

## Article 18 - Awareness, Education, and Research Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's submission

[1. Parties ~~shall~~ are encouraged to promote and facilitate public awareness-raising, education, and information exchange relevant to the implementation of the instrument through their national plans related to plastic pollution and its effects relevant to the implementation of this Convention and shall promote, as appropriate, such efforts at the national and international including regional, levels and cooperate, as appropriate, with relevant intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations.

~~2. Parties encouraged to promote scientific and technological research, development and innovation, including encouragement of international cooperation, in particular on technical aspects within national context. Each Party shall promote and facilitate measures to raise awareness, improve understanding, and share information, such as:~~  
~~Developing a communication and education strategy on the objective of the Convention, involving stakeholders, including educational and awareness-raising programmes and citizen campaigns;~~  
~~Promoting public participation and public access to information;~~  
~~Providing training at the national, regional and international levels, including exchange visits and specific dedicated training; and~~  
~~Promoting the inclusion of plastic pollution issues across curricula and practices in educational institutions.~~

3. Parties ~~shall~~ are encouraged to endeavour to advance scientific and technological research, development and innovation, in line with national action plans including by:  
~~Developing and implementing sustainable and circular plastics approaches and systems-wide solutions;~~  
~~Enhancing understanding of environmental and human health, as well as socio-economic impacts of plastic pollution, as well as alternative solutions across the full life cycle, including in the marine environment;~~  
~~Promoting and improving methods for the monitoring and modelling plastic pollution including its distribution and abundance in the environment, and impacts on human health;~~  
~~Promoting the collaborative development and use of standardized methods and approaches for environmental data collection and analyses, to improve reliability and comparability; and~~  
~~Incorporating traditional knowledge, knowledge of Indigenous peoples and local knowledge systems and other cultural and socio-economic factors, as appropriate.~~