

The reality of plastic pollution and solutions to address it

Monday DEC 4 - 12.00-14.00
Green Tent - UNEA3 (Nairobi)

Programme:

Part 1: Problem setting

Introduction: the reality of plastic pollution

Delphine Lévi Alvarès, Break Free From Plastic/
Zero Waste Europe

Presentation of the Assessment of governance strategies and approaches (UNEA3/Inf 5)

Michiel Roscam Abbing, Plastic Soup Foundation

Root causes and sources of plastic pollution

David Azoulay, Center for International
Environmental Law

Part 2: Exploring solutions

People powered solutions and approaches

Yuyun Ismawati, BaliFokus Foundation, Indonesia

Imogen Ingram, Island Sustainability Alliance,
Cook Islands

Jane Patton, Plastic Pollution Coalition, USA

Omoyemen Lucia, Centre of Human Rights and
Climate Change Research, Nigeria

Semia Gharbi from AEEFG, Tunisia

Shahriar Hossein, Eco Social Development
Organization, Bangladesh

National policy initiatives

Environment Ministry of Rwanda (tbc)

Environment Ministry of France

Environment Ministry of Bangladesh

Global approaches

Alexandra Cartebow - IPEN/HEJSupport

The case for a global treaty on plastic pollution

Tim Grabel, Environmental Investigation Agency

Plastic pollution is a global, and raising, concern. We have produced more plastic in the last 10 years than in the whole of the 20th century, and every piece of plastic ever produced still exists today. This side event aims to bring together representatives of many UNEA stakeholder groups to provide a better understanding of the challenges of plastic pollution. This includes a focus on the root-causes, true costs, and impacts of plastic pollution on all ecosystems, aquatic and land-based, and throughout the plastic life cycle. Participants will showcase existing policy approaches and examples of people-powered solutions, and explore options for global and multi-stakeholder approaches to address this challenge.

Addressing plastics pollution is highly relevant for achievement of SDGs 6 (Ensure access to water and sanitation for all), 11, (Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and Sustainable), 12 (Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns), and 14 (Conserve and sustainably use the ocean, seas and marine resources).

A light lunch will be offered by the organisers.