

Nairobi Convention Marine Litter TWG Evaluation

Criteria

Members should have experience and are active in

- Water quality assessment and management
- Marine litter (and or microplastics) research and interventions
- Policy issues related to marine litter

The Group should not only have gender and geographical balance but also between government, NGOs and research institutions

	Name (Gender/country/organization)	Qualifications	Relevant experience
1	Maria Perpétua J. Scarlet (Female / Mozambique / academic)	PhD thesis on Biomarkers for Assessing Benthic Pollution Impacts in a Subtropical Estuary, Mozambique	Marine biology, pollution, bioindicators & biomarkers. Supervising undergraduate student theses on impacts of marine litter No publication on marine litter
2	Margot Thibault (Female / Reunion / volunteer)	MSc - Marine Biology Tropical Ecosystems, coastal & Islands	MSc these on impacts of macroplastics on sea turtles and a publication in press on the same topic Coordinated a project in Madagascar/Reunion Lack of institutional support
3	Nadeem Nazurally (Male / Mauritius / student)	Still on PhD programme	Part of the team implementing a project on 'Assessing the bioremediation of the ecotoxicological impacts of micro- and nanoplastics in terrestrial and marine environments in the Mauritian Context'
4	Carlota Agostinho Luís Amoda (Female / Mozambique / Government research inst.)	Msc. Marine Biology and Fisheries Management	Focal point at IPP for the IUCN Project Marplasticcs - Marine Plastic and Coastal Communities
5	Refilwe P. Mofokeng (Female / South Africa / student)	MSc on Acute and chronic toxicity and environmental tolerances to the estuarine amphipod, <i>Melita zeylanica</i>	Working on Microplastics contamination and related toxicities PhD candidate at the University of KwaZulu-Natal
6	Aaniyah Omardien (Female / South Africa / NGO)	MSc	Publications on Understanding consumer plastic bag behavior and marine pollution
7	Amarein Judith Fourie (Female / South Africa / NGO)	MSc	Project leader on Surveying microplastic toxicity in the food web
8	Badrú Nordine Hagy (Male / Mozambique / Government research inst.)	MSc	Part of group working on the quantification of the litter present in the trawls of the Sofala Bank and Maputo Bay and the quantification of microplastics in the stomachs of some fish species of the Sofala Bank
9	Bahati Sosthenes Mayoma (Male / Tanzania / academic)	MSc theses on spatial distribution and	Coordinating research works on microplastics in Nile perch (<i>Lates niloticus</i>) and Nile tilapia

		characteristics of surface sampled microplastic debris in the Southwest Mediterranean Sea from Sicily (Italy) to Malaga (Spain)	(<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i>) in Lake Victoria and microplastic in cockles (<i>Anadara antiquata</i>) along Tanzanian coastline Few publications on the microplastics
10	Bernadette Snow (<i>Female / South Africa / academic</i>)	PhD	No experience in marine litter
11	Catherina J Schenck (<i>Female / South Africa / academic</i>)	Professor in the Department of Social Work	DST/NRF/CSIR Chair in Waste and Society at the University of the Western Cape South Africa Research interest on informality and how people make a living in the informal sector in particular day labourers and waste pickers Published widely on waste
12	Conrad Sparks (<i>Male / South Africa / academic</i>)	PhD	Coordinating 18 microplastics research projects in different parts of South Africa
13	Daniela Gadens Zanetti (<i>Female / Brazil / academic</i>)	MSc	Some research work on microplastics pollution in Brazil
14	David Glassom (<i>Male / South Africa / academic</i>)	PhD	Coordinating a number of research projects on impacts of microplastics. Has published in peer-reviewed journals on the topic
15	Edward Senkondo (<i>Male / Tanzania / student</i>)	PhD student	No experience in marine litter
16	Florence Jovinary Peter (<i>Male / Tanzania / student</i>)	MSc student	Participated in clean-up campaigns
17	Gomotsegang Fred Molelekwa (<i>Male / South Africa / academic</i>)	PhD	Coordinating projects on waste management and has published on the topic
18	Linda Godfrey (<i>Female / South Africa / Government research inst.</i>)	Professor	Manager: Waste Research Development and Innovation Published widely on the marine litter
19	Hindrik Bouwman (<i>Male / South Africa / academic</i>)	Professor	Coordinating research projects on impacts of marine litter/microplastics on aquatic environment in South Africa and some parts of the region Published widely on the topic
20	Holly Astrid Nel (<i>Female / UK / academic</i>)	Senior Lecturer at the University of Birmingham	Coordinating research projects on impacts of marine litter/microplastics on aquatic environment in South Africa Has published some papers on the topic Worked in South Africa, now based outside the region
21	Jerry Geoffrey Mang'ena (<i>Male / Tanzania / student</i>)	MSc student	Participated in some research work on impacts of microplastics on aquatic environment
22	Kolawole M. Akinoshun (<i>Male / South Africa /</i>	PhD candidate	Participated in some research projects on marine litter/microplastics in South Africa

	<i>student)</i>		
23	Lydia Gaspare Kanyairita (Female / Tanzania / academic)	PhD	Co-investigator in project titled "Plastic Debris in the marine environment along the coast of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: Impediments to change and proposed remedial measures"
24	Maya Carina Pfaff (Female / South Africa / Government/academic)	PhD	Coordinating research projects on impacts of marine litter/microplastics on aquatic environment in South Africa Supervises some students working on the topics
25	Moses J Shimba (Male / Tanzania / student)	Lecturer at the University of Dodoma	Some research works on impacts of marine litter/microplastics on aquatic environment in Tanzania
26	Oladimeji A. Iwalaye (Male / South Africa / student)	PhD thesis on The Effects of increasing temperature and microplastic concentrations on the rate of microplastic ingestion and retention in selected filter and deposit feeding marine invertebrates	
27	Pavane Annasawmy (Male / Mauritius / student)	PhD student	No relevant experience
28	Stefan R. Knights (Male / Seychelles / Government)	Attorney-at-Law, Legislative Counsel	Wide experience on a range of legal issues relating to microplastic control and marine litter
29	A. J. Ribbink (Male / South Africa / NGO/academic)	Professor	Founder of African Marine Waste Network
30	Eric Ochieng Okuku (Male / Kenya / academic)	Senior Research Scientist specializing on ocean acidification, marine litter, plankton studies, Marine pollution, biogeochemistry, radioisotopes, marine biotoxins, carbon chemistry.	Project leader for the WIOMSA marine litter monitoring programme in Kenya
31	Zara Pardiwalla (Female / Seychelles / NGO)	Master of Environmental Law specializing on toxics, waste and contamination law, environmental compliance and enforcement	Extensive knowledge of Seychelles solid waste management laws, policies and international commitments & Project leader for the WIOMSA marine litter monitoring programme in Seychelles
32	Daniel Abel Shilla (Male / Tanzania / academic)	PhD with research interest in biogeochemistry, environmental geochemistry, organic geochemistry,	Project leader for the MASMA-funded research project on 'Assessment of the Ecological Aspects of Microplastic Pollution in Dar Es Salaam, Zanzibar and Mombasa Coastal Marine

		radionuclides, fate of heavy metals in aquatic environments & ecotoxicology	Environments (MICROMARINE)'
33	Sushma Mattan-Moorgawa (Female / Mauritius / academic)	PhD in Coral Reef Ecology and Physiology	Project leader for the WIOMSA marine litter monitoring programme
34	Lorien Pichegru (Female / South Africa / academic/NGO)	PhD	Member of the advisory panel of the African Marine Waste Network

Group A (Those who have been working on marine litter/microplastics for many years)

- i) Catherina J Schenck
- ii) David Glassom
- iii) Linda Godfrey
- iv) Hindrik Bouwman
- v) Stefan R. Knights

Group B (Started working on marine litter/microplastics only recently)

- i) Maria Perpétua J. Scarlet
- ii) Margot Thibault
- iii) Carlota Agostinho Luís Amoda
- iv) Aaniyah Omardien
- v) Amarein Judith Fourie
- vi) Badrú Nordine Hagy
- vii) Bahati Sosthenes Mayoma
- viii) Conrad Sparks
- ix) Gomotsegang Fred Molelekwa
- x) Lydia Gaspere Kanyairita
- xi) Maya Carina Pfaff
- xii) Eric Ochieng Okuku
- xiii) Daniel Abel Shilla
- xiv) Sushma Mattan-Moorgawa
- xv) Lorien Pichegru
- xvi) Zara Pardiwalla

Group C (Those who are either students or not currently based in the region or not having relevant experience)

- i) Nadeem Nazurally
- ii) Refilwe P. Mofokeng
- iii) Bernadette Snow
- iv) Daniela Gadens Zanetti
- v) Edward Senkondo
- vi) Florence Jovinary Peter
- vii) Holly Astrid Nel
- viii) Jerry Geoffrey Mang'ena
- ix) Kolawole M. Akinoshun

- x) Oladimeji A. Iwalaye
- xi) Pavanee Annasawmy

Special members

Representing key regional institutions with marine litter/microplastics projects

- i) African Marine Waste Network – A.J Ribbink
- ii) Indian Ocean Commission
- iii) IUCN - Marine Plastics and Coastal Communities – MARPLASTICCs – Peter Manyara
- iv) UNEP/GPA

Final List of Invited Members and Observers

	Name	Country
1	Peter Ryan	South Africa
2	Catherina J Schenck	South Africa
3	Maria Perpétua J. Scarlet	Mozambique
4	Stefan R. Knights	Seychelles
5	Linda Godfrey	South Africa
6	Lydia Gaspare Kanyairita	Tanzania
7	Eric Ochieng Okuku	Kenya
8	Zara Pardiwalla	Seychelles
9	Margot Thibault	Reunion
	OBSERVERS	
1	Anthony Ribbink	African Marine Waste Network
2		IUCN
3		Indian Ocean Commission
4	Heidi Savelli-Soderberg	UNEP/GPA