

## Side event Concept Note

### The High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

**Name of the event:** Enhancing cooperation at the global, regional, national and local levels to end plastic and marine pollution

**Organizer:** The Government of the Kingdom of Norway

**Partners:** Group of Friends to Combat Marine Plastic Pollution; UN Environment; UN-Habitat

**Registration link:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/registration/2zWeD09UYE-9zF6kFubccA,aOcvQpkB1EunhIZBemkF1Q,iDchZcjZk0mlpxjohVSKJg,L6GHwU31aUeFf2-WVTbchg,ycHATW66Xkqf64R-swbD6g,EO4 qYccG0iZ-j IUJmhrA?mode=read&tenantId=0f9e35db-544f-4f60-bdcc-5ea416e6dc70>

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**Themes the side-event contributes to:** fighting inequalities, sustainable urban economic development, climate action, localizing global agendas

#### Short concept note:

In the New Urban Agenda, Heads of State and Government, Ministers and High Representatives commit themselves to reducing marine pollution through improved waste management in coastal areas, as well as to promoting environmentally sound waste management and substantially reducing waste generation. They further commit themselves to strengthening the coordination role of national, subnational and local governments, as appropriate, and their collaboration with other public entities and non-governmental organizations in the provision of basic services for all. These commitments align very well with the recently, at the resumed fifth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA 5.2), adopted resolution UNEP/EA5/L23/REV.1 “End plastic pollution: Towards an international legally binding instrument”. This resolution establishes the mandate for an intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, which shall include provisions to promote cooperation at the global, regional, national and local levels.

This session will therefore explore synergies between the New Urban Agenda and the intergovernmental negotiating committee process on plastic pollution, highlight good and successful practices of cooperation at the global, regional, national and local levels in the area of solid waste management, especially plastic

waste, and look ahead how these can inform the ongoing negotiations to ensure that no one and no place is left behind.

Provisional Agenda (60 - 90 min):

- Opening remarks
  - Norway, Co-chair Group of Friends to Combat Marine Plastic Pollution
- Keynote speech
- Interactive Panel Discussion with participants from
  - Group of Friends to Combat Marine Plastic Pollution
  - Local government
  - Civil Society Organization
  - Private Sector
  - UN Environment
  - UN-Habitat
- Summary of discussion points
- Closing remarks
  - Co-chair Group of Friends to Combat Marine Plastic Pollution