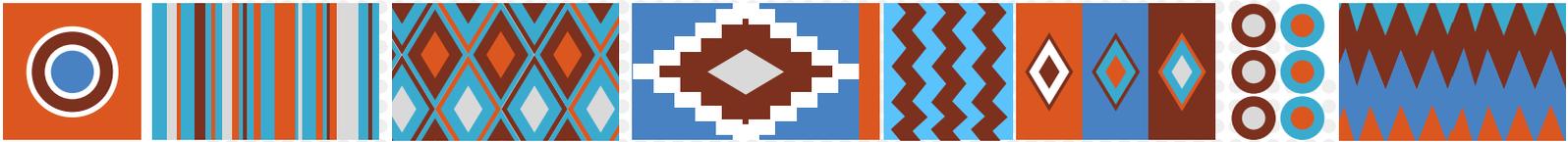




**AFRICAN
marine waste
NETWORK**
A programme of Sustainable Seas Trust

Towards Zero Plastics to the Seas of Africa

Second International Conference of the
African Marine Waste Network



Final Call for Abstracts:

The second International Conference of the African Marine Waste Network (AMWN) programme of Sustainable Seas Trust (SST), titled ***Towards Zero Plastics to the Seas of Africa***, will focus on the actions and interventions that need to take place at every step of the value chain to move Africa towards the vision of no plastics entering the environment and, ultimately, the seas.

The primary objective of the conference is producing a Guide to Developing National and Regional Action Plans, with a Decision-Making Framework for Management of Plastics in Africa, hereafter referred to as the Guidebook. The Guidebook will be a clear framework outlining the actions that must be taken locally within African countries, nationally and regionally, to combat plastic waste.

Abstract Proposal Submissions

In an inclusive approach to learn from the experiences of others, the AMWN invites the submission of abstracts which demonstrate the work, ideas and case studies that can help move Africa towards the vision of no plastics entering the environment and, ultimately, the seas.

The closing date for submission of abstracts is **Sunday 16th January 2022**.

Abstracts are being considered under the following themes:

1. Production and Consumption:

Unpacking how the flow of plastic waste into the environment, from the production, manufacture, point-of-sale and consumption of plastic, can be reduced.

2. Collection and Sorting:

Insights and interrogation of the prevention of leakage of plastic into the environment, specifically focussing on how plastic is collected post-consumer and sorted for further processing (formal vs. informal; municipal vs. private sector; requirements for necessary infrastructure and expansion thereof; etc.).

3. Recycling:

Unpacking the role of recycling products or materials (mechanical closed-loop recycling, mechanical open-loop recycling, and plastic-to-plastic chemical conversion systems that produce new packaging, products, or feedstock) in the management of plastic waste for Africa.

4. Disposal:

Exploring mechanisms for controlled disposal of plastic waste in ways that prevent leakage to the ocean, including but not limited to sanitary landfills (but not dumpsites), incineration, and plastic-to-fuel technologies.

5. Mismanaged Waste & Municipal Roles:

Mismanaged waste i.e. waste that is open burned, or either dumped directly into or leaked to land or waterways and the critical role of local authorities / municipalities in the prevention of leakage of plastic into the environment is highlighted through this theme.

6. Cross-cutting issues:

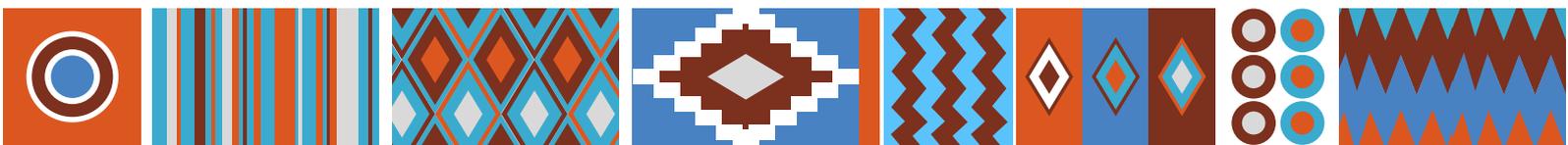
Here, we unpack topics that cut across and influence many sectors and stakeholder groups e.g. legislation and policy, including Extended Producer Responsibility, capacity building, consumer education and empowerment, data availability and collection methods, etc.

SST encourages paper presenters to reflect on the conference theme and address issues outlined in the theme descriptions above. Please carefully read the information and then click the button below to submit your abstract proposal via our dedicated online portal.

Click **here** to submit, then click “My Instructions” to get started.

Abstract Submission Rules:

- Abstract proposals, related to the above themes, must not exceed 350 words. You will be requested to provide the following:
 - Abstract title (15 words max).
 - Authors information (full name, affiliation, address, contact number and email address).
 - Brief introduction in which the specific problem to be solved is concisely described.
 - What is being done to solve the problem and how will it contribute to the achievement of the goal of zero plastics to the seas (any positive step in any discipline which leads to fewer plastics entering the environment or more plastics being cleaned from the environment would qualify).
 - Brief conclusion on how the work might contribute to action plans.
 - Keywords.
- Abstract proposals must be in English.
- Abstract proposals must not include references
- Abstract proposal must not include tables, graphs, or images.



- Abstract proposals must be made using the conference online submission system and not via email.
- Authors may only submit one abstract each.
- The deadline for abstract submissions is Sunday 16 January 2022.
- The organising committee will make the final decision on abstracts.
- Results of the abstract review will be sent to the primary author within two weeks of the abstract submission date (conditions apply if there is an emergency).

If your field of work is not covered by any of the abstract topics mentioned above, please contact SST to ascertain whether your work can be included. As the conference is a platform to share novel ideas, case studies, new breakthroughs, and ideas that can promote the drive to move towards zero plastics to the seas of Africa, you may find that your work is welcome.

For more information visit <http://conference.sst.org.za/>

