



Thailand Stakeholder Consultation on

Reducing marine litter by addressing the management of the plastic value chain in South East Asia

7 June 2019, The Sukosol Hotel (Kamolthip I room 2nd floor) Bangkok, Thailand

Concept note and agenda

Purpose and objectives of the consultation

The project Reducing marine litter by addressing the management of the plastic value chain in South East Asia aims to reduce the adverse impact of marine litter from plastic leakage by ensuring that less plastic is entering general solid waste streams where the coverage and effectiveness of the management systems is weak. This project, funded by the Sweden International Development Agency (Sida) and implemented by UN Environment Programme (UN Environment) and the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA), will involve stakeholders throughout the plastic value chain, from governments, to plastic producers and retailers, to waste managers and consumers, to disadvantaged groups such as coastal communities and informal waste pickers most impacted by plastic pollution. The UN Environment Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and the COBSEA Secretariat each lead activities related to the following four Outputs:

OUTPUT 1: Market-based solutions towards “less plastic wasted” - Target countries: Malaysia and Thailand.

OUTPUT 2: Strengthening the scientific basis for decision-making - Target countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam, leveraging participation and input from other COBSEA countries. Singapore, China, Japan, ROK, Australia.

OUTPUT 3: Outreach on marine litter and plastic pollution - Target countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam, leveraging participation and input from other COBSEA countries.

OUTPUT 4: Regional networking - Target countries: All nine COBSEA countries, i.e. Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

The inception phase of the project has concluded on 31 January 2019, generating a revised Results Framework for the implementation to 2023. The objectives of the consultation with stakeholders in Thailand are:

- a) To receive feedback on the project’s objective and expected impact, strategies and approaches, and plans in Thailand;
- b) To introduce the project’s Implementation Partners and stakeholders in Thailand, and
- c) To explore opportunities for collaboration among other initiatives and partners.



Participants

Participants will include national and local governmental representatives, private sector representatives, members of the academia, and civil society organizations in Thailand, UN agencies and other inter-governmental agencies based in Thailand, as well as implementation partners of the project *Reducing marine litter by addressing the management of plastic value chain in South East Asia*.

Consultation Agenda

time	topic and speakers
08:30 – 09:00	Registration with Coffee and Tea
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome Remarks by the Government of Thailand, the Embassy of Sweden, and UN Environment
09:10 – 09:40	Setting the scene: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of the project and the consultation, by Mr. Jerker Tamelander, COBSEA Secretariat• Overview of the value chain approach and the role of partners, Ms. Kakuko Yoshida, UN Environment• Introductions
09:40 – 10:00	Current status and policy landscape on combatting plastic pollution in Thailand: Dr. Wijarn Simachaya, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) Thailand
10:00 – 10:30	Group Photo & Networking Break
10:30 – 11:45	Actions to reduce plastic leakage. Facilitated by: Ms. Kakuko Yoshida, UN Environment <i>Local implementation of The Plastic Waste Management Road Map 2018-2030:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Prayoon Pongpan, Superintendent, Ko Samet National Park, Rayong Province• Ms. Jiraratana Thesasilpa, Food and Drug Technical Officer, Food and Drug Administration of Thailand <i>Market-based solutions towards "less plastic wasted":</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Numpol Limprasert, Sustainable Development Director, The Siam Cement PLC / SCG• Mr. Nuntivat Thamhatai, Public Affairs and Communications Director, Coca-Cola Thailand Ltd.• Mr. Lars Svensson, Sustainability and Communication Director, IKEA Southeast Asia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Panate Manomaivibool, Mae Fah Luang University, on behalf of Solid Waste Association of Thailand • Mr. Paradorn Chulajata, Chairman of Plastic Industry Club, Federation of Thai Industries
11:45 – 12:15	<p>Measuring impact and sharing solutions. Facilitated by: Ms. Kakuko Yoshida, UN Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A closer look at indicators for success – Mr. Amit Jain, Managing Director, IRG Systems South Asia Pvt. Ltd. • Outreach and visibility – Ms. Esther Lake, UN Environment
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 14:15	<p>Promoting inclusive solutions and sustainable business models. Facilitated by: Ms. Natalie Harms, UN Environment COBSEA Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The right to a clean and healthy environment – Ms. Natalie Harms • Fulfilling rights and upholding duties – Ms. Thérèse Björk, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights • Human rights and business – Ms. Harpreet Kaur, UN Development Programme • Group Discussion: Existing initiatives, gaps and needs for equitable action along the plastic value chain
14:15 – 15:30	<p>Accelerating and coordinating action in Thailand. Group Discussion, facilitated by UN Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group A: Market-based solutions and business incentives • Group B: Scientific evidence and data needs • Group C: Outreach and engagement • Group D: SEA of Solutions partnership week <p>Crosscutting issues: enabling policy frameworks and inclusive approaches</p>
15:30 – 15:45	<p>Wrap-up</p> <p>Closing remarks by Mr. Staffan Herrström, Swedish Ambassador to Thailand</p>
<p>Meeting of the Implementation Partners (Closed meeting / By invitation only)</p>	
16:00 – 17:30	Discussion on implementation modalities and schedules

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