

Idec participates in the UN conference about reduction on plastic pollution in the planet

The Conference will happen in the end of may and aims to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution

The Sustainable Consumption Program of Idec (Brazilian Institute of Consumer Protection) will participate at the second session of the <u>Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee</u> about the plastic pollution on the planet. The event will happen between May 29th and June 2nd at the Unesco headquarters in Paris, France.

The first session occurred at the end of last year in Punta Del Este, Uruguay. This will be the second session of negotiations, with the other three planned to take place in Kenia, Canada and South Korea until the end of 2024. The goal of the session is to establish a legally binding international treaty that defines concepts, deadlines and agreements to reduce and eliminate the use of plastics in the world.

The Sustainable Consumption Coordinator, Rafael Rioja Arantes, will represent the Institute in the event. "Themes and approaches will be discussed and negotiated by estate delegates, multilateral organizations and accredited organizations from around the world during the meeting. The main challenges are to promote a more sustainable relationship of production and consumption based on tackling problems that the use of plastic causes in the different ecosystems and to human health. And with the special focus on urgent measures that need to be adopted at the local, national, regional and worldwide levels", confirme.

Idec will compose a delegation with the lead by <u>Consumers International</u> which is accredited within the UN system to take positions, attend in person discussions, and make speeches during the negotiating process. The delegation is also composed by <u>Citizen Consumer and Civic Action Group</u> of India. In addition to the negotiations, the Session also has interspersed meetings, meetings between leaders and parallel events complementary to the official program. "Negotiation sessions are an important moment for interactions and debates, posing a great opportunity to articulate with different organizations and stakeholders so that the treaty results in binding commitments and ambitious guidelines. We will amplify that civil society organizations, grassroot movements, and waste pickers voices and recommendations shall be heard during negotiations, and participation during the implementation process", said Arantes.

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