

## Technical Assistance and Technology Transfer Under Article 12

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1. Each Party shall cooperate to facilitate the provision, access, and exchange of technical assistance and environmentally sound technologies for the effective implementation of this Convention. Particular priority shall be given to developing country Parties, Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and Parties with limited institutional or financial capacity, with special consideration for Indigenous Peoples and underserved or pollution-burdened communities.

*1 bis (Alt):*

In providing technical assistance, Parties shall ensure that support reaches those most affected by plastic pollution across the lifecycle, including but not limited to: waste pickers, coastal communities, artisanal fishers, and frontline defenders of ocean and human health. Parties shall avoid reinforcing outdated or unjust categorizations of responsibility, and instead apply a principle of “equity in capacity, equity in burden,” reflecting historic emissions, present capacity, and social vulnerability.

2. Developed country Parties shall provide, and other Parties in a position to do so may provide, technical assistance and facilitate access to and transfer of technologies that are:
  - (a) Affordable, socially and environmentally appropriate, and locally adaptable;
  - (b) Free of proprietary or intellectual property barriers where such restrictions hinder urgent environmental action;
  - (c) Designed to avoid false solutions, including incineration, chemical recycling, plastic-to-fuel technologies, and harmful end-of-pipe fixes.
3. The Conference of the Parties shall adopt a set of technology transfer principles, including:
  - Recognition of Indigenous technologies and local circular systems;
  - Transparency and participatory decision-making on technology suitability;
  - Ban on transfers of technologies proven to cause harm or violate human rights.

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*3 bis (Option):*

The COP shall also establish a Social and Ocean Justice Technology Panel to vet, approve, and recommend technologies and practices for transfer, based on science, community testimony, and sustainability criteria. This Panel shall include civil society, Indigenous, and SIDS representation with equal voting power.

4. The Secretariat shall maintain a Technology Access Platform to match requests and offers of technical assistance, and to track implementation outcomes.