

ARTICLE 17 INFORMATION EXCHANGE

1. All Parties are encouraged to facilitate the exchange of information in support of the objective of the Convention, including on:
 - a. Best practices and policies relating to sustainable consumption and production of plastics, and associated relevant research, technologies and innovation;
 - b. Health and environmental risks of and impacts associated with plastic pollution;
 - c. Scientific and technical knowledge, including traditional knowledge, and the knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local communities related to (a) and (b) above;
 - d. **Information on the presence of hazardous chemicals in plastic products in relation to the global mechanism for transparency and traceability along the value chain of plastic products containing chemicals with hazardous properties.**
2. All Parties are encouraged to designate a national focal point for the exchange and communication of information under this Convention.
3. In exchanging the information referred to in paragraph 1, all Parties are encouraged to utilize, as appropriate, an online clearinghouse to be maintained by the Secretariat.
4. All Parties are encouraged to learn from and build on existing processes, initiatives and networks to share knowledge and highlight successes, including examples of replicating and scaling up sustainable solutions.
5. Parties exchanging information in accordance with this Convention shall, ~~as appropriate,~~ protect any confidential information in **accordance with national laws, and** as mutually agreed.