

## Draft Agenda for the Side Event at INC-3

### "Promoting Environmentally Sound Management of Plastic Waste, Including Collection, Sorting, Recycling, and Consideration of Investments"

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Time:** 13.30 – 14.45

**Location:** Conference Room 9

**Moderator:** Cecilia Andersson, UN-Habitat

**Background:** The issue of plastic waste and its environmental impact has grown into a global concern, with a critical need for sustainable solutions. Mismanaged plastic waste poses significant environmental, social, and economic challenges. To address this issue, it is essential to promote environmentally sound waste management practices, including efficient and effective collection, sorting, recycling towards the transition to plastic circular economy, and controlled disposal.

Environmentally sound management of plastic waste is critical component to end plastic pollution. The side event will highlight efforts made by countries, organizations, and stakeholders who plastic waste and promote responsible management practices.

#### **Objectives of the session are to:**

1. Explore and share insights into national initiatives and strategies for managing plastic waste in an environmentally sound manner.
2. Highlight international collaborative initiatives that promote best practices in plastic waste management.
3. Showcase the role of the private sector in contributing to sustainable plastic waste management, including investment considerations.
4. Facilitate discussions on potential areas of collaboration and investments in sustainable plastic waste management.

**Event Structure:** The event will be structured around presentations and panel discussions which includes representatives from governments, international organizations, private sector entities, and experts in plastic waste management.

**Proposed Agenda:**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>By</b>
13.30-13.35	Openign remarks and setting the scene	Cecilia Andersson, Lead, Waste Management Team, UN-Habitat
13.35-13.43	SWM with social inclusion and good practices from Argentina	Matias Tarando, Coordinator of Argentina Recycles
13.43-13.51	China Action Plan on Plastic Waste: full lifecycle approach, circular economy and case study	Haoyang Wang, Project Manager, Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center, Ministry of Ecology and Environment
13.51-13.56	Japan's Actual Situation in the Conversion from Plastic Waste Disposal to Resource Recycling	Koichi Yanagida, General Technical Manager, Japan Clean Ocean Material Alliance
13.56-14.01	Policy-making and financial frameworks supporting the transition to a global circular economy, plastic waste management including investment considerations	Clarissa Morawski, CEO & Co-Founder of Reloop Platform, Reloop Platform
14.01-14.06	Working with the local community and partners to establish and scale integrated waste and recycling systems	Shannon Bouton, President & CEO, Delterra
14.06-14.20	Panel discussion	
14.20-14.40	Engagement with the audience/participants	
14.40-14.45	Closing with panelists key messages	

**Expected Outcomes:**

1. Enhanced understanding of national and local efforts and strategies in managing plastic waste, including collection, sorting, recycling, along with investment opportunities
2. Identification of potential areas of collaboration and investment in environmentally sound plastic waste management.
3. Set of key messages for the inter-governmental negotiations for a legally binding global instrument to end plastic pollution through waste management.

**Target Audience:** The event is designed for a diverse audience, including government representatives, policymakers, environmental organizations, businesses, academia, and civil society interested in addressing the plastic waste crisis.