



The Opportunity

The Global Plastics Treaty is a rare opportunity to limit the increase of greenhouse gases and protect biodiversity and human health. International negotiators aim to ratify the treaty in 2025 and securing a strong treaty that limits industry expansion, bans toxic chemicals, and supports a just transition is within reach.

However, the oil and gas industry has awakened to this threat to its business expansion and is investing heavily to derail the treaty. They must agree with U.N. Environment Programme Executive Director Inger Anderson, who says the treaty is “The most important multilateral environmental deal since the Paris climate accord.”

Climate & Plastics

The opportunity to use the Global Plastics Treaty to diffuse a ticking carbon bomb

If plastic were a country, it would be the fifth-largest emitter of greenhouse gases. Plastics are 99% oil and are responsible for 12% of global oil demand. Production is expected to triple by 2060, creating a ticking carbon bomb that could consume 15-32% of the planet's remaining carbon budget.

With the demand from energy and transportation projecting long-term declines, the oil and gas industry is investing heavily in petrochemical and plastic production to secure future growth and profits.

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ARE:

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FOSSIL FUELS

PLASTICS &
PETROCHEMICALS ARE:

>12%

GLOBAL OIL DEMAND

BY 2060 PLASTIC
WILL CONSUME:

15-32%

OF THE CARBON BUDGET



For more information on how to join this effort, contact jessicabrittsan@plasticsolution.org.



ACTION:

To leverage this moment, the Plastic Solutions Fund has helped establish the **Plastics Treaty Fundraising Collective**, a cross-movement coalition of civil society organizations and networks.

Active in more than 100 countries across the globe, these organizations are coordinating efforts between scientists, climate advocates, technical and policy experts, environmental justice campaigners, health professionals, and labor unions.

The Collective is deploying four strategies to strengthen the treaty:

- **Enabling in-country support** to secure treaty positions of key countries and regions
- **Providing policy advocacy and technical expertise** to negotiators and advocates
- **Countering industry narratives** and undermining the social license of the fossil fuel and chemical industry
- **Supporting cross-movement coordination** and engagement throughout the treaty process

A strong treaty would:

- **Put a cap on plastic** and petrochemical production
- **Deny industry-backed carbon-intensive false solutions**, such as incineration and chemical recycling, which shift responsibility from producers to consumers
- **Detoxify** the life cycle of plastics
- **Enable a just transition** for waste pickers and other workers along the plastic life cycle
- **Create ambitious programs** that kick-start circular-economy reuse systems globally, significantly reducing single-use plastics

Time is running out. Join us as we work to rapidly mobilize philanthropic support for civil society efforts and help secure transformational change.



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