



ICENECDEV(International Centre for Environmental Education and Community Development) Position Paper on Combating Marine Litter and Mircoplastics

1. Name of the organisation;ICENECDEV (International Centre for Environmental Education and Community Development) Position Paper on Combating Marine plastic Litter and Mircoplastics

2. Views on major barriers to combatting marine litter and Microplastics

- Inadequate Technical Capacity of relevant stakeholders on strategies to combat marine plastics litter and microplastics at national and regional level.
- Insufficient information and resources to establish national and regional platforms and networks to address issues on marine plastic litter and micro plastic.
- Inadequate scientific research on the effects and impact of marine plastic litter and microplastic on environment, economy and Humans at National and regional levels
- Inadequate proper waste disposal system to prevent land based pollution contributing to Marine Plastic Litter and Microplastics in some countries and Regions.

- Ignorance of global framework, laws and regulations on combating marine litter and microplastics at National and Regional levels.
- low level of awareness of Businesses and Companies on the advantages of collaboration and partnership with relevant stakeholders to address issues on marine plastic litter and microplastics in creating other avenues of Market.
- Inadequate scientific information in the population about the negative effects and impacts of marine plastics litter and microplastics on the environment and human Health.

- Inadequate capacity of the interpretation and application of existing laws and regulations by relevant stakeholders to address issues on Marine Plastic Litter and microplastics generating to weak enforcement of existing laws and regulations.
- Development of a proper waste disposal system to prevent land based pollution contributing to Marine Plastic litter and micro plastic at national and regional levels
- Inadequate knowledge on integration and inclusive approaches and frameworks in combating marine plastic litter and microplastics particularly at national and regional levels.
- Insufficient technical, Material and financial resources to combating marine plastic litter and microplastics.

3. Views on potential national, regional and international response options and associated environmental, social and economic costs

- Development and implementation of Research and capacity building programmes to raise global awareness on the effects and impacts of marine plastic litter and microplastics on the environment, economy and humans at national, regional and international levels.
- Establishment Platforms and networks for exchange information and expertise on strategies to combat marine plastic litter and microplastics at national and regional levels.
- Promotion of regulatory framework and laws at the national and regional levels to discourage the single use of plastics as one of the way forward to combat marine plastic litter and microplastics.
- Reinforcement of Capacity Development to strengthening integrated and inclusive approaches of relevant stakeholders to combating marine plastic litter and microplastics at national, regional and international levels.
- Development of regional and international legally agreed binding measures which discourage and ban the production and use of microplastics and nanoplastics.
- Establishment of a global funding programme to facilitate the mobilization of technical and financial Resources to combat marine plastic litter and micro plastic at Regional and International level.

4. Views on the feasibility and effectiveness of different response options

ICENECDEV is working a recent project on combating marine plastic and micro plastic along the west coast of Cameroon .ICENECDEV look forward to providing the different response options at maturity and completion of the project.

5. Any other inputs

Our views reflect the situation in coastal communities along the West Coast of Cameroon- Bordering the Atlantic Ocean.