

Global Plastics Treaty

The world's plastic problem is more pervasive than we can fully grasp. Plastic is also polluting the very beginning of the human life cycle, in the womb. A source of hope is that Ottawa will host the fourth of five UN negotiations for a Global Plastics Treaty on [April 23-29](#). This is a monumental year for multilateralism to prevail in the fight against plastic pollution; the United Nations has committed to deliver a legally binding agreement by the end of 2024. The intent is to catalyze global action to transform the way we produce and dispose of plastics. The new global agreement on plastics will be the first global environmental treaty forged since the Paris Agreement.

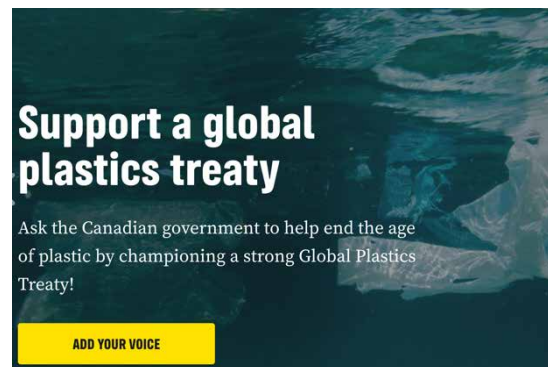
ACTION: In Canada, sign your support to this [GreenPeace petition](#).

Since the urgency of the climate crisis exceeds that of the COVID pandemic, can we make tough decisions to act?

Some suggestions:

Let's synchronize our energy to focus on the participants of the Global Plastics Treaty, praying for them throughout the week (at least), and taking time in our SSND online Friday Peace Prayer Room.

Cutting our use of plastics and fossil fuels is a steady challenge. Let us help each other to do without the softeners in clothes dryers, clear plastic-wraps, foods wrapped in plastics, water/milk/ juice/food plastic containers, hard plastic containers (e.g. for detergents). As much as possible: use public transportation instead of a car and hold meetings virtually instead of in-person.



Resource: "[Protect our Planet from Plastic Pollution: 5 Things to Know](#)"

Female workers sort out plastic bottles for recycling in a factory in Dhaka, Bangladesh. If plastic production stays on its current trajectory, by 2030, greenhouse gas emissions from plastic could reach 1.34 billion tons per year. Photo: Abir Abdullah/Climate Visuals