High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution event during the First Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee meeting in Punta del Este, Uruguay

A global plastics treaty fit for purpose

H.E Adrián Peña, Minister of Environment of Uruguay in collaboration with Norway and Rwanda as Co-Chairs of the High Ambition Coalition to End Plastic Pollution, invite to an INC side-event titled A global plastics treaty fit for purpose with participation from Ministers and speakers from UN, Government, Civil society and Business.

The event will take place in a physical/hybrid format in the Punta del Este Convention and Exhibition Centre, AUDITORIO 4 room on Sunday 27 November from 13:00 to 14:00 Montevideo time (GMT-3).

Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kE5GRPzFSKS-4nF4Emb8lw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kE5GRPzFSKS-4nF4Emb8lw)

**Background**

Plastic pollution constitutes a planetary crisis with impacts on ecosystems, biodiversity, the climate and human health. Without new and effective control measures, plastic production is set to double in 20 years and plastic waste leaking into the ocean is projected to triple by 2040\(^1\). The High Ambition coalition is a group of likeminded countries committed to end Plastic Pollution by 2040.

The High Ambition Coalition’s Ministerial Joint Statement for INC-1 calls for the establishment of an ambitious and effective international legally-binding instrument to protect the environment and human health from plastic pollution with a view to end plastic pollution by 2040. The Ministers recognize the imperative to develop common international and binding obligations and control measures in order to restrain plastic consumption and production to sustainable levels, enable a circular economy for plastics that protects the environment and human health while achieving environmentally sound management and recycling of plastic waste.

This event provides opportunities for Member States and stakeholders to discuss options for general obligations and control measures across the full life cycle of plastics.

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\(^1\) SystemIQ & Pew Charitable Trust (2020): Breaking the plastic wave.
Agenda: A global plastics treaty fit for purpose

Opening Remarks
H.E Adrián Peña, Minister of Environment of Uruguay

Panel debate
Juliet Kabera, Director General, Rwanda Environment Management Authority
Gustavo Meza Cuadra, Director of Diplomatic Academy, Peru
Luís Ignacio Vayas Valdivieso, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador
Eirik Lindebjerg. Global Plastics Policy Lead at WWF
Jodie Roussell, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Nestlé, Business Coalition for a Global Plastics Treaty