

Break the Plastic Pollution Cycle – ISWA’s Plastic Treaty Task Force

On 24 March, the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) contributed to the first observers’ webinar in 2026. During the session, Gunilla Carlsson, ISWA Plastic Treaty Task Force Leader, shared insights gathered from ISWA’s global network of national members across diverse contexts.

These contributions are part of ISWA’s ongoing “*Break the Plastic Pollution Cycle*” campaign, through which we have been highlighting perspectives from national members worldwide every other Thursday since 15 January 2026. A clear message is emerging: plastic pollution is a systemic issue. The challenge is not a lack of solutions, but a gap in implementation at scale.

As the INC process on plastic pollution regains momentum, with INC-5.4 expected in late 2026 or early 2027, ISWA is calling on fellow observers to act collectively by:

- Endorsing the statement “[Plastics Treaty at a Crossroads](#)”
- Joining forces to build a coalition of observers
- Strengthening a unified, evidence-based voice for the waste management sector

More details on ISWA’s contribution to the webinar can be found [here](#).

We would like to warmly thank all national members who have already contributed their insights to the campaign. Your input is invaluable.

We continue to welcome further contributions on how to *Break the Plastic Pollution Cycle* in your countries. To ensure broader geographical representation, we particularly encourage input from national members in Southern Europe, the Balkans, the Baltics, the Mediterranean region, the Middle East, and Asia, among others.

These contributions are essential to shaping ISWA’s position in the INC process on plastic pollution and reinforcing our role as an evidence-based voice for the waste management sector.

Let us join forces to deliver real impact.



