

Special Session: International Perspectives on Plastic Pollution Management

Venue: 3RINCs 2020 Conference at Tsukuba (Tsukuba International Congress Center, Ibaraki pref., Japan), March 16-18

Dates: March 16

Time: 10:15-11:45 (Large Hall Venue A)

Background

Plastic pollution is a result of mass consumption of plastics. Also, marine plastic pollution is mainly land-based in origin. Lack of proper waste management is one major cause of marine plastic waste generation. Therefore, this emerging challenge must be tackled through the 3Rs and sustainable consumption. Public attention on marine plastics is a chance to prioritise circular economy and society as a way to solve this problem, leading to more effective collaboration and policy harmonization between different policy agendas such as marine plastic waste, single-use plastic, waste and recycling policies. In 2019, global political commitment to tackle plastic pollution was confirmed through G20's Osaka Blue Ocean Vision which aims to reduce additional pollution by marine plastic litter to zero by 2050 as well as UNEA 4 resolutions on "Marine Plastic Litter and Microplastics" as well as "Addressing Single-use plastic products pollution" among others. At the same time, many international initiatives have been launched continuously to tackle this emerging issues from various angles. This session will discuss how to develop and synergize plastic pollution management efforts from international perspectives.

Session Facilitator: UNEP/IETC

SP-1: *Global Policy Trend on Plastic Pollution Prevention*, Kakuko Nagatani-Yoshida or Shunichi Honda, UNEP

SP-2: *G20 2019 Outcomes and ASEAN+3 Marine Plastic Initiative*, Mr. Fumio Itoh, Ministry of the Environment of Japan

SP-3 *Policy Approaches to tackle Plastic Waste in East and Southeast Asian countries*: Mr. Michikazu Kojima, ERIA

SP-4: *Key stakeholders on Marine Plastics in Asia*, Dr. Vu Hai Dang, Senior Research Fellow, Center for International Law, National University of Singapore

SP-5: *Towards Better Governance of Marine Plastic Pollution and Circular Economy in Asia*: Dr. Yasuhiko Hotta, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

SP-6: *Circular Economy and the role of AEPW*, The Alliance to End Plastic Waste