

Women's Working Group on Ending Plastic Pollution

Thank you for the floor
Ms. Chair

I'm Anna Odur and I'm speaking on behalf of the women's working group on ending plastic pollution.

Plastics are now pervasive in our environment, posing alarming health risks that demand immediate action. Yet, instead of the strong and decisive measures needed, we don't have a treaty after a three years long and strenuous process. We urge member states and all distinguished delegates to keep working for the treaty that we need.

We are adamant that the global plastics treaty must go beyond waste management.

This is what the Women's Working Group on Ending Plastic Pollution advocates for:

- A human rights-based approach.
- Measures to limit plastic production,
- Ban of chemicals and polymers and products of concern including microplastics
- Addressing the disproportionate burdens placed on marginalized groups, especially women and girls, whose health, livelihoods, and rights are too often overlooked.
- Enabling the transition from single-use plastic packaging to reuse systems
- Establishing a globally harmonized system for transparency and traceability of chemicals in plastic products and materials throughout their entire lifecycle.
- Include fishing and aquaculture gear, the most prevalent marine plastic pollution.
- Require sex-disaggregated data to reflect differentiated health impacts.
- Ensure strong financial mechanisms, *monitoring*, and means of implementation.
- Address health and the impact of plastic pollution in health
- Enable capacity building to enable all countries to implement the treaty.
- Include a mechanism for independent scientific input in the treaty's implementation, governed by a strong policy on conflicts of interest.

Thank you,