



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

## EU G20 Online Workshop

### Measures to address marine plastic leakage through a circular economy approach

Date: Tuesday 8 September 2020

Time: 13:00 – 17:00 Brussels time (UTC+2)

Online platform: WebEx

#### AGENDA

12:00	Log-on
13:00 -13:25	<b>Opening Session</b> <i>Chair: Ms Astrid Schomaker, Director, Global Sustainable Development, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission</i>
13:00 - 13:15	Introduction, welcoming statements and housekeeping <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <i>Ms Astrid Schomaker, Director, Global Sustainable Development, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission</i></li><li>– <i>Mr Osama I. Faqeeha, Deputy Minister for Environment, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</i></li></ul>
13:15 - 13:25	Recap of Japan’s workshop on ‘Harmonized monitoring and data compilation of marine plastic litter’ (7 September 2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <i>Mr Tatsuya Abe, Deputy Director, Office of Marine Environment, Ministry of the Environment, Japan</i></li></ul>

13:25 - 15:05	<p><b>Session 1 – Addressing the sources of plastic waste through circular economy approaches</b></p> <p><i>Chair: Ms Emmanuelle Maire, Sustainable Production, Products and Consumption, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission</i></p> <p>Against the background of the G20 Marine Litter Action Plan and the Implementation Framework for Actions on Marine Plastic Litter, as well as relevant UNEA resolutions, this session aims at exploring the contribution of circular economy approaches to preventive measures. Advances in product and material design, resource efficiency measures, regulation and marked-based instruments will be among the topics discussed. This session will also offer an opportunity for exchange on the specific challenges posed by the management of plastic waste and the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>
13:25 - 13:35	<p>The need for a comprehensive circular economy approach to address plastic pollution at its source</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Mr Sander Defruyt, Lead, New Plastics Economy, Ellen MacArthur Foundation</i></li> </ul>
13:35 - 13:45	<p>Indonesia's approaches in addressing marine plastic litter through circularity actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Mr Novrizal Tahar, Director of Waste Management, Ministry of Environment, Indonesia</i></li> </ul>
13:45 - 13:55	<p>EU legislative instruments to address marine plastic litter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Mr Michel Sponar, Deputy Head of Unit, Marine Environment and Water Industry, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission</i></li> </ul>
13:55 - 14:10	Q&A

14:10 - 14:20	Extended Producer Responsibility, Deposit Return Schemes and other market- based instruments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Mr Peter Börkey, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)</i></li> </ul>
14:20 - 14:30	Addressing abandoned, lost or otherwise discarded fishing gear and their impacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Ms Ingrid Giskes, Director of the Global Ghost Gear Initiative, Ocean Conservancy</i></li> </ul>
14:30 - 14:40	Waste management during a pandemic – leakage of Covid-19 related plastic litter to the environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Mr Mushtaq Ahmed Memon, Regional Coordinator for Resource Efficiency, Asia Pacific Regional Office, United Nations Environment Programme, Bangkok</i></li> </ul>
14:40 - 15:05	Q&A
15:05 - 15:15	Comfort break
15:15 - 16:00	<p><b>Session 2 – The global dimension</b></p> <p><i>Chair: Mr Hugo Maria Schally, Head of Unit, Multilateral Environmental Cooperation, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission</i></p> <p>This session will explore international action to address plastic litter leakage to the environment, notably the seas and oceans, and how G20 members can contribute to it.</p>

15:15 - 15:25	IMO Action Plan against marine litter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Mr Loukas Kontogiannis, Head Marine Pollution, Subdivision for Protective Measure, International Maritime Organisation (IMO)</i></li> </ul>
15:25 - 15:35	Basel Convention – Plastics Waste Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Ms Susan Wingfield, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, United Nations Environment Programme, Geneva</i></li> </ul>
15:35 - 15:45	The role of Regional Seas Conventions – the example of HELCOM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Ms Maria Lamaanen, Ministry of Environment, Finland</i></li> </ul>
15:45 - 16:00	Q&A
16:00 - 16:50	<b>Session 3 – Panel Discussion: Meeting the challenges of addressing plastic leakage to the ocean – next steps</b> <i>Chair: Mr Steve Fletcher, Member of the International Resource Panel, Professor of Ocean Policy and Economy, Director of Revolution Plastics, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom</i> <p>Building on the two previous sessions, participants will exchange views on how they see G20 members moving forward in addressing plastic leakage to the environment, particularly seas and oceans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Mr Nguyen Que Lam, Deputy Director-General, Vietnam Administration of Sea and Island (VASI), Vietnam (invited)</i></li> <li>– <i>Mr Hugo Maria Schally, Head of Unit, Multilateral Environmental Cooperation, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Ms Linda Godfrey, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research and Professor at Northwest University, South Africa</i></li> <li>– <i>Mr Satoru Iino, Deputy Director, Office of the Marine Environment, Ministry of Environment, Japan</i></li> <li>– <i>Ms Winnie Lau, Senior Manager, Prevention of Ocean Plastics, The Pew Charitable Trusts, United States of America</i></li> </ul>
16:50 – 17:00	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <p><i>Chair: Ms Astrid Schomaker, Director, Global Sustainable Development, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission</i></p> <p>Concluding remarks and take home messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Ms Astrid Schomaker, Director, Global Sustainable Development, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission</i></li> <li>– <i>Mr Osama I. Faqeeha, Deputy Minister for Environment, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</i></li> </ul>