



Committee: United Nations
Development Programme (UNDP)
Topic: Swimming in the ocean..., no,
plastic! SDG's: 11,12 and 14
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Background

The United Nation Development Programme is functioning in about 170 countries which has as main objective to eradicate poverty and reduce inequalities and exclusion. This issue is a huge problem that we are currently suffering, social classes and stereotypes generate overpower between people creating inequality of powers therefore exclusion. This committee seeks to create alliances, leadership skills and institutional capacities between countries so that the world functions in a different way with greater equality.

The UNDP works for helping the countries to establish solutions for problems such as sustainable development, governance with democracy and natural disasters.

The solutions already established by the UNDP are:
“Keep people out of POVERTY. GOVERNANCE for peaceful, fair and inclusive societies, Crisis prevention and increased RESILIENCE, ENVIRONMENT: nature-based development solutions, Clean and affordable ENERGY, GENDER equality and women's empowerment” UNDP (2019).

The main topic that will be discussed in this committee will be about the plastic that is nowadays in the oceans, this is a very important issue that should be taken with great responsibility and seriousness since the planet is 71% water and 29% land.

According to National Geographic, "44% of all the plastic produced in history has been manufactured since 2000. China is the leading producer of plastics followed by Europe, North America and Asia (excluding China)."

Plastic in the oceans is a huge problem since we humans need the ocean for many of our basic needs and activities, such as the basis of economic activity that generates 2.5 billion dollars a year, 60% of The source of protein comes from the ocean, it is essential for climate regulation and among many more benefits that it has for the human being.

A data recovered by the UN (2019) says that 13 million tons of waste of this material reach the seas of the world, this is equivalent to throwing a full truck full of plastic per minute. It is not known exactly the amount of plastic in the oceans, but it is believed that it is between 5-50 billion plastic fragments without including what is at the bottom of the sea or beaches.

The Sustainable Development Goals It is a call to everyone to improve the world situation at any time, and has 17 essential goals that are:

1. No poverty
2. Zero hunger
3. Good health and well-being
4. Quality education
5. Gender equality
6. Clean water and sanitation
7. Affordable and clean energy
8. Decent work and economic growth

9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- 10.Reduces inequalities
- 11.Sustainable cities and communities**
- 12.Responsible consumption and production**
- 13.Climate action
- 14.Life below water**
- 15.Life on land
- 16.Peace, justice and strong institutions
- 17.Partnership for the goals.

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