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# Inter Continental Think Tank- December 17,2023



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# Scope

- overview of what the UNEP does
- Personal account of my UNEP experience so far?
  - Events Zonta has attended
  - What Zonta can learn
  - How we can best work with the UNEP to achieve our mission?
  - What are our priorities?



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## United Nation Environment Programme – UNEP- Nairobi

- UN global authority on the environment
- Works with Govts, CSOs, Private sector and UN entities to address pressing environment challenges
- Drives transformational change on the triple planetary crises: a) Climate Change; b) Nature and Bio-diversity loss; and c)Pollution
- Provides evidence to inform policy decisions



# Zonta UNEP accreditation

- Process begun in April 2023 completed in June
- Z I having met certain standards of UN Environment programme stds
- Our cause of Gender-Equal climate Action Now
  - Attend regional meetings
  - Contribute to civil society statements
  - Receive UN working documents
  - Make written contributions to UN documents
  - Attend public meetings: UN committees, assemblies, global group meetings etc
  - make oral statements



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# Observer status

**STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, MEMBERS OF UNITED NATIONS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES\* AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION ORGANIZATIONS**

**OBSERVERS FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (IGOs) AND OTHER ENTITIES**

**OBSERVERS FROM UNITED NATIONS ENTITIES**

**OBSERVERS FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS**

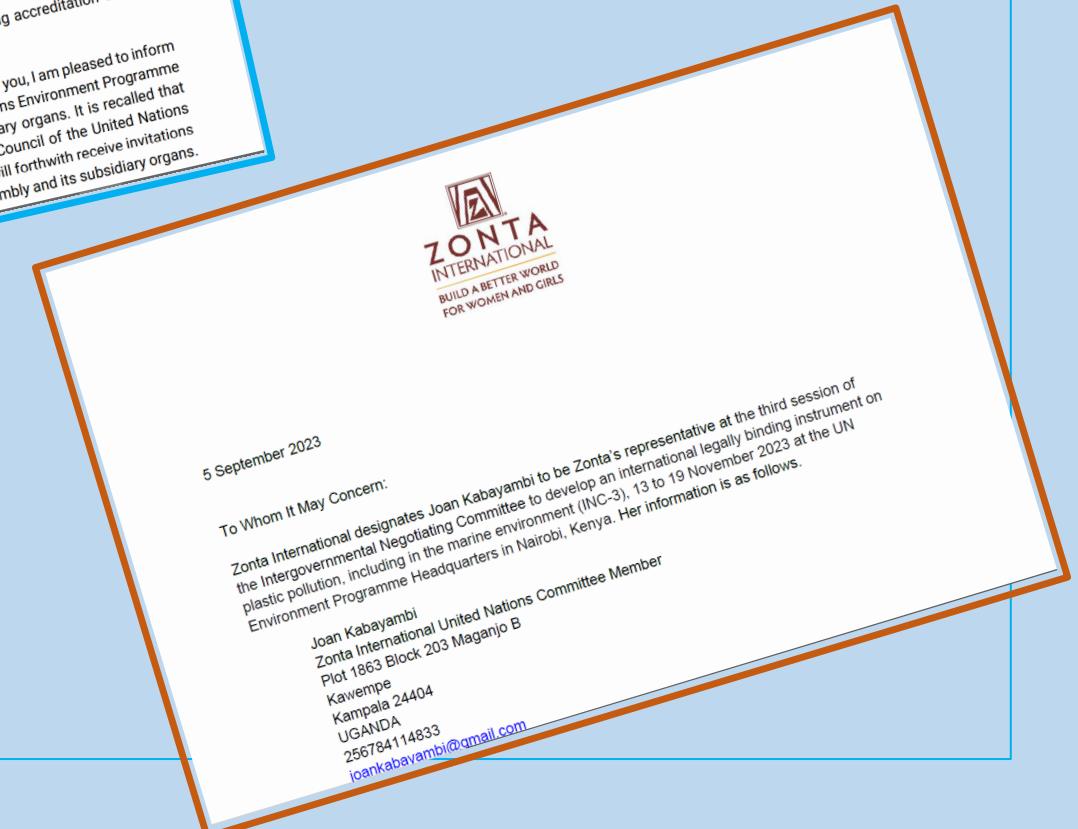


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# Events attended

- May 16, 2023 – first inter-governmental consultations on nature based solutions 1st global consultation
- Pre-INC3 webinars – August 22, 2023- October 17, 2023



# Events attended

- Inter Continental Think Tank-  
Joined July 2023 we were  
introduced at the July Think Tank  
meeting
- INC-3 , Nairobi Kenya 13-19  
November 2023



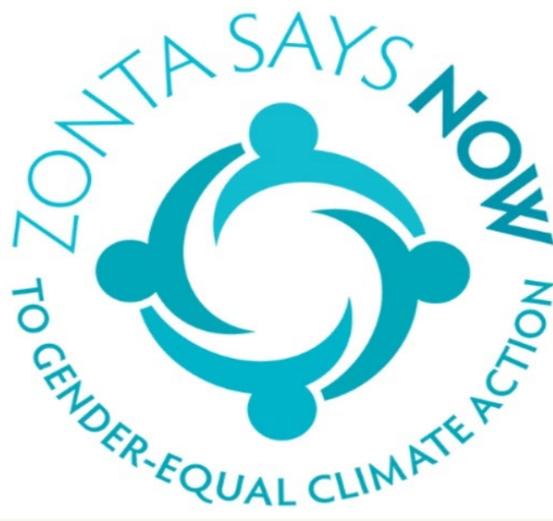
# INC

- INC-1- November 2022 in Punta del Est, Uruguay
- INC-2 – June 2023 in Paris, France
- INC-3 – November 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya



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# UNEP- INC-3 (Third session ) 13-19 Nov- Nairobi

- Intergovernmental Negotiations Committee
- Chair: Ambassador Gustavo Meza Cuadra, Executive Secretary: Ms. Jyoti Mathur-Filipp,
- 3rd Session on: Road to a Global Plastic Treaty





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# William Samoei Ruto, President of Kenya





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## UNEP- INC-3 (Third session ) 13-19 Nov- Nairobi

- Background to the Treaty?
  - UNEP @50 a resolution
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- High temperature
- Extreme weather events occurring faster and intense
- Most affected are not the ones who cause the problem.



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# Background to INC-3

- Fossil fuels (non-renewable energy sources (coal, crude oils, petroleum products, non renewable wastes) are great contributors of CC
- They are slow acting poisons in the veins of our planet and economies



# Background (cont,)

- We need healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems
- 80% of plastics end up in oceans and plastic production is projected to triple by 2060



# What can Zonta pick out of INC-3?

- Join other voices to support the Treaty
- No matter how much our water is filtered, it can never get back to its pure form, and this has a negative impact on health



# What can Zonta pick out of INC-3?

- Waste management: sort and separate plastics from other waste products
- Plastics destroy nature due to its harmful effects
- Plastic bags are the main cause of land pollution, they enter water bodies





# What UNEP can pick from Zonta

- Women and girls' needs are unique regarding the environment
- They have unique health and safety concerns
- Gender-based violence concerns



# What UNEP can pick from Zonta

- Gender related consequences of Climate Change
- Gender disaggregated CC actions
- Climate literacy for girls in school
- Women's full participation in the economy



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*Thank you for  
listening to me*

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TO GENDER-EQUAL CLIMATE ACTION