

Thailand's submission for Contact Group 3 of INC-5 on
ARTICLE 12: CAPACITY BUILDING, TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE
AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION

Thailand proposes to add elements in Article 12 as follows:

1. Add **technical assistance** and **access to technology** in the title of this article into
ARTICLE 12: CAPACITY BUILDING, TECHNOLOGY [**AND TECHNICAL**] ASSISTANCE [, **ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY**] AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
2. Add wordings in para 1-4 of Article 12:
 - capacity-building, technology and technical assistance, access to technology and technology transfer are added in para 1,2 and 4,
 - local communities are added in para 2,
 - slight amendment at the end of para 3 to encourage Parties to provide and/or facilitate access and transfer of essential technologies.

[1. Parties, within their respective capabilities, shall cooperate to provide timely, and appropriate capacity-building[, **technology**] and technical assistance[, **access to technology and technology transfer**] to developing country Parties, in particular to least developed country Parties and small island developing State Parties, to assist them in implementing their obligations under this Convention.

2. [~~Technical assistance and capacity building~~] [**Capacity building, technology and technical assistance, access to technology and technology transfer**] pursuant to paragraph 1 may be delivered through regional, subregional and national arrangements, including existing regional and subregional centres, through other multilateral and bilateral means, and through partnerships, including those involving the private sector [, **local communities**] or other stakeholders. Cooperation and coordination with relevant other multilateral environmental agreements, as appropriate, should be sought to facilitate and increase the effectiveness of [~~technical assistance~~] [**capacity building, technology and technical assistance, access to technology and technology transfer**] and its delivery.

3. Parties shall promote and facilitate the development, transfer, diffusion of and access to technologies addressing plastic pollution in an environmentally sound manner, including those related to collecting, sorting, processing and recycling of plastic waste as well as those related to safe and sustainable alternatives and non plastic substitutes. In implementing this provision, Parties shall promote and facilitate research, innovation and investment in pursuit of new environmentally sound technologies and innovative solutions and shall **[provide and/or]** facilitate access to **[and transfer of]** essential technologies [, **within their capabilities and resources to support developing country Parties, in particular to least developed country Parties and small island developing State Parties.**]

4. The Conference of the Parties shall review, no later than at its [third] meeting, and thereafter on a regular basis, capacity-building, **[technology and]** technical assistance [, **access to technology]** and technology transfer to support the implementation of this Convention, taking into consideration developing country Parties' needs, including through consideration of national reports submitted pursuant to Article 15.]