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Dear India Plastics Pact signatories,

As you're aware, all signatories commit to four ambitious time-bound targets aimed to achieving a circular plastics economy in India. The Year One report will help the Secretariat measure the progress made by the Pact's members towards the 2030 targets.

In the past few months, the team has been finalizing the Year One report. Other upcoming publications include the Small Formats Phase II report (Phase I Report available [here](#)), Landscape assessment of the plastic recycling sector in India, design guides, and a document on Challenges of incorporating recycled content in films and flexibles.

We will soon be contacting Members of the Pact to initiate the Member Action Plan (MAP). The MAP allows the Secretariat to keep track of where progress will be made and where gaps may rise.

Read the newsletter to learn more about the Pact's latest developments and how it supports stakeholders across the plastics value chain.

Keep an eye out on our [LinkedIn](#) page and on the [website](#) to know more about the Pact and its activities.

India Plastics Pact team

IPP Publications

The Pact supports its signatories and other stakeholders by providing reliable information on plastics within the Indian context through different publications.

Take a look at our latest publications!

The quick wins document identifies six packaging formats where recycled content can be increased relatively quickly. The document also provides an overview of the benefits and requirements to increase recycled content in plastic packaging.



Despite the critical role of the Informal Plastic Waste Recycling Sector (IPWRS) in the Indian plastics economy, IPWRS workers are overlooked and under-appreciated. The toolkit is a guide to help businesses take actions to integrate informal IPWRS workers into the formal plastics recovery value chain.



Access all our other publications [here](#).

Welcome on board

We are pleased to announce that Aero Fibre Pvt. Ltd., AVI Global Plast Pvt. Ltd., Bisleri International Pvt. Ltd., and Manjushree Technopack Ltd. have signed on to the Pact as Members; and SWaCH Pune Seva Sahakari Sanstha Ltd. has joined as a Supporters... it's great to have you!



The Secretariat will continue engaging and recruiting new Member and Supporter organizations to strengthen the India Plastics Pact: please help and support us by spreading the word among your suppliers or partners.

Upcoming events

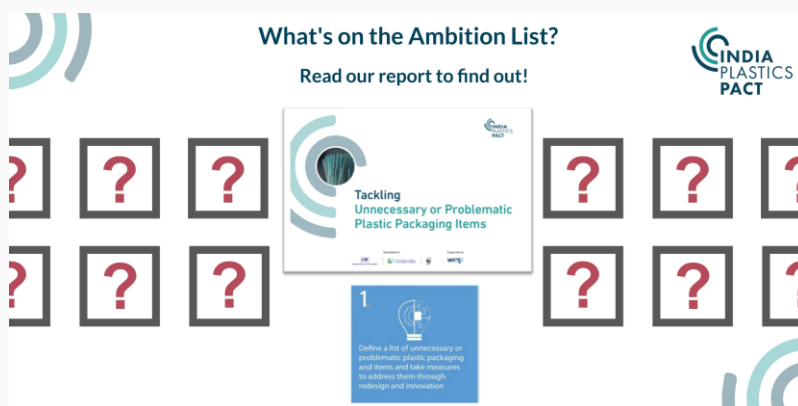
<p>17 May 2023</p> <p>Circular Plastics Innovation Workshop</p> <p>1000 hours Mumbai, India</p>	<p>30 May 2023</p> <p>WRAP 3C Network Reuse-refill webinar Session A</p> <p>1430 to 1600 hours</p>
<p>30 May 2023</p> <p>WRAP 3C Network Reuse-refill webinar Session B</p> <p>2100 to 2230 hours</p>	<p>31 May 2023</p> <p>CAG 3 meeting</p> <p>1430 hours</p>
<p>June 2023</p> <p>CAG 4 meeting</p> <p>1430 hours</p>	

Contact us at takeaction@indiaplasticspact.org if you have any questions about any upcoming events.

Collaborative Action Groups (CAG) updates

CAG 1 (Defining list of problematic plastic items): The [Ambition List document](#), launched in February, identifies unnecessary or problematic plastic packaging items in the Indian context, along with an overview of the framework used to identify these items and details the next steps for the Pact and its signatories.

[Read](#) what CAG 1 Chair, Abhishek Sahay, has to say about the Pact and the items identified in the Ambition List.

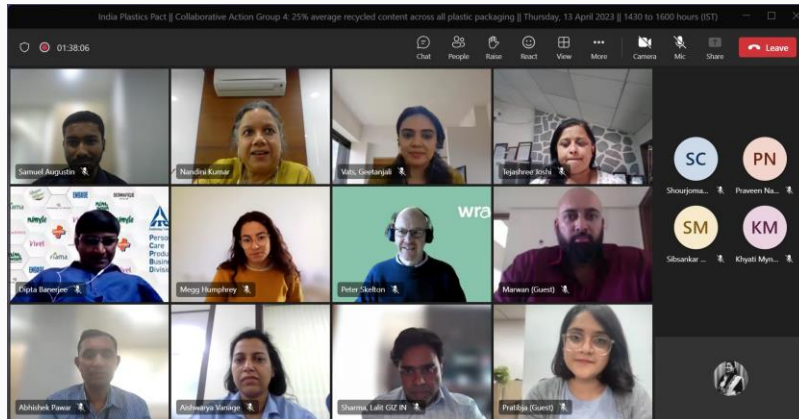


CAG 2 (Designing plastic packaging to be 100% reusable, recyclable, or compostable):

Although HDPE packaging is widely collected and recycled, the recyclate is often used for low-value applications (such as pipes, furniture, and flowerpots). The upcoming HDPE design guide provides an overview of design choices to improve its recyclability for high-value applications. Members were asked to give their inputs on the HDPE design guidance at the meeting held on 27th April.

CAG 3 (Increasing quantity of plastic packaging effectively recycled): Two showcase meetings of Sprint Group 1 were held in which different models of engagement with the informal waste sector were presented. At these meetings, four organizations presented their models: SWaCH Pune Seva Sahakari Sanstha Ltd., Stree Mukti Sanghatana, Waste Warriors, and ReCircle.

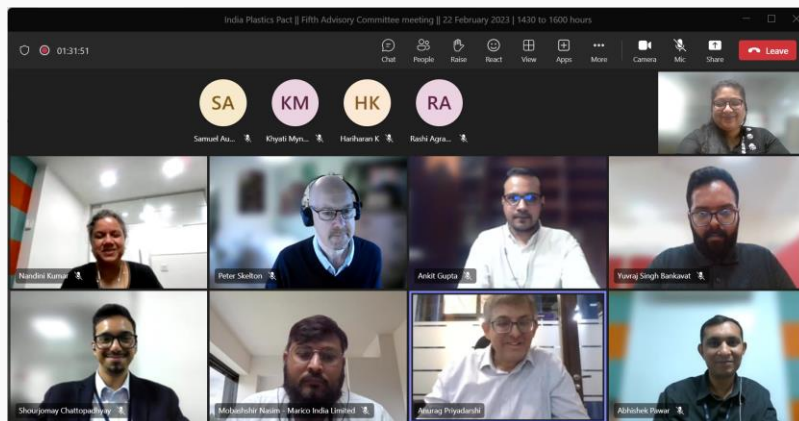
CAG 4 (25% average recycled content across all plastic packaging): At the meeting held on 13th April, members discussed the challenges in adding recycled content in films and flexibles, and a case study was presented by Lucro Plastecycle Pvt. Ltd.



Advisory Committee

The fifth Advisory Committee meeting held on 22nd February discussed the following matters:

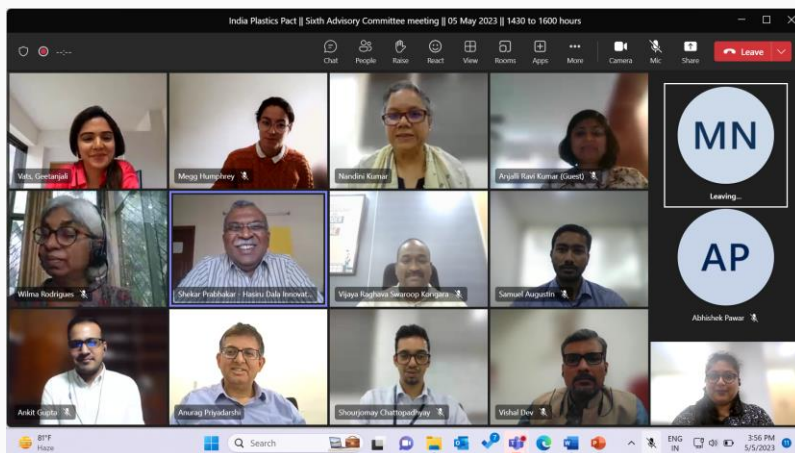
- Advisory Committee reconfiguration
- 2023 Plan
- Stakeholder engagement
- Member Action Plan
- Funding opportunities



India Plastics Pact Advisory Committee for the year 2023 - 2024 has been formed.

An Advisory Committee meeting was held on 05th May for the official handover to the newly formed committee, and to discuss the following:

- Updates on the Pact's progress
- CAG reconfiguration
- Stakeholder engagement
- Recruitment



We are grateful to the members of the first Advisory Committee for their guidance, advice, and oversight to set a strong foundation for the Pact.

Member Accountability

Workshops were held on 16th February and 23rd February, for brand-owners and retailers; and converters, recyclers, and waste management agencies, respectively to explain the data reporting template.

The purpose of the workshops was to provide an overview of the data reporting framework, present findings from the last reporting cycle and to give a step-by-step review of the 2022 reporting forms.



Did you miss the workshops? Please contact us for the recordings.

If you have any questions regarding data reporting, please write to shourjomay.c@cii.in or nandini.kumar@cii.in.

Events and webinars

The India Plastics Pact hosted a panel discussion, '**Plastic Waste: can businesses and citizens work together?**' on 17th February at the Sustainability Solutions Track - Water and Waste Expo 2023, held during the 25th International Engineering and Technology Fair (IETF).

Speakers at the session included:

- Rahul Nene, Huhtamaki
- Shruthi Sinha, Chintan (Environmental Research and Action Group)
- Rajesh Pahwa, 21 Century Polymers
- Kamna Swami, GIZ India
- Ankit Gupta, ITC Limited



A member-exclusive webinar, 'Ready for action: Target 1 and beyond', was held on 03rd March to explain the process used to identify the items on the Target 1 Lists and to introduce signatories to the IPP Action Plan.



An open-to-all webinar, 'An introduction to advanced recycling' was held on 17th March 2023. Speakers at the webinar included:

- Rajesh Pahwa, 21 Century Polymers
- Emmeline Aves, ReVentas
- Paul Davidson, UK Research and Innovation
- Kwee Lin Chan, ExxonMobil
- Swee Kiat Ng, Shell
- Adam Herriott, WRAP

Speakers at the webinar talked about the concept of advanced recycling, the need for advanced recycling in India, and the role it plays in addressing India's plastics crisis.



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Member news: Banyan Nation wins Climate Warrior at FILA2023

Banyan Nation, one of India's first vertically integrated plastic recycling companies, focuses on using innovative technology to produce high-quality polyolefin plastic recyclate for high-end applications.

Banyan Nation has emerged as a trusted platform helping stakeholders cut down on the usage of virgin plastics. They are also among the first companies in the country to use mobile, cloud and IoT to integrate informal sector workers into the plastics supply chain to recover post-consumer as well as post-industrial plastic waste.

Banyan Nation has been recognized a Climate Warrior at the Forbes India Leadership Awards 2023 (FILA2023) for their closed-loop recycling initiatives.



Interested in highlighting your initiatives in this space? Reach out to us at takeaction@indiaplasticspact.org with news about your innovative work in plastics.

Useful links

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