



Changing Landscape for Plastics: International Policy Perspective

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Agenda

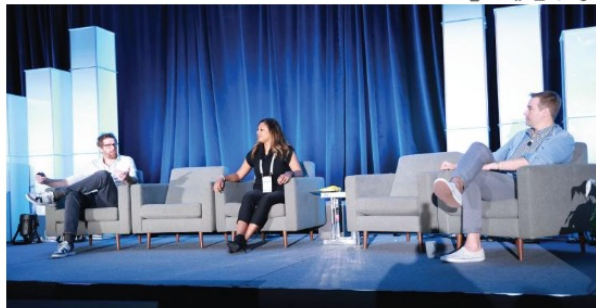


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SUSTAINABILITY TALKS

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The Global Plastics Treaty is a Go - Now What?



At WasteExpo, a popular Sustainability Talks session addressed a topic on many people's minds: "The Global Plastics Treaty is a Go - Now What?" The panel discussion featured Dave Ford, Co-Founder, Oceans Plastics Leadership Network; Erica Nunez, Program Officer, Plastics Initiative, The Ocean Foundation; and Ian Rosenberg, Founder & CEO, First Mile and Dav Owl.



PLASTIC POLICY SUMMIT

Domestic Solutions for a Global Problem



CONFERENCE

First Session of Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution

28 November - 2 December 2022
Punta del Este, Uruguay



UN Ocean Conference Lisbon, Portugal



Second Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution

INSIDER

Norway and Rwanda are leading a coalition working to eliminate plastic pollution. The US isn't a part — for now.

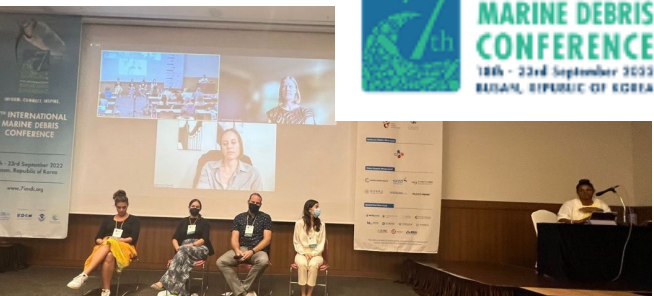
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Plastic in the world's oceans is projected to outweigh fish by 2050. Jay, Co/Getty Images

- Norway and Rwanda are leading a global effort to hold countries accountable for their plastic waste.
- The pair launched a group of 20 nations to push for more plastic production and more recycling.
- The effort comes after more than 100 countries have agreed to negotiate a plastic pollution treaty.

Erica Nuñez — who worked on international marine litter and microplastics issues at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration before joining The Ocean Foundation — told Insider that the US absence from the "high-ambition" coalition doesn't mean much right now, because the government often takes a while to finalize its positions.



7th INTERNATIONAL MARINE DEBRIS CONFERENCE
18th - 22nd September 2022
BISAL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA



FIFTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY



CONFERENCE

OEWG1: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution



Next Steps for the Plastic Pollution Treaty
HYBRID EVENT
APRIL 7 | 15:00-18:00 CET | The Graduate Institute - A2
15:00-15:40 CET | State of Play & Next Steps
15:50-16:50 CET | Voluntary Initiatives, Standards and Regulatory Measures
17:00-18:00 CET | Visions for a Systemic Response

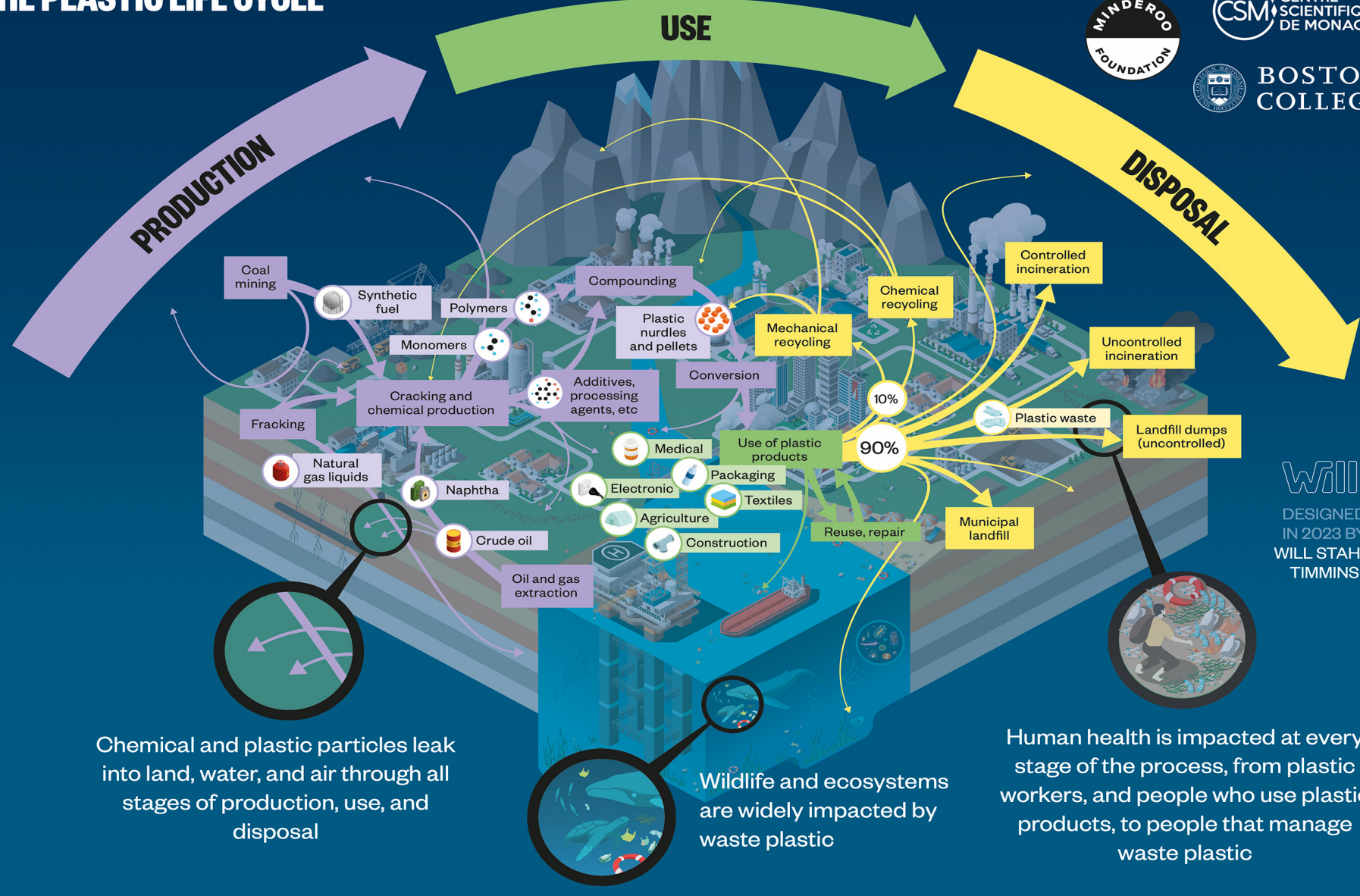
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THE PLASTIC LIFE CYCLE



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Chemical and plastic particles leak into land, water, and air through all stages of production, use, and disposal

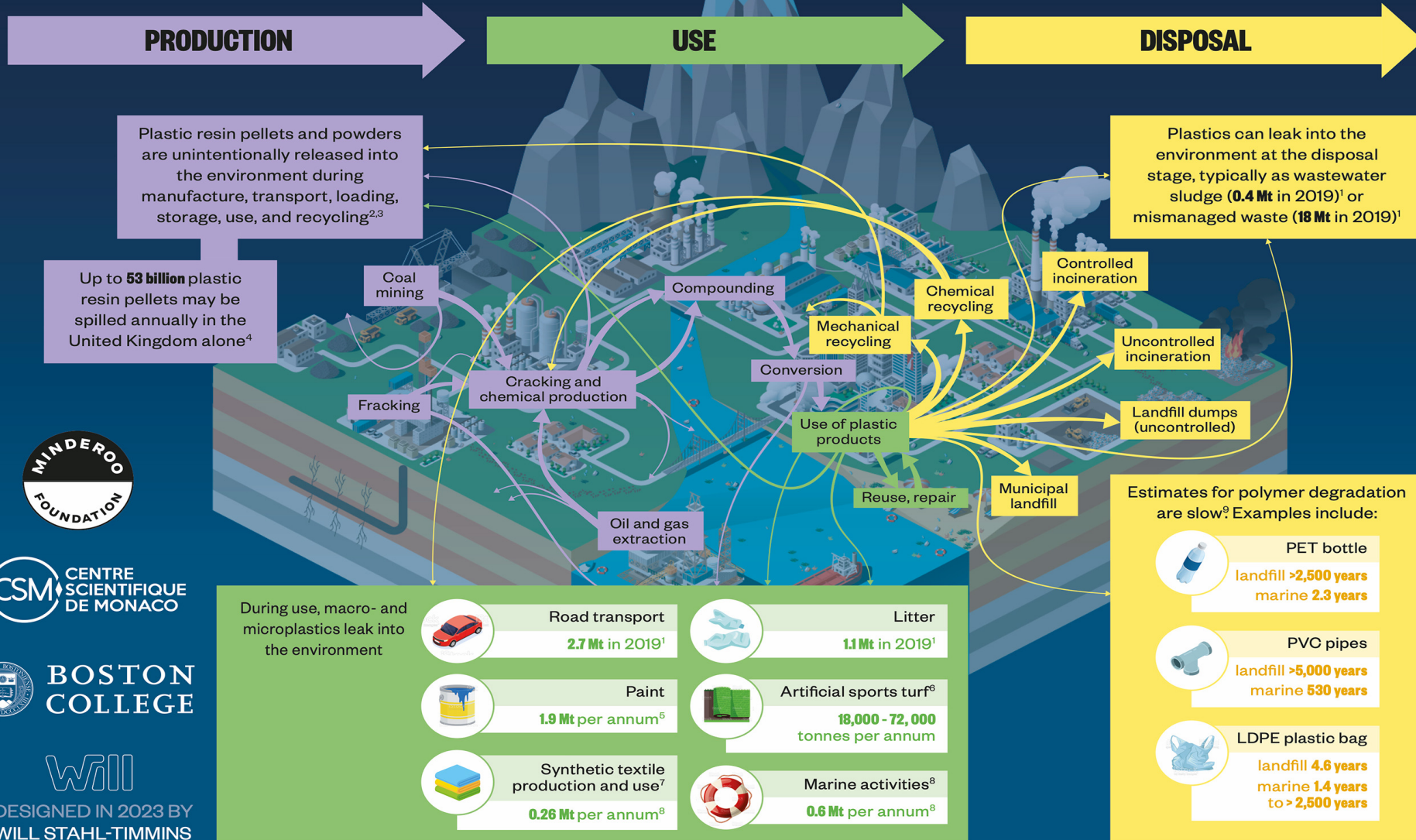
Wildlife and ecosystems are widely impacted by waste plastic

Human health is impacted at every stage of the process, from plastic workers, and people who use plastic products, to people that manage waste plastic

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PLASTIC LEAKAGE to the environment



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United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)

Evolving mandate on Marine Litter and Plastic Pollution

Scope of the debate has evolved:



Global “Plastics Treaty”

What's In The Mandate?

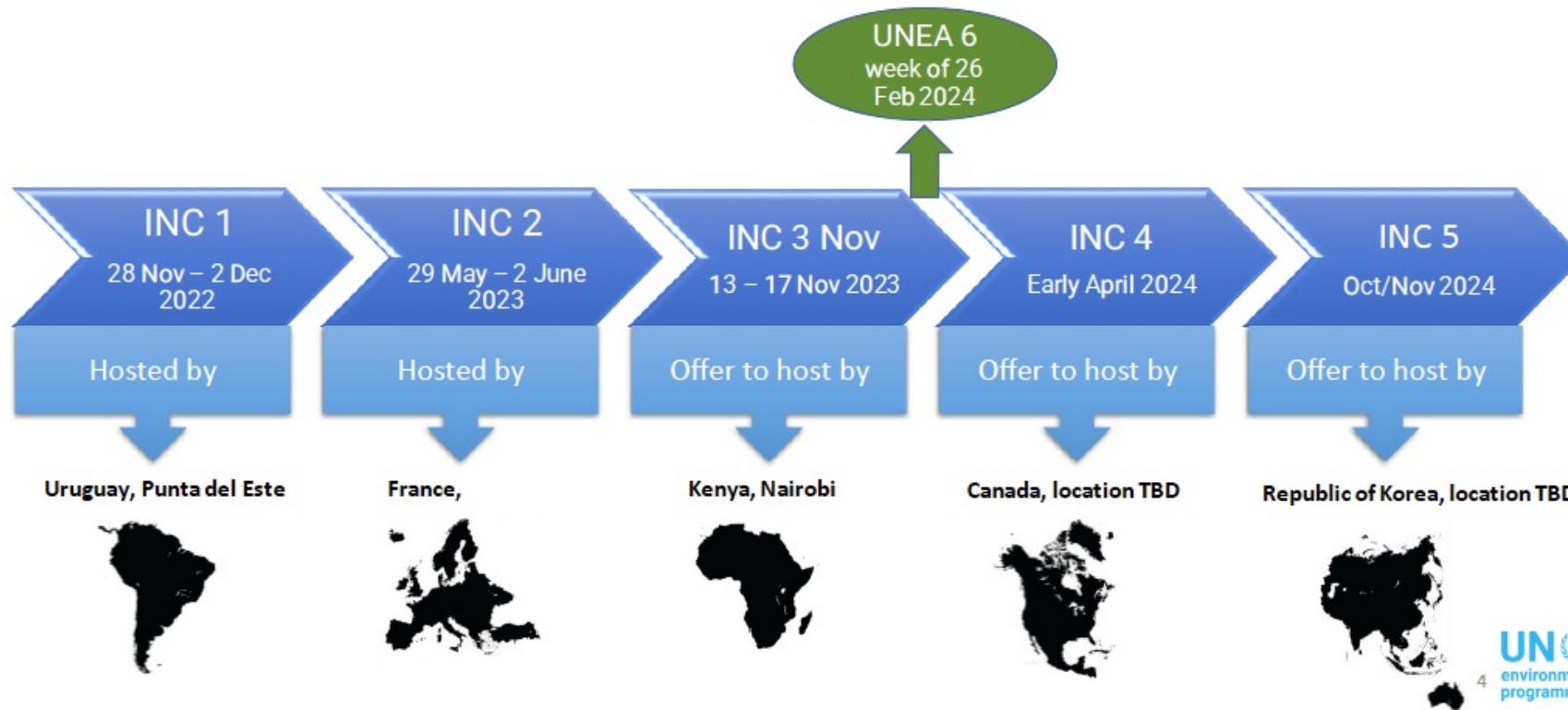
- Promote sustainable production and consumption;
- Develop national action plans;
- National reporting & compliance;
- Promote research & development of sustainable, innovative approaches;
- Best available science, traditional knowledge, knowledge of indigenous peoples & local knowledge systems
- Product and material design for reuse, remanufacture or recycling;
- Full life cycle approach



Image: UNEP

Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC)

Timeline for the INC process



INC2 Outcomes



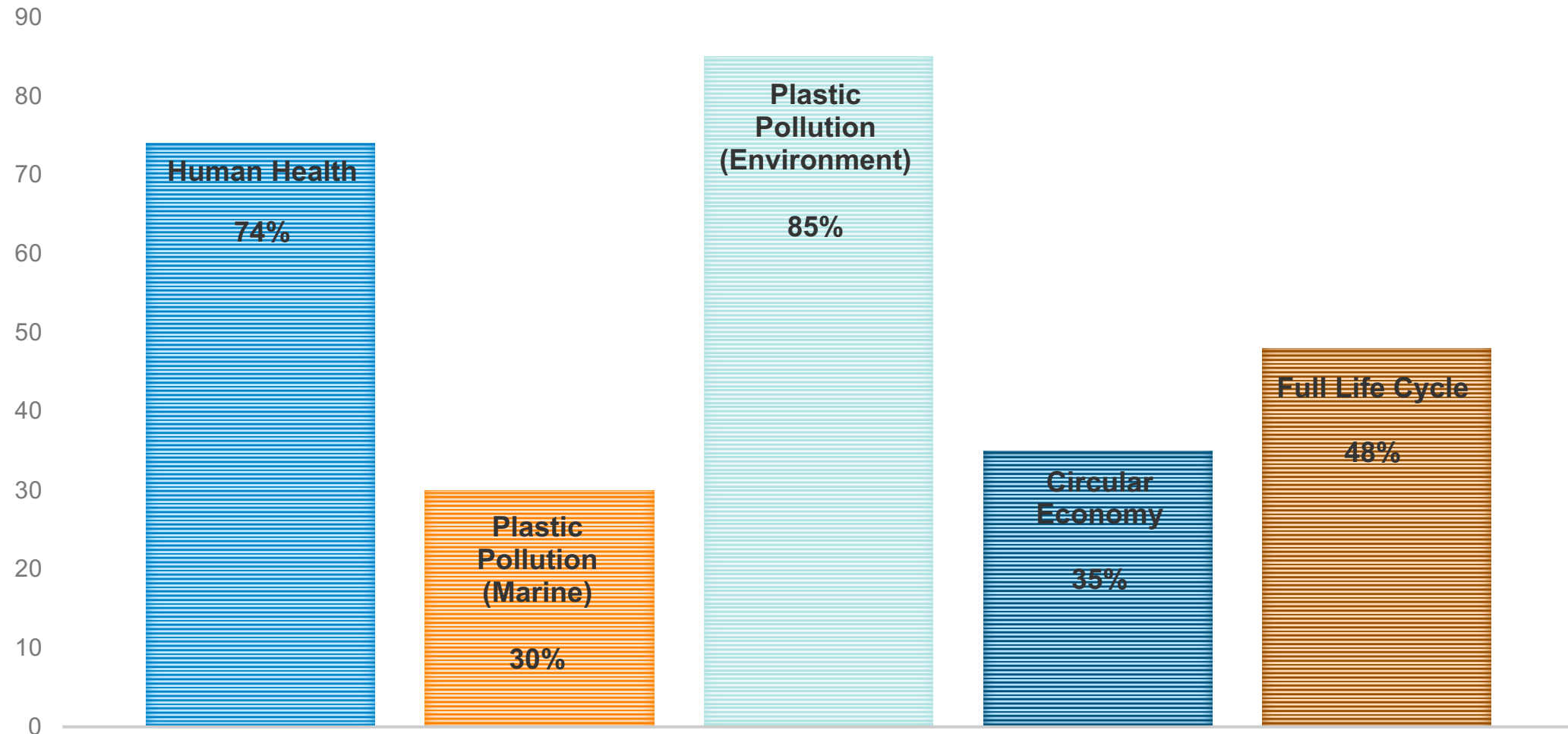
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UN delegates agree to produce draft treaty to end global plastic pollution

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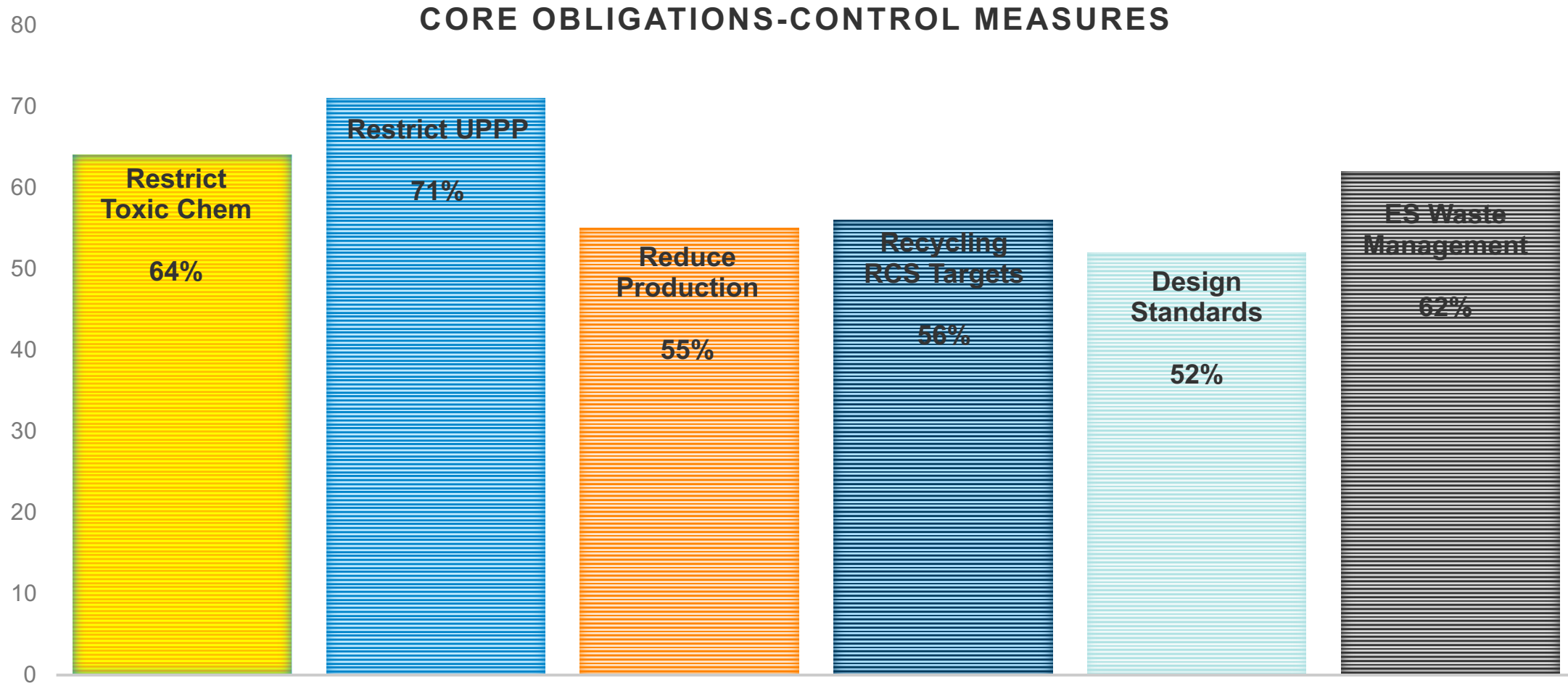
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OBJECTIVES



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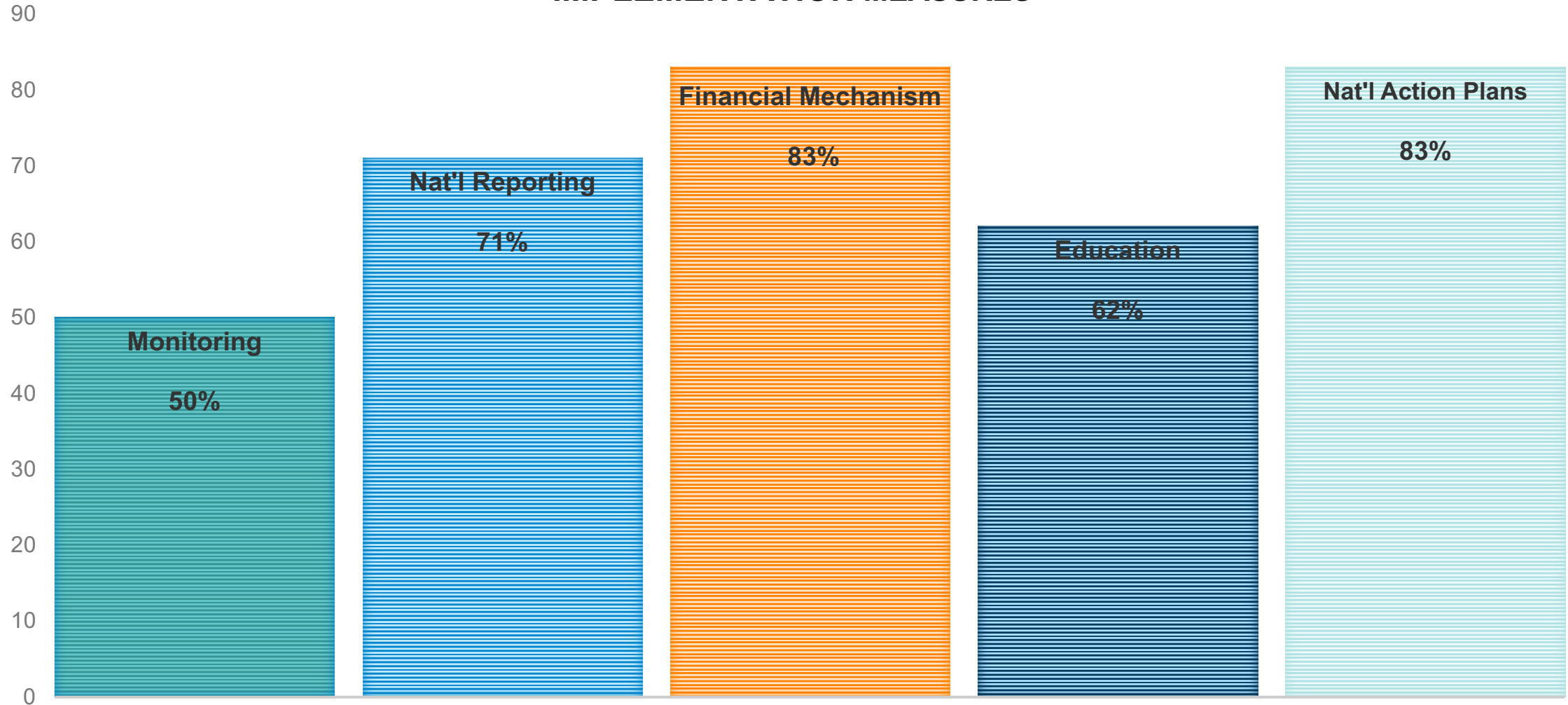
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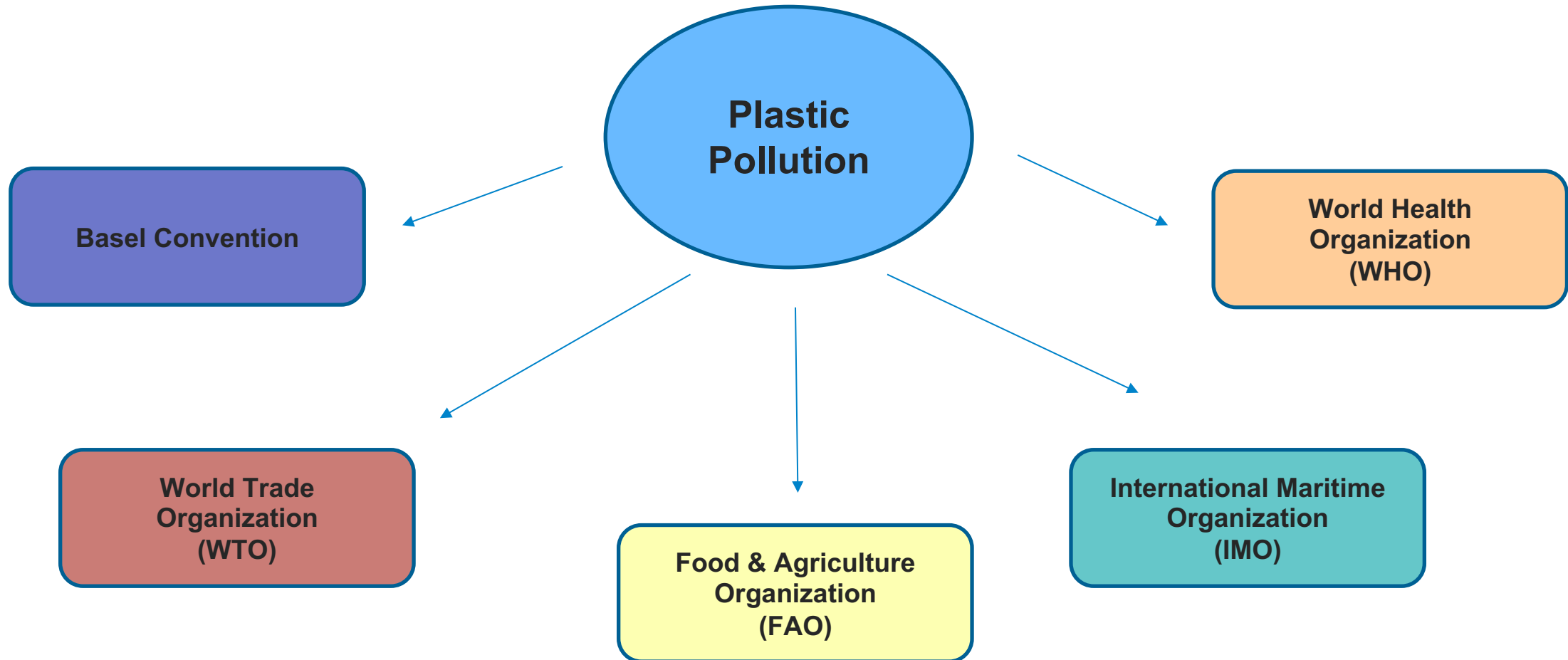
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IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES



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Expanding Policy Footprint





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