





Speaker Biographies (in order of appearance)

Name	Organisation & title	Short bio speakers Reuse Solutions: Beat the Plastic Pollution Side Event UNEA 5.2, 28 February 2022 18:15-19:45 EAT
Marco Lambertini	Director General, WWF	Marco Lambertini is Director General of WWF International, having first worked with WWF as a youth volunteer in his native Italy. As the head of the largest and most respected nature conservation organization, he works with world leaders, corporate executives and civil society to forge a future in which people and nature thrive. He sits on the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (CCICED) chaired by the Ministry of Environment, is a member of the UN Global Compact Board, is an international ambassador of the Food and Land Use Coalition (FOLU), a founding member of the Nature Action Agenda and Friends of Ocean Action of the World Economic Forum (WEF), Business for Nature Coalition (BfN), the Global Commons Alliance, is co-Focal Point for UN DESA's Community of Ocean Action on Marine and Coastal Ecosystems, and a Strategic Advisory Board Member of the CEMS Global Alliance of leading business schools. He leads a global Network with nearly 60 years of environmental conservation successes, five million supporters, 35 million followers on social media and activities in over 100 countries, running around 3,000 local projects per year as well as global initiatives like Earth Hour engaging millions and reaching billions of people annually. Prior to joining WWF, he served as Chief Executive of BirdLife International where he coordinated a global partnership of over 120 civil society organizations based in countries and territories in all continents. Marco's experience and career ranges from ecological field research to international policy, nature reserve management, integrated conservation and development projects, environmental education, NGO development communications and campaigning, in many countries all over the world.
Lauren Phipps	Vice President & Senior Analyst, Circular Economy, Greenbiz Group	Lauren Phipps works to accelerate the transition from a linear to a circular economy. She is the Vice President and Senior Analyst on the circular economy at GreenBiz Group, where she leads the company's circularity strategy, programs, and partnerships. Lauren's team connects stakeholders and solutions from across the value chain to cultivate a community of practice, in which professionals are empowered to transform products, organizations, industries, and systems. Lauren leads the Circularity conference, the largest circular economy event in North America, which she launched in 2019. She writes Circularity Weekly, an industry-leading newsletter respected for its skeptical yet solutions-oriented voice and systems-thinking lens.
Børge Brende	President, World Economic Forum	Børge Brende is the President of the World Economic Forum and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway (2013-2017). Before becoming FM he was a managing director at the World Economic Forum in Geneva. From 2009-2011 Mr Brende was Secretary General of Red Cross Norway, as well as Cabinet Minister of the Environment (2001-2004) and a Cabinet Minister of Trade and Industry (2004-05). Mr Brende was Chairman of the UN Commission of Sustainable Development (2003-04). He has been the Chairman of Mesta. He was also a member of the board of Statoil. Brende was a Member of the Norwegian Parliament (1997-2007). Since 2005, Brende was International Vice-Chairman of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development (an advisory board to the State Council). He was also the deputy chairman of the Conservative party from 1994-98. Brende has also been the chairperson of the International Network of Political Leaders Promoting Democracy in Burma - and a Member of the Board of Aid to Afghanistan. Member of the Steering Committee Bilderberg Meetings.







Tom Szaky	Founder and	Tom Szaky is founder and CEO of TerraCycle, a global leader in the collection and
	CEO, TerraCycle/ Loop	repurposing of complex waste streams. TerraCycle operates in 21 countries, working with some of the world's largest brands, retailers and manufacturers to create national platforms to recycle products and packaging that otherwise go to landfill or incineration. It also created a new circular reuse platform called Loop that enables consumers to purchase products in reusable packaging. Tom and TerraCycle have received hundreds of awards and recognition from organizations including the United Nations, World Economic Forum, Fortune Magazine and U.S. Chamber of Commerce.
Tiza Mafira	Executive Director, Plastic Bag Diet Movement Indonesia	Tiza Mafira is a law and public policy expert specializing in environmental law, waste management, and climate change policy. She holds a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Laws from Universitas Indonesia. Since 2013, she is co-founder and Executive Director of the Indonesia Plastic Bag Diet Movement (Gerakan Indonesia Diet Kantong Plastik), which works with governments and communities to push for less use of plastic bags in Indonesia through regulation and awareness. Her work has proliferated plastic bag bans in 50+ cities across Indonesia, incl. Jakarta and Bali. She is part of the Public-Private Partnership to Reduce, Reuse, Replace Single-Use Packaging (PR3), a global organization focusing on designing standards allowing reuse solutions to transform from small, disconnected ventures into massive, infrastructure wide systems. She holds a series of awards and leads Climate Policy Initiative Indonesia, a non-profit think tank and advisory organization focused on public policy related to land use and energy transitions. Prior she worked six years as a corporate attorney in Jakarta-based lawfirm, Makarim & Taira S., where she specialized in natural resources and forestry law. She also worked at McKinsey & Co., the Boston-based environmental group CERES, the Office of the Special Staff of the President for Intern Affairs during President Yudhoyono's first term.
Kirils Jegorovs	Co-founder, Circolution	A poet entrepreneur originally from Riga, Kirils (or simply KJ) has lived and worked in Germany and the United States for the past two decades. He learned the ropes of business and innovation at Harvard Business School as well as leading European retailers and food producers. Disappointed with corporate innovation, KJ was happy to discover how the circular economy provides a strong blueprint for solving some of the world's biggest challenges. After helping a Berlin startup make their product circular, he co-founded circolution which builds the pool system of reusable packaging scalable to all food segments - starting in Germany.
Joshua Amponsem	Founder, Green Africa Youth Organization	Joshua is a climate activist who focuses on the role of youth in climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, and resilience building. He is an author, researcher and entrepreneur in the field of climate change and community development. In 2021, he was appointed as a Plastic Action Champion by the Global Plastic Action Partnership. He has over 5 years' experience in supporting public and private institutions such as the Office of the UN Secretary General's Envoy on Youth, IRENA, Global Center on Adaptation on youth engagement and climate action.
Kirsten Barnes	Project Lead, South African Plastics Pact	Kirsten is an expert circular economy analyst at GreenCape, and NGO facilitating growth in a green and circular economy in South Africa. Kirsten Barnes is project lead on the South African Plastics Pact, the largest circular economy initiative with time-bound targets in South Africa currently. The GreenCape team facilitates action on these ambitious circular economy targets with industry and supporting organisations across the plastics value chain. The SA Plastics Pact is a member of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation's Plastics Pact network. Kirsten has a PhD in biogeochemistry of wetland systems. This passion for material/chemical flows led Kirsten to the secondary materials economy and maximising value from a material, economic and social perspective.







Bérangère Abba	Secretary of State for Biodiversity, Ministry of Ecological Transition, France	Ms Abba was first a cultural and media professional before engaging in politics. A former mayor and MP (2017-2020), she has been a member of the French National Council for an Ecological Transition. As an MP, she worked on numerous topics including protected areas, forest exploitation, clean mobility and the management of radioactive waste. She also worked on environmental justice in the context of a bill on a European Public Prosecutor's Office and a specialized criminal justice.
Mark Schneider	Chief Executive Officer, Nestlé	Mark Schneider (56) has served as CEO of Nestlé since January 2017. He joined the company in September 2016.Before joining Nestlé, Mark was CEO of the Fresenius Group, a position he held from 2003 to 2016. He joined Fresenius in 2001 as CFO of Fresenius Medical Care. Between 1989 and 2001, he held several senior executive positions with the Haniel Group, a privately-held, diversified German multinational company. Mark has a graduate degree in Finance and Accounting and a doctoral degree in Business Administration from the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland. He also holds an MBA from Harvard University. Mark was born and raised in Germany. He became a U.S. citizen in 2003.
H.E. Mr Javier Naranjo	Minister of Environment, Chile	H. E. Mr. Javier Naranjo is a Lawyer from Andres Bello University and LL.M UC in Regulatory Law of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile. He has an extensive experience in administrative and environmental law. He was the Head of the Legal Division of the Environment Assessment Service and Head of the Department of Litigation and Administrative Resources in the same institution. During the first government of President Piñera he was the Head of the Legal Division of the Ministry of Interior in the Region of Aysen. He also holds experience as an associate lawyer at the Jara del Favero Law Firm, dedicated to administrative, environment and natural resources law.
Abigail Aguilar	Campaign Strategist, Greenpeace	Abigail Aguilar is a Global Campaign Strategist with Greenpeace and has worked on toxics, plastics and other urban issues globally specifically in Southeast Asia. She had previously worked for the government and has almost 20 years of experience in the non-government sector most notably on the environment, indigenous peoples concerns, and natural resources management. She also co-authored various policy documents for purposes of assistance to policy development. She has been working closely with the global Break Free from Plastic movement which seeks to bring systemic change by tackling the whole plastics value chain by focusing on prevention rather than cure and offering real solutions from the ground. She has been with Greenpeace both as volunteer and as staff for 17 years. She is based in Quezon City, Philippines.
Inger Andersen	Executive Director, UN Environment Programme	Inger Andersen is Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya. Ms. Andersen has more than 30 years of experience in international development economics, environmental sustainability, strategy and operations. She has led work on a range of issues including agriculture, environmental management, biodiversity conservation, climate change, infrastructure, energy, transport, and water resources management and hydro-diplomacy.