**Inception Workshop**

**“Addressing Marine Litter and Marine Plastics – A Systemic Approach in the Caspian Sea”**

**Venue: virtual online meeting,** organized by UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub / Istanbul, Turkey

**Date: 8 April 2025:** English/Russian

**Start time:   
8.00 Geneva / 9.00 Istanbul & Moscow / 9.30 Tehran / 10.00 Baku / 11.00 Astana & Ashgabat**

**Draft Agenda  
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The Inception Workshop aims to introduce the full-scale Caspian Marine Litter project in more details to the project stakeholders, relevant institutions and initiatives in the region. It will facilitate coordination of relevant activities and initiation of potential partnerships.   
Chaired by: UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub and UNEP Tehran Convention Secretariat

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|  | Opening of the online meeting / participants login 15 min before the start, to test audio-video |
| 15 min | **1. Opening of the meeting**   * Welcome from the UNDP Regional Bureau of Eurasia – Istanbul Regional Hub (IRH) / Opening remarks by UNEP TC Secretariat * Introduction of participants and agenda |
| 20 min | **2. General presentation of the project** (UNDP IRH)   * Project introduction / objectives, components, foreseen results * Implementation arrangements and cooperation with relevant institutions |
|  | **3. Planning project activities in detail** |
| 90 min | **Regional Components** (UNEP TSC)  Component 1: Collection and assessment of information and data relevant to the Caspian marine litter   * Planned activities / key project milestones / targets and indicators / potential partners (15 min) * Discussion, questions & strategic steer from the participants – 15 min   Component 2 Policy, Legal and Regulatory Reforms   * Planned activities / key project milestones / targets and indicators / potential partners – 15 min * Discussion, questions & strategic steer from the participants– 15 min   Component 6: Proactive Communication and Stakeholder Involvement   * Planned activities / key project milestones / targets and indicators / potential partners– 15 min * 20 min discussion, questions & strategic steer from the participants – 20 min |
| 30 min | Break |
| 90 min | **National Components** (UNDP IRH / Country Offices)  Component 3: Improving management of the plastic waste in the coastal regions  Component 4: Preliminary identification of investments in waste management through private sector engagement  Component 5: Empowering local communities and enterprises to improve waste management |
|  | Activities planned per country (UNDP COs / IRH)  Kazakhstan – Specific national considerations, Activities of Components 3-4-5, planned targets & results – 30 min, including discussion  Iran – Specific national considerations, Activities of Components 3-4-5, planned targets & results – 30 min, including discussion  Turkmenistan – Specific national considerations, Activities of Components 3-4-5, planned targets & results – 30 min, including discussion  Azerbaijan– Specific national considerations, Activities of Components 3-4-5, planned targets & results – 30 min, including discussion |
| 30 min | **Wrap-up and next steps**   * plans for the next 12 months * Statements from the countries and stakeholders if any * Discussions, AOB and Closing remarks |