



WES NATIONAL ACTIVITY IN PALESTINE

**DEVELOPMENT OF A DRAFT STRATEGY FOR PLASTIC WASTE
MANAGEMENT WITH FOCUS ON SINGLE-USE PLASTICS (SUPS) IN
PALESTINE (WES N-E-PS-2)**

INCEPTION MEETING

Wednesday 8 May 2024
10:00 to 11:30, Ramallah Time (09:00 – 10:30 CET) - On-line

BACKGROUND AND GENERAL CONTEXT OF THE ACTIVITY

The objective of WES national activity entitled “**Development of a draft strategy for plastic waste management with focus on single-use plastics (SUPs) in Palestine**” is to provide technical assistance to the Environmental Quality Authority (EQA) of Palestine to address plastic waste with focus on Single-Use Plastic Items.

The core of this activity is to enhance the country’s awareness and capacity to respond to the challenges posed by plastic pollution /waste, with emphasis on SUPs. The overall activity has been designed to contribute to the gradual phasing out of single use plastic items in Palestine by taking into account, on the one hand, the environmental aspects and, on the other hand, the technical and industrial challenges of the plastics industries.

The specific objectives of the activity are:

- Develop an action plan that includes a range of measures to reduce plastic waste generation, promote plastic waste reduction, and improve plastic waste management practices.
- Propose a strategy for the gradual ban of SUPs.

The project is conducted by a team of four Senior NKE’s of WES:

- NKE1: Mr. Matias Rodrigues, Technical Coordinator of the activity – Senior Expert in Circular Economy and Waste Management
- NKE2: Mr. Tom Clark, Senior Expert in Plastic Pollution Prevention Measures
- NKE3: Mr. Amer El Hamouz, Senior Environmental research Expert (Local)
- NKE4: Mr. Mohammad Hmadi, Senior Environment Expert (Local)





OBJECTIVES AND CONTENT OF THE INCEPTION MEETING

Following the KoM which took place on April 13, 2024, the inception meeting constitutes an important step towards successful execution of the remaining tasks of the activity that meets the objectives and expectations of the stakeholders.

The inception meeting will be carried out remotely between WES KEs and NKEs, EUD, EQA, other Ministries and stakeholders with the main aim of confirming the focus of the next tasks of the activity.

The EQA together with the experts and the key stakeholders they wish to be engaged, will exchange in advance of the inception meeting in order to identify priority SUP items (max 4 items) that the activity will focus on. To make the most appropriate choices, it is preferable to base them on relevant criteria with regard to the specific situation of the SUP's in Palestine.

Recent and ongoing efforts in tackling plastic waste pollution will be presented in the meeting along with international global and regional efforts to combat plastic pollution. The aim of the meeting is also to present and discuss the detailed work plan and methodology that will be adopted to complete the various work packages and to discuss the main challenges and issues that the activity will have to address.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- A maximum of 4 priority Single Use Plastic items are proposed to conduct a baseline study
- The detailed methodology and the timeframe of the activity including the approach to set priority actions and the implementation procedures is submitted for discussion.





AGENDA

Ramallah Time	
09:45 -10:00	Connecting to the platform
10:00-10:10	Opening and introduction to the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Ahmad Abu Thaher, Director General for Projects and International Relations Environment Quality Authority (EQA) & WES Focal Point – Palestine- Mr. Anis Ismail, WES Key Environment Expert
10:10-10:25	Updates on policy actions, strategies, legislation and instruments for waste and plastic waste management <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Open discussion moderated by Mr. Mohammad Hmaid and Mr. Amer El Hamouz, WES senior experts
10:25-10:35	Update on global and regional efforts to combat plastic pollution <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Tom Clark, Senior Expert in Plastic Pollution Prevention Measures, WES NKE
10:35-10:50	Discussion about criteria and options for selecting priority SUP items <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Amer El Hamouz, Senior Environmental research Expert (Local), WES NKE- Mr. Mohammad Hmaid, Senior Environment Expert (Local), WES NKE
10:50-11:05	Validation of detailed methodology, plan of work and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Mohammad Hmaid, Senior Environment Expert (Local), WES NKE- Mr. Matias Rodrigues, Technical Coordinator of the activity WES NKE
11:05-11:20	Open discussion on the main issues and the components of the strategy to combat plastic pollution <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Moderated by Mr. Mohammad Hmaid, Senior Environment Expert (Local), WES NKE
11:20-11:30	Evaluation of the meeting, impact assessment and closing <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Emad Adly, WES Stakeholder Engagement and Impact Assessment Non-Key Expert- Mr. Anis Ismail, WES Key Environment Expert

