

Inception Meeting on Implementing a Pilot Project on Transforming Waste Practices in Nakhon Si Thammarat

Background

Nakhon Si Thammarat Province faces a significant plastic waste challenge, generating 9,000 tonnes of plastic waste annually with most of it ending up in landfills or polluting the environment due to inefficient waste management.

Following the City Action Plan on Plastic Waste Management developed with support from the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), this initiative seeks to implement a pilot project focused on reducing single-use plastics through targeted interventions in selected schools, businesses, and local markets to promote sustainable practices and encouraging behavioural change in the city.

This initiative addresses pressing plastic waste challenges within the city through targeted interventions in schools, businesses (hotels), and local markets, aligning with the City Action Plan on Plastic Waste Management developed by the city with technical support of ESCAP and IGES. The Inception Meeting will provide a platform to discuss the project's objectives, planned activities, and expected outcomes. It will also foster active participation from key stakeholders, including city departments, local authorities, businesses, and community members. Your participation is crucial in steering collaborative efforts toward sustainable waste management solutions.

Objectives:

- Reducing plastic waste in **schools** by conducting campaigns to raise awareness and encouraging waste reduction practices for food carts around selected schools.
- Encouraging **businesses** to adopt sustainable practices by supporting and motivating them to obtain green certificates in line with the city action plan for waste reduction.
- Reducing packaging in **local markets** by launching awareness campaigns and collaborating with the local government to encourage compliance among sellers through voluntary agreements supported by clear incentives and monitoring mechanisms.

Meeting Details

Date: 21 March 2025

Time: 09:00 – 12:00

Venue: Nakhon Si Thammarat City Municipality Office

Tentative Agenda

Time	Activity	
9:00 – 9:15	Self-Introduction by the participants	All Participants
9:15 – 9:20	Welcoming remarks	Mayor of NST
9:20 – 9:35	NST waste management situation	Vice Mayor of NST
9:35 – 9:50	Introduction to the Pilot Project on Transforming Waste Practices in Nakhon Si Thammarat: A Focus on Single Use Plastic Reduction	Presentation by IGES
9:50 – 10:45	Discussions and inputs from the participants to the project implementation	Facilitate by IGES
10:45 – 11:00	Coordinate with other on-going projects - ESCAP-GIZ New Project Initiatives in NST	Presentation by ESCAP
11:00 – 11:50	Discussions on the project coordination, implementation, monitoring	Facilitate by IGES
11:50 – 12:00	Conclusion and next step	IGES and Mayor of NST