

**G7 Plastics Workshop**  
in the context of 2030 Agenda implementation and towards G7 collaborative activities

Brussels, 22-23 March 2018

Martin's Brussels EU Hotel, Boulevard Charlemagne 80, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

**Draft Programme (as of 7 March 2018)**

Thursday 22 March 2018	
09:00-9:30	Registration and refreshments
<b>09:30-09:50</b>	<b>Opening session</b> Chairs: <i>Ms Astrid Schomaker, Director, Global Sustainable Development, European Commission, Brussels; Mr Takahiro Hasegawa, Director, International Strategy Division, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Tokyo, Japan</i>
	Welcome addresses - <i>Ms Astrid Schomaker, Director, Global Sustainable Development, European Commission, Brussels</i> - <i>Mr Takahiro Hasegawa, Director, International Strategy Division, Global Environmental Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Tokyo, Japan</i>
<b>09:50-10:40</b>	<b>Session 1: Setting the scene</b> Chairs: <i>Mr Kazunobu Onogawa, Senior Fellow, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Tokyo, Japan; Ms Astrid Schomaker, Director, Global Sustainable Development, European Commission, Brussels</i>
09:50-10:00	Canada's perspectives on plastics <i>Mr Marc D'lorio, Director General, DG industrial Sectors, Chemicals and Waste, Environmental Protection Branch, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Ottawa, Canada</i>
10:00-10:20	Challenges and opportunities of plastic management <i>Ms Elisa Tonda, Head of Sustainable Consumption and Production, Division of Economics, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Paris, France</i>
10:20-10:40	Questions and answers
<b>10:40-11:00</b>	<b>Refreshment break</b>

11:00-13:00	<p><b>Session 2: Regulators' and stakeholders' initiatives</b>  <i>Chair: Mr Kazunobu Onogawa, Senior Fellow, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Tokyo, Japan</i></p>
11:00-11:20	<p>The Plastic Strategy of the European Commission  <i>Mr Hugo Schally, Head of Unit, Sustainable Production, Products &amp; Consumption, Environment Directorate-General, European Commission, Brussels</i></p>
11:20-11:40	<p>Japan's policies on plastic  <i>Mr Yusuke Inoue, Deputy Director, Waste Management and Recycling Department, Environmental Regeneration and Material Cycles Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Tokyo, Japan</i></p>
11:40-12:00	<p>Business perspective to sustainability in the plastic sector: Dow's approach  <i>Ms Lorraine Francourt, Director, Chemicals Management Policy &amp; Circular Economy, Dow, Horgen, Switzerland</i></p>
12:00-12:20	<p>OECD work on policies for better plastics management  <i>Mr Peter Börkey, Principal Administrator, Environment Directorate, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris, France</i></p>
12:20-13:00	<p>Questions and answers</p>
13:00-14:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lunch break</b></p>
14:30-16:15	<p><b>Session 3: Clean plastic value chains, recycling systems and Extended Producer Responsibility schemes</b>  <i>Chair: Mr William Neale, Waste Management &amp; Secondary Materials Unit, Environment-Directorate-General, European Commission</i>  <i>Rapporteur: Mr Christian Hudson, Resource Efficiency Expert, Berlin, Germany</i></p> <p>This session will address the promotion of clean plastic value chains through design of products and materials, collection, sorting and recycling; how to expand the market for high-quality recycled plastics; and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes in the G7, including best practice examples for containers and packaging.</p>
14:30-14:50	<p>To <b>set the scene</b> for the panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Jocylin Blériot, Ellen MacArthur Foundation, London, United Kingdom</li> </ul>
14:50-15:50	<p><b>Panel discussion</b> on best practice, case studies, relevant voluntary / regulatory initiatives etc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Peter Börkey, Principal Administrator, Environment Directorate, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris, France</li> <li>- Mr Masayuki Isono, President, ISONO Corporation, Tokyo, Japan</li> <li>- Mr Alexander Janz, BMUB, Bonn, Germany</li> <li>- Mr Joan Marc Simon, Director, Zero Waste Europe, member of Rethink Plastic Alliance, Brussels, Belgium</li> <li>- Ms Nina Goodrich, Director, Sustainable Packaging Coalition, Charlottesville (VA), United States</li> </ul>
15:50-16:15	<p>Q&amp;A and discussion with the audience</p>
16:15-16:45	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Refreshment break</b></p>

16:45-18:30	<p><b>Session 4: Single-use plastics</b>  Chair: <i>Werner Bosmans, Sustainable Production, Products &amp; Consumption Unit, Environment Directorate-General, European Commission</i>  Rapporteur: <i>Ms Emma Watkins, Senior Policy Analyst, Institute for European Environment Policy (IEEP), London, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>This session will address the increasing consumption of so-called "single-use" plastics, i.e. packaging or other consumers' products that are thrown away after one brief use, are rarely recycled and/or are particularly prone to littering.</p>
16:45-17:05	<p>To <b>set the scene</b> for the panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Dominic Hogg, Director, Eunomia Research &amp; Consulting, Bristol, United Kingdom</li> </ul>
17:05-18:05	<p><b>Panel discussion</b> (4-5 panellists to present best practice, case studies, relevant voluntary / regulatory initiatives etc):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Alberto Arroyo Schnell, Senior Policy Manager, European Regional Office, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Brussels, Belgium</li> <li>- Name <b>tbc</b>, Environment Ministry, Paris, France</li> <li>- Mr Ronald Cotterman, Vice President of Sustainability at Sealed Air and member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Global Resource Efficiency working group, United States</li> <li>- <b>Other panellists to be confirmed</b></li> </ul>
18:05-18:30	Q&A and discussion with the audience
<b>18:30-20:00</b>	<b>Cocktail Reception</b>
<b>Friday 23 March 2018</b>	
08:30-09:00	Registration and refreshments
09:00-10:45	<p><b>Session 5: Microplastics and leakage to water-courses and the oceans</b>  Chair: <i>Mr Michail Papadoyannakis, Marine Environment &amp; Water Industry Unit, Environment Directorate-General, European Commission</i>  Rapporteur: <i>Ms Emma Watkins, Senior Policy Analyst, Institute for European Environment Policy (IEEP), London, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>This session will discuss microplastics, which pose potential threats to both ecosystems and human health, and will provide insights on the role that waste water treatment can play in preventing marine litter entering the oceans.</p>
09:00-09:20	<p>To <b>set the scene</b> for the panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Stefanie Werner, Umweltbundesamt (UBA), Dessau-Roßlau, Germany</li> </ul>
09:20-10:20	<p><b>Panel discussion</b> (4-5 panellists to present best practice, case studies, relevant voluntary / regulatory initiatives etc):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Julia Hunt, Marine Litter Policy Team, DEFRA, London, United Kingdom <b>(invited)</b></li> <li>- Mr Denis Bonvillain, EU Affairs Coordinator, Suez, Berchem-Saint-Agathe, Belgium</li> <li>- Mr Jeremy Douglas, Vice-President for Development and External Relations, Oceanwise, Vancouver, Canada <b>(invited)</b></li> <li>- Name <b>tbc</b>, Waste and Pollution Directorate-General, Environment Ministry, Rome, Italy</li> <li>- <b>Another panellist to be confirmed</b></li> </ul>
10:20-10:45	Q&A and discussion with the audience
<b>10:45-11:15</b>	<b>Refreshment break</b>

11:15-13:00	<p><b>Session 6: Information campaigns and innovative solutions</b>  Chair: <i>Haitze Siemers, Head of Maritime innovation, Marine Knowledge and Investment Unit, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Directorate-General, European Commission</i>  Rapporteur: <i>Mr Christian Hudson, Resource Efficiency Expert, Berlin</i></p> <p>This session will discuss consumer behaviour, education campaigns and innovative solutions to curb the use of single-use plastic items and reduce marine litter, including microplastics.</p>
11:15-11:35	<p>To <b>set the scene</b> for the panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Rachel Barton, Responsible Business Manager, Sky, London, United Kingdom</li> </ul>
11:35-12:35	<p><b>Panel discussion</b> (4-5 panellists to present best practice, case studies, relevant initiatives etc):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Walker Smith, Director, Office of Global Affairs and Policy, US EPA, Washington DC, United States</li> <li>- Mr Luca Stramare, COREPLA, Milan, Italy</li> <li>- Ms Irene Díez Ruiz, Managing Director, ECOALF Foundation, Madrid, Spain</li> <li>- Ms Emma Priestland, Marine Litter Policy Officer, <i>Seas at Risk</i>, Brussels, Belgium</li> <li>- Mr David Katz, Plastic Bank, Vancouver, Canada <b>(invited)</b></li> </ul>
12:35-13:00	Q&A and discussion with the audience
13:00-14:30	<b>Lunch break</b>
14:30-16:15	<p><b>Session 7: Taking stock of the discussions and way forward</b>  Chairs: <i>Mr Kazunobu Onogawa, Senior Fellow, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Tokyo, Japan; Mr Hugo Schally, Head of Unit, Sustainable Production, Products &amp; Consumption, Environment Directorate-General, European Commission, Brussels</i></p> <p>To identify possible strategies and actions to be taken by different stakeholders and at different levels to improve plastic management.</p>
14:30-15:00	<p>Presentation of the results of the discussions and possible recommendations from Sessions 3 to 6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapporteur: Mr Christian Hudson, Resource Efficiency Expert, Berlin</li> <li>• Rapporteur: Ms Emma Watkins, Senior Policy Analyst, Institute for European Environment Policy (IEEP), London</li> </ul>
15:00-16:00	General discussion
16:00-16:30	<b>Closing session</b>
16:00-16:10	<p>Canada's G7 priorities and next steps  <i>Ms Nancy Hamzawi, Director General, G7 Task Team, International Affairs Branch, Environment and Climate Change Canada</i></p>
16:10-16:30	<p>Closing remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Ms Astrid Schomaker, Director, Global Sustainable Development, European Commission</i></li> <li>- <i>Takahiro Hasegawa, Director, International Strategy Division, Global Environmental Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan</i></li> </ul>
16:20	End of Workshop