# IKHAPP Newsletter



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## Message from IKHAPP

Welcome to the IKHAPP community and our first newsletter! The newsletters will serve as a regular update on recent publications, events and news within the field of plastic pollution. The most significant development in this field 2022 has been the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA) adoption of are solution to develop a legally binding instrument to end plastic pollution. An Inter governmental Negotiating Committee (INC)was established with the aim to complete a draft of the agreement by the end of 2024. As policies and scientific insights evolve rapidly, there will be a need for enhanced access to transparent, independent and high-quality science, as well as scientific and technical cooperation. IKHAPP will contribute to this process and support the global treaty negotiations.

### Latest Events



A NEW REPORT by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), NIVA and IKHAPP highlights the role of the more than 15 million people informally collecting and recovering solid waste globally to end plastic pollution. The report titled 'Leaving no one behind: How a global instrument to end plastic pollution can enable a just transition for the people informally collecting and recovering waste' was launched in Nairobi, Kenya, on Tuesday 22. November 2022 in association with an event under the UNDP. The report presents possibilities for how the negotiation and implementation of a global instrument on plastic pollution can be designed to promote the transition to sustainable production and consumption of plastic in a way that is as fair, inclusive, and equitable as possible to the IWRS, generating and preserving decent work opportunities and leaving no one behind. Read the report here.

#### Read more about our recent research briefs and stories:

Recycling of multilayer plastic packaging materials by solvent-targeted recovery and precipitation.

"Plasticulture": Concerns about the environmental implications of agricultural plastics are in the international spotlight

### **Upcoming event**



WEBINAR: Launch of the Nordic Report on the role of microplastics in a global agreement on plastic pollution. The upcoming webinar is organised by the Nordic Council of Ministers, NIVA and IKHAPP. The webinar will be held on 10th January 2023, 1400- 1530 CET digitally on Teams and will launch the Nordic Report on Addressing Microplastics in a Global Agreement on Plastic Pollution. The webinar will serve as a starting point for discussing the Plastics Treaty and the outcomes of the 1st meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee in Uruguay, November 2022. While the resolution is predominantly focused on macroplastic pollution, this inclusion indicates that the intergovernmental negotiating committee (INC) will also have to consider how best to address microplastics in the design of a global agreement.

The report describes how microplastics are currently regulated and identifies possible measures and modalities that can be adopted to address microplastics, including different sources and pathways on a regional and national level.

Stay tuned as we release more information on confirmed speakers and the agenda on IKHAPP – International Knowledge Hub Against Plastic Pollution.

Register your participation in the webinar <u>here</u>.

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