

A Brief Introduction to the Scientists' Coalition

The Scientists' Coalition for an Effective Plastics Treaty is an international network of diverse, independent scientific and technical experts seeking to contribute with scientific knowledge to decision makers and the public involved in the negotiations towards a global agreement to end plastic pollution.

About the Coalition

The Coalition was formed in 2022, following the decision of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) to start the negotiations towards a treaty to end plastic pollution. The Scientists' Coalition currently has 280 members from 50 different countries, covering a broad range of expertise. The members of the Scientists' Coalition have endorsed the Scientists' Declaration and proved a track record of working on plastics pollution.

The goals of the Scientists' Coalition

The goal of the Coalition is to achieve an effective global plastics treaty based on robust evidence to inform decision-making aligned with the precautionary principle, pursuant to [UNEA Resolution 5/14](#) in the interest of protecting public and planetary health.

Our activities

- Participation in events and major milestones
- Engagement with governments and other stakeholders
- Scientific synthesis

Membership

Membership in the Coalition is open to independent scientists, technical experts and knowledge holders with experience relating to plastics production, consumption and pollution. Membership is open to full members and observers.

The membership form is available at: <https://forms.gle/sZkcXk8dmRydtvrf8>

Organisation

The Scientists' Coalition is led by a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is responsible for the direction of work of the Scientists' Coalition and approves outputs from the working groups.

Steering Committee Members:

- Ibrahim Issifu, The University of British Columbia, Canada/Ghana
- Amila Abeynayaka, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan
- Marina Fernandez, Instituto de Biología y Medicina Experimental - CONICET, Argentina
- Rufino Varea, The University of the South Pacific, Fiji
- Bethanie Carney Almroth, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- Trisia Angela Farrelly, Massey University, Aotearoa New Zealand
- Martin Wagner, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway,
- Richard Charles Thompson, University of Plymouth, United Kingdom
- Daniel Foster Akrofi, University of Lincoln, United Kingdom/Ghana
- Marie-France Dignac, INRAE (French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and the Environment), France
- Patricia Villarrubia-Gómez, Stockholm Resilience Centre & Stockholm University, Sweden
- Sedat Gündoğdu, Cukurova University, Faculty of Fisheries, Türkiye
- Aprilia Nidia Rinasti, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand

Funding

The Scientists' Coalition is a fully independent body. The Coalition members and the Steering Committee are contributing in a voluntary manner with no dedicated funding.

Its Secretariat is hosted by the International Knowledge Hub Against Plastics Pollution (ikhapp.org). The role of the Secretariat is to enable the external communication and outreach of the organisation. The Secretariat and IKHAPP is financed through a grant from the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation and a grant from the Norwegian Research Council.

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