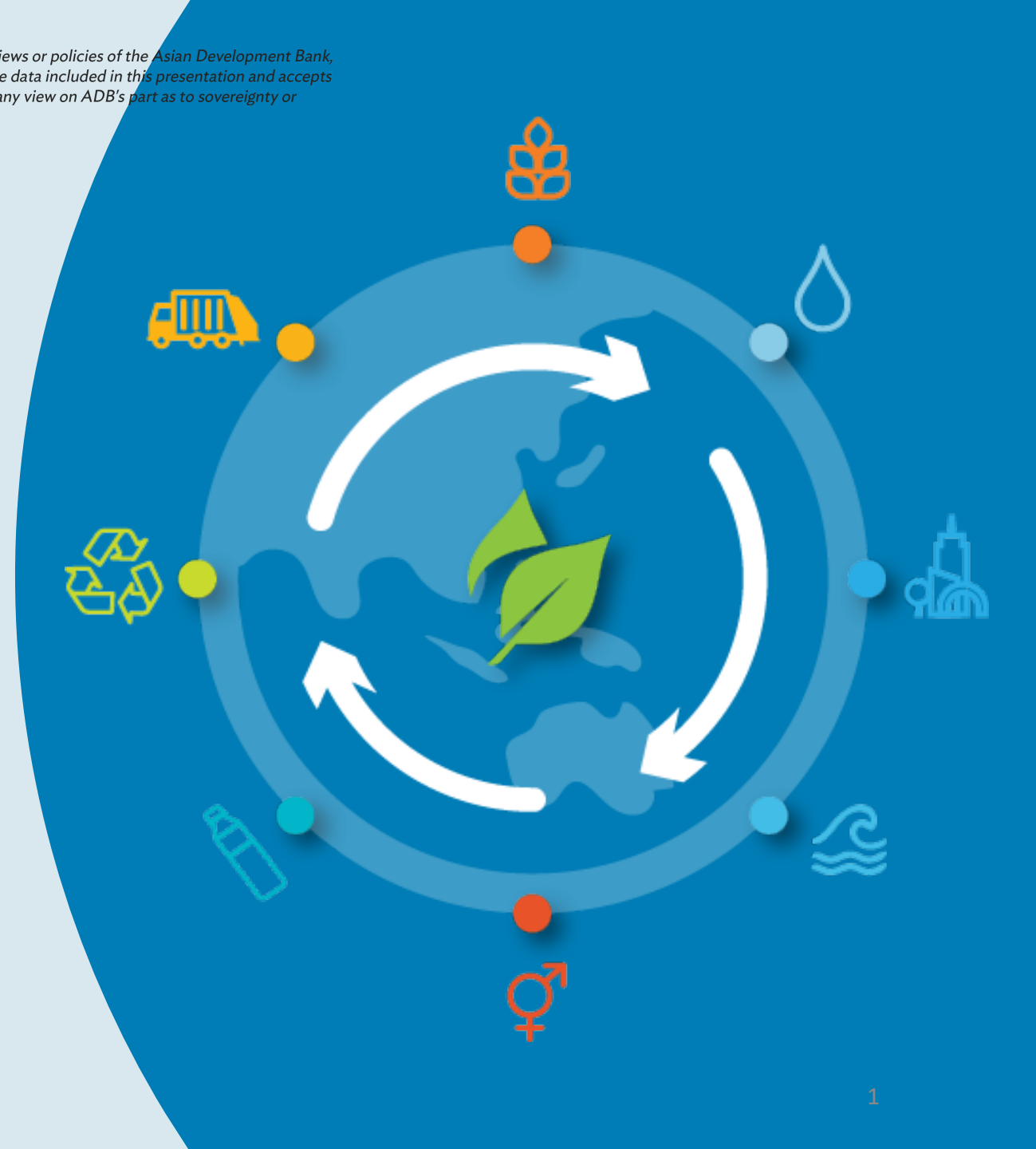


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Global Plastics Treaty Updates: What is Next?

Opportunities for Asia and the Pacific

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Overview and Timeline

- UNEA Resolution 5/14 entitled “End plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument”



- Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee Meetings: representing governments, academia, civil society organizations, private sector entities, UN entities, and international organizations
- INC-5 Busan, Republic of Korea: November 25 to December 1, 2024

Possible Core Obligations

Primary plastic polymers	Chemicals and polymers of concern	Problematic/avoidable plastic, microplastics	Safe, sustainable alternatives and substitutes
Waste management	Product design, composition and performance	Extended Producer Responsibility	Trade in chemicals and plastic waste
Release to water, soil and air	Existing plastic pollution	Just and inclusive transition	Human health

Substantial discussions on scope

Ad Hoc Intersessional Open-ended Expert Groups

- Strictly technical in nature, no negotiations or decision-making
- To provide expert input, analysis and recommendations to support negotiations

Potential sources and means that could be mobilized for implementation incl.:

Options for the establishment of a financial mechanism
Alignment of financial flows and catalyzing finance

Criteria and non-criteria-based approaches concerning plastic products and chemicals of concern

Product design focusing on recyclability and reusability

- **Public sources** e.g. taxes, fees, grants and concessional financing, etc. and **private sources** e.g. debts, credits, allowances, etc.
- **Criteria and non-criteria approaches** e.g. guidelines, restrictions, regulations, etc.

Specific Issues in Focus: Financing and Implementation

Multilateral Fund

- Dedicated, stand-alone, multilateral, and independent fund.
- Hybrid approach with existing funds while working towards a dedicated fund.
- Use of Global Environment Facility (GEF) to avoid further fragmentation.

Plastic Pollution Fee

- Standalone or inclusion in EPR as the key modality to operationalize the polluter pays principle.

National Plans

- National action/implementation plans to be based on national circumstances and capabilities.
- Content of the national plans dependent to each country or guidelines/ list of content.

Implementation and Compliance

- Facilitative and non-punitive mechanism that respects national sovereignty and considers national capacities and circumstances.

Key Financing Issues

Innovative Finance

- Within the instrument or to be explored by the Conference of Parties e.g. levies, PPP, credits, market-based approaches, etc.
- GPT can facilitate outcomes-based financing --- ties payment to achievement of outcomes (treaty objectives) and could align with plastic credits and EPR

Plastic Pollution Fee

- Proposal for a small fee based on the polluter pays principle.
- Polarizing discussions among states as issues include sovereignty concerns, double taxation/ levying, conflicts with EPR frameworks.

Multilateral Fund

- Questions on fund establishment, governance, contributions, length of time for setting up, how to channel resources from EPR.
- Developing countries advocate for a dedicated fund to ensure accessibility; Montreal Protocol highlighted

Key Takeaways and Outlooks

- The **scope of the instrument** is the key issue of debate.
 - What the “**full lifecycle of plastic**” entails
 - Like Minded Group
 - African Group, High Ambition Coalition and the Pacific Small Island Developing States
 - Most parties are committed to finishing in 2024, but **possibility of compromised ambition**
- **Intersessional work instrumental to inform** and provide the context for Busan negotiations.
 - **Proposal for primary plastic polymers was not considered** for intersessional work
 - Exclusion of key elements in the upstream lifecycle of plastics may forebode potential content
 - Bridge to Busan Initiative to include primary plastic polymers (40 country signatories)
- Some convergence is emerging on **low hanging fruit issues**, such as waste management, need for plastic product design, just transition etc.
- Discussions whether there would be **common global rules or voluntary measures** based on national plans

Outcomes and Next Steps

- **Compiled text:** Basis for negotiations for INC-5.
- **Informal head of delegation meeting** – 30 September to 1 October
- **Expert group meeting reports** - October
- **Establishment of legal drafting group** to work at INC-5.
 - To ensure that the text is reflected in a legally sound manner and recommend to plenary
- **Conclusion of treaty text** end of 2024?
- **Opening for adoption** in 2025?

Planning and programming for support in implementation through technical assistance, capacity building, and technology transfer

Development of
national plans

Development of
policy tools such
as EPR,
monitoring,
reporting

Digitalization of the
plastics value
chain

ADB's Financing Role

ADB can assist in the **identification, preparation, and implementation** of government and private sector actions and investments

- Supporting a finance system for GPT implementation
- Supporting the development of enabling conditions/ governance frameworks e.g. policy-based lending (PBL) modality for national plans

Building the Next Generation of Investments

- Leveraging ADB's financing facilities
- Attracting private sector investment
- Blue loans toward circular economy

ADB can **support GPT implementation through financing**, including sovereign and private sector lending, with added co-benefits for climate action

EXISTING FINANCE FACILITIES

- Blue Southeast Asia Finance Hub
- Blue Pacific Finance Hub
- The ASEAN Catalytic Green Finance Facility
- SME BlueImpact Asia
- Ocean Resilience and Coastal Adaptation Financing Partnership Facility





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