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The Role of Circular Economy in the Transition "Towards a Pollution-Free Planet"

UNEA3 Side-event on circular economy

Tuesday 05 December, 2017

13:15 – 14:45, UNON Conference Room 1, Nairobi, Kenya

This event will set the frame for global action on sustainable consumption and production, exploring how a circular economy can address resource constraints and generate economic opportunities for a pollution free world.

Welcome and scene setting

Karmenu Vella, Commissioner, Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries,
European Commission

Erik Solheim, Executive Director, UN Environment

Li Ganjie, Minister of Environmental Protection, People's Republic of China

Panel discussion

Moderator: **Janez Potočnik**, Co-chair, International Resource Panel

Introductory remarks by the moderator followed by interventions from the panel in response to questions from the moderator.

Panellists: **Edna Molewa**, Minister of Environmental Affairs, Republic of South Africa

Marcelo Mena Carrasco, Minister of the Environment, Chile

Lorna Rutto, CEO and Founder, Ecopost, Kenya

Harry Verhaar, Head of Public and Government Affairs, Philips, Netherlands

Jocelyn Bleriot, Executive Officer, Ellen MacArthur Foundation

Open discussion with interventions from the floor.

Closing address

Siim Kiisler, Minister of Environment, Republic of Estonia

Note: a light lunch for participants will be served outside the conference room