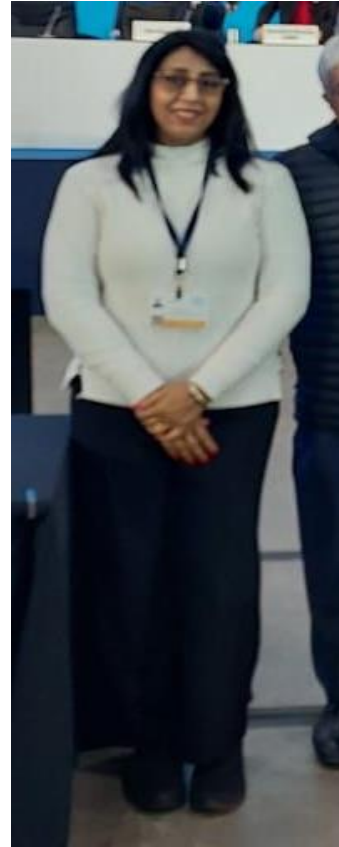




**ENVIRONMENT AND
FOOD FOUNDATION (E2F) @
INC 5 REPORT
BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA**

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Overview of INC Processes

- In February 2022, during the resumed fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2), a historic resolution was adopted to develop an international, legally binding instrument to address plastic pollution.
- As part of this journey, five sessions of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) were planned to negotiate and finalise the treaty. The fifth session (INC-5), held from November 25 to December 1, 2024, in Busan, South Korea, brought together representatives from 178 countries to deliberate and drive progress on the Global Plastics Treaty.
- While progress was made, unresolved debates—on issues like production caps, financing for developing nations, and treaty scope—led to the decision to hold a follow-up session (INC-5.2) in 2025, extending negotiations to ensure a comprehensive treaty.

Our key objectives

1. Influence INC 5 resolutions and decisions so that proposed solutions reduce plastic pollution, address climate change and benefit local communities
2. Explore partnerships and collaboration with like-minded Individuals, Networks and CSOs to collectively influence outcomes / comprehensive solutions that benefit African people and nature





Highlights of E2F's Participation

Key Discussions and Recommendations

1. Balancing Policy and Practicality

Nations are divided on the best approach to tackling plastic pollution—should efforts focus on capping plastic production, or should waste management reforms take precedence? While over 100 countries supported production caps to address the root causes of pollution, others emphasised practical improvements in waste systems.

E2F Advocates Recommendations:

Integrating circularity with business value will drive faster and more impactful outcomes. Policies that incentivise sustainability alongside economic growth are critical to success.

2. Creating a Global Collection Ecosystem

Deposit Return Schemes (DRS) and recycling incentives were key topics of discussion, with emphasis on improving collection infrastructure, particularly in the Global South.

E2F Advocates Recommendation:

An effective collection system is crucial. Structured systems can boost recycling rates and support consumer behavior change.



Key Discussions and Recommendations

3. Support for Developing Nations

Developing nations highlighted the need for financial support to implement treaty measures. While there is broad agreement on the need for funding, the exact mechanisms remain undecided.

E2F Advocates Recommendation:

Financial models should include public-private partnerships and grassroots innovation, enabling scalable and sustainable solutions.



Key Discussions and Recommendations

Advocacy for Financial Mechanisms

- Called for a dedicated multilateral fund to support developing countries in meeting compliance obligations.
- Holistic Approach to Chemicals of Concern
- Recommended that decisions on regulating harmful chemicals be based on scientific studies.



Side Event: UN Plastic Treaty; Reuse, A Climate and Plastic Solution

- **Main Highlights:**

- Plastics contributes to climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.
- Reuse localizes supply chain and contributes to climate mitigation.
- Reuse is not recycling.
- Reuse is a climate solution.
- Reuse takes into consideration local realities and top-down approach to eradicate plastic pollution
- We need better financial mechanisms in reuse from principle to action.





Looking Ahead: What's Next?

The next INC session, scheduled for 2025, will aim to finalise the treaty with key resolutions on plastic production limits, financial mechanisms, and implementation frameworks.

A Message from E2F: INC-5 highlighted the challenges and opportunities in achieving a global plastics treaty. At E2F, we remain committed to driving progress by combining innovation, policy alignment, and impactful collaborations. Together, we can shape a waste-free, circular future—one bold action at a time.



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