



**Innovation. Collaboration. Action.**

The **Sixth International Marine Debris Conference (6IMDC)** will bring together more than 700 participants from over 50 countries around the world, including decision makers, resource managers, waste management representatives, scientists, industry, academia, and more. With attendees traveling from around the globe, the 6IMDC will facilitate connections and transcend geographic boundaries, bringing together the marine debris community to share lessons and best practices, promoting international co-learning, and exchange innovative ideas. This conference aims to celebrate and encourage further global innovation, collaboration, and action around this far-reaching topic.

### Conference Fast Facts

- 74 technical sessions
- 400+ oral presentations
- 170+ posters
- 730 Attendees

### Technical Topics

- Monitoring & Citizen Science
- Research & Microplastics/Microfibers
- Prevention
- Private Sector Collaboration, Technology & Innovation
- Education & Communication
- Implementing Effective Law, Regulations & Policy
- Removal
- Single-Use Products Policies, Regulations & Laws
- Derelict Fishing Gear
- Innovative Case Studies from Around the World

### Keynote and Plenaries

#### Opening Plenary

- Sir David Attenborough (Video Message)
- Keynote Speaker: Afroz Shah, Environmental Organizer | Mumbai, India
- International Leadership Panel

#### Wednesday Plenary

- Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (Video Message)
- Youth Speaker: Melati Wijsen | Bye Bye Plastic Bags
- State of the Science Panel

#### Closing Plenary

- Panel on a Multi-Sector Perspective: Next Steps in Combating Marine Debris

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