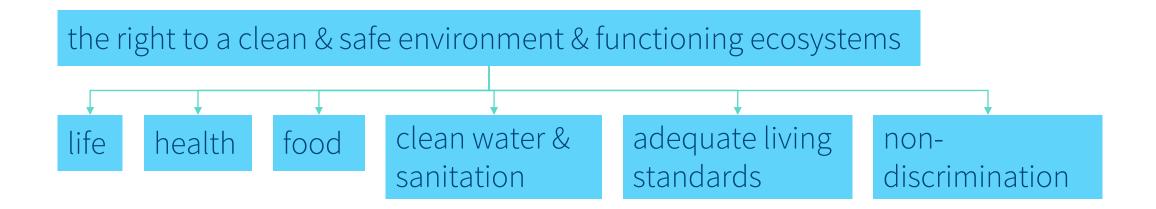# SEAcircular

promoting inclusive solutions & sustainable business models:
the right to a clean and healthy environment

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human rights & the environment

the right to a clean & safe environment & functioning ecosystems

- life
- health
- food
- clean water & sanitation
- adequate living standards
- non-discrimination

unstainable resource management & pollution threaten ecosystems & the services they provide
→ threaten marine life, human health, tourism, fisheries, resilience…
→ threaten the enjoyment of human rights

discriminate impacts of pollution

UN environment

1) Women, men & children are exposed to different risks:
   - Gendered use and disposal of plastic products
   - Health risks of hormone disrupting chemicals

2) Informal waste workers are key for plastic waste management:
   - recycling & recovery relies on unrecognized services of the urban poor
   - risks to health and livelihoods
   - majority of waste workers are women

3) Way of life in coastal communities & small-scale fishers under threat
   - decreased fish catch
   - damage to equipment & danger of injury

inclusive & equitable solutions

→tackle root causes of discriminate impacts, address needs & capacities of vulnerable & disadvantaged groups

1) Participation & empowerment
   - engage waste picker representatives to identify inclusive solutions
   - targeted outreach to all consumer groups for behaviour change

2) Accountability & transparency
   - raise awareness of human rights obligations & build capacity
   - identify and take into account discriminate impacts

3) Non-discrimination & equality
   - targeted support, gender-sensitive language, accessibility

Thank you!

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discussion

- What is your organization <u>doing to address</u> human rights along the plastic value chain (including national action plans, corporate social responsibility strategies, collaboration with UN partners to apply Guiding Principles etc.)?

- Who is / what groups are <u>most impacted</u> by mismanagement of plastics? How can we engage them in finding solutions that meet their needs and interests?

- Which <u>stakeholders / organizations</u> could we involve to reach vulnerable groups an include their voice?

- What <u>gaps and challenges</u> exist and how can this project <u>support</u> capacity building and awareness-raising for human rights (trainings, tools, dialogues)?