

Fiji proposes the following edits for article 18 and 19 of the INC Chair's third non-paper, as reflected in Track Changes:

ARTICLE 18

AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Fiji's suggested text is paragraph 2:

2. Each Party shall promote and facilitate measures to raise awareness, improve understanding, and share information, such as:
 - (a) Developing a communication and education strategy on the objective of the Convention, involving stakeholders, **[including women and girls, children and youth, and persons living with disabilities]** including educational and awareness-raising programmes and citizen campaigns;
 - (b) Promoting public participation and public access to information;
 - (c) Providing training at the national, regional and international levels, including exchange visits and specific dedicated training; and
 - (d) Promoting the inclusion of plastic pollution issues across curricula and practices in educational institutions.

ARTICLE 19 HEALTH

Fiji's suggested text in paragraph 1 is:

[1. Parties are encouraged to:

- (a) Promote the development and implementation of strategies and programmes to identify and protect populations at risk, particularly vulnerable populations, and which may include adopting science-based health guidelines relating to the exposure to plastic pollution, **[and all stages of the plastics lifecycle, including chemicals and]** in particular **[and all stages of the plastics lifecycle, including chemicals and]** microplastics and related issues, setting targets for their exposure reduction, where appropriate, and public education, with the participation of public health and other involved sectors;

- (b) Promote the development and implementation of science-based educational and preventive programmes on occupational exposure to plastic pollution, [across all stages of the plastics lifecycle, including chemicals] and microplastics and related issues;
- (c) Promote appropriate health-care services for prevention, treatment and care for populations affected by the exposure to plastic pollution [across all stages of the plastic lifecycle, including chemicals and microplastics]
- (d) across all stages of the plastics lifecycle, including chemicals and in particular microplastics and related issues; and
- (e) Establish and strengthen, as appropriate, the institutional and health professional capacities for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of health risks related to the exposure to plastic pollution, [and all stages of the plastic lifecycle in particular microplastics and related issues.