

Arab Group - LMC Joint Proposal

ARTICLE 12

CAPACITY BUILDING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

1. Developed country Parties shall provide timely and appropriate capacity-building, technical assistance and safe technology transfer including on concessional and preferential terms, to developing countries, in particular those with significant capacity constraints, such as LDCs and SIDs, to assist them in implementing their activities under this instrument. Capacity-building should be country-driven, based on, and responsive to, nationally determined needs and priorities.
2. Capacity building, technical assistance and technology transfer pursuant to paragraph 1 may be delivered through regional, subregional and national arrangements, including existing regional and subregional and national centres, through other multilateral and bilateral means, and through partnerships, including north-south, south-south and those involving the private sector or other stakeholders, as well as Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and through collaboration with local and subnational governments, as appropriate.
3. Developed country Parties must cooperate to promote and facilitate, working with the private sector and other relevant stakeholders as appropriate, the development, transfer, diffusion of and access to environmentally sound technologies relevant to addressing plastic pollution including on concessional and preferential terms including the waiving of intellectual property rights, to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing states, to strengthen their capacity to effectively implement this instrument. In implementing this provision, developed country Parties shall promote and facilitate research, innovation and investment in developing country Parties as well as technical and scientific cooperation in pursuit of new and innovative environmentally sound technologies and solutions.
4. The Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, shall make recommendations on how capacity building, technical assistance and safe technology transfer could be further enhanced under this Article.
5. In implementing this Article, developed country Parties should take into account to the specific needs and special circumstances of developing country, in particular those with significant capacity constraints, such as LDCs and SIDs.
6. International cooperation requires a fair and open international trade system conducive to economic growth in developing country Parties. Developed country Parties shall refrain from implementing unilateral trade measures related to plastic pollution and shall submit biennially a report on their compliance with this legally binding obligation.