

INC-2 Side Event 8:

Promoting circular economy to retain plastics in the economy and out of the environment, including innovation and expanding the share of circular plastics

31 May 2023, 13.30 - 14.45 CEST, Hall 12 (TBC)

Description

The Circular Economy is a promising approach to end plastic pollution if materials are not leaked into the environment. But there are many different challenges associated with this approach, ranging from engaging stakeholders across the entire value chain and fostering collaboration, changing consumer behaviour, enabling reuse and making use of incentives such as deposit return schemes, tackling hazardous chemicals in plastics and microplastics, and innovating materials and business models so that plastics can be safely reused. This thematic side event will address these challenges in short inputs from the co-hosts' experts and invites questions and comments from participants.

AGENDA

Time	Topic	Speaker
13.30	Welcome by the Moderator Set the scene: the life cycle of plastics	Nahomi Nishio, UNIDO (Moderator)
13.35	How to scale reuse models as part of a comprehensive circular economy approach to end plastic pollution	Marta Longhurst , Ellen MacArthur Foundation
13.40	Accelerating Industry Innovation Towards A More Circular Plastics Economy	Benny Mermans , World Plastics Council
13.45	Circular food packaging: focus on hazardous chemicals and microplastics in reuse and recycling	Jane Muncke , Food Packaging Forum Foundation
13.50	Deposit and Return systems as a main instrument to 'unplastic' the world with the participation of waste pickers	Miquel Roset , Retorna
13.55	Fight against plastic pollution: Zero Waste and DRS System in Türkiye	Aybike Misir , Türkiye Environment Agency
14.00	Tackles of the corporate alliance in Japan to address the marine plastic waste problem with sustainable circular economy	Koichi Yanagita , Japan Clean Ocean Material Alliance (CLOMA)
14.05	Discussion with the audience	Moderators Nahomi Nishio and Natalie Degger, UNIDO
14.45	Ending	Moderator Nahomi/Natalie

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