

Governance - Aim high

Eliminate unnecessary, avoidable and problematic plastics

Regulate production (e.g. mandated % recycled material)

Regulate labelling: Label all plastic chemicals known to harm human health in the same manner as alcohol and tobacco

Incentivise responsible product design

Extended Producer Responsibility Schemes and Product Stewardship: provide financial incentives to drive bio- and eco- benign product design

Taxes and penalties (e.g. R&D tax credits, tax on virgin resin etc.)

Eco-levies are highly effective particularly where these are fed into Environmental Funds Subsidies (e.g. extended life / recycled products)

Source: UNEP 2021

Design - for a longer life

Fewer raw materials and greater use of recyclates

Fewer resin types

Non toxic additives

Use of bio-materials

Easy to recycle and repurpose

Durable

Reuse and refill

Traceability

Low carbon emissions

Labelling - *Combine technology and simplicity*

Clear labelling for all users

Include information linking to advanced national sorting systems

Products contain intentionally added micro-/nanoplastics Recycled content (types of plastic, additives)

Durability (is product modular or repairable and can components be easily replaced)

Recyclability

Traceability (origin, transport miles)

Freedom of information: List ALL product constituents

Education - Be smart

Awareness raising campaigns (e.g. municipal,

NGOs, schools)

Vocational training of stakeholders (e.g. product

designers, manufactures, etc.)

Clear direction to lead industry innovation

Ask "where does it go?" for every product bought and packaging thrown away