



2022 United Nations Ocean Conference Side Event

[Seabed Cleaning: From Microplastics to Human Health]

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Background on the event (one paragraph)

Fondazione Angelo Vassallo Sindaco Pescatore and LILT (Lega Italiana Lotta contro i Tumori) are two Italian organizations that have come together to analyse the implication of plastics to human health. The desire was to show the dangerous effects that plastic have on the environment and Human. The event was subdivided into two macro areas: Human Health issues and Plastic recollection on Seabed. The two aspects were respectively discussed by Professor Francesco Schittulli (LILT's President) and Dott. Lorenzo Vassallo (Manager of the Seabed Cleaning Project).

Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)

- Plastic Pollution
- Plastic danger to human health
- The future implication of plastic pollution on Human
- Seabed Cleaning Project
- The result of seabed plastic recollection

Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)

- Develop effective methodologies to trace plastic in the food chain
- Invest in research
- Engage civil society in reducing plastic
- Developing new materials to substitute plastic

- Implement the Seabed Cleaning Project

Voluntary Commitments (one paragraph)

Fondazione Angelo Vassallo Sindaco Pescatore has committed to expanding its partnerships with the final aim of reducing plastic pollution at sea using the Seabed Cleaning Project. With this methodology, we expect to inform Students, Civil society, and Lawmakers regardless of their proximity to the sea. With the same project, we can reduce plastic entering the Ocean while recollecting plastic present on the seabed.

This will reduce microplastics entering the food chain while spreading awareness to civil society.