

Circular economy solutions to address plastic pollution

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Co-organizers

Ministry of Environment of Japan, Ministry of Environment of Rwanda, UNIDO, UNEP.

About the event

Nearly 80% of marine plastic pollution originates from land-based activities. In 2019, 130 million metric tons of single-use plastic products were thrown away, of which 35% were burned, 31% buried in sanitary landfills, and 19% dumped directly on land or into the ocean as pollution¹. Circular economy solutions implemented along single-use plastic value chains have a great potential to address this global challenge. Panellists representing policymakers, the private sector and informal waste pickers will share their experiences with circular economy solutions, successful partnerships, collaboration, and policy coordination. The side event will demonstrate how holistic solutions such as circular approaches can contribute to achieving SDGs 14, 5, 8, 9, 12 and 17. The interactive panel discussion will be open to the public.

Agenda

13:00 – 13:05	<u>Log-in and access of participants</u>
13:05 – 13:10	<u>Welcome and housekeeping</u> Moderator: Stephan Sicars , Officer-in-Charge, Directorate of Environment and Energy, UNIDO
13:10 – 13:20	<u>Opening remarks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tsuyoshi Michael Yamaguchi, Minister of Environment, Japan • Gerd Müller, Director General, UNIDO
13:20 – 13:55	<u>Part 1: Speakers' presentations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beatrice Cyiza, Director General of Environment and Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Rwanda • Tomás Saieg Páez, Head of Circular Economy, Ministry of Environment, Chile • Oliver Boachie, Senior Advisor to Minister, MESTI, Ghana • Mamoru Kadokura, Member of the Board and CTO, Kaneka Corporation, Japan • Eva Mokoena and Luyanda Hlatshwayo, African Reclaimers Organisation, South Africa
13:55 – 14:25	<u>Part 2: Panel discussion</u> Questions from panellists, the moderator and the public will be discussed
14:25 – 14:30	<u>Concluding remarks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP

Please register your attendance at: https://unido.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QrQuf8StTjs91Ah6a6LTIA

¹ Pew Charitable Trusts and SYSTEMIQ 2020, Breaking the Plastic Wave, p.25.