

OECD Workshop on:

**REDUCING MARINE PLASTIC LITTER: TAKING STOCK OF CURRENT POLICIES AND
PAVING THE WAY TOWARDS LONGER TERM GOALS**

AGENDA

11 - 12 June 2020 | Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Background

Plastics have profoundly transformed our societies and economies. A cornerstone of economic growth and industrial development of the 20th century, plastics' universality is manifested by their near-infinite uses in modern society, ranging from transportation to clothing, from medical devices to packaging. They have made our vehicles lighter, our clothes cheaper, our healthcare more hygienic.

While plastics have innumerable benefits, plastic pollution is causing considerable damage to the environment. Plastic pollution has particularly taken its toll on oceans, where they are fundamentally altering marine habitats and threatening both marine life and human livelihoods. If urgent national and international action is not taken to combat marine plastic litter, it is estimated that approximately 150 million tons of plastic waste will have entered the ocean by 2025.

Recent years have seen national and sub-national governments taking policy action on several aspects related to Marine Plastic Litter. Several countries have taken initiatives to reduce littering by curbing the use of the most littered plastic items. Bans and levies on plastic bags and other paraphernalia with readily available non-plastic substitutes have proliferated in recent years, both in developed countries and in emerging economies.

The international community, in recognition of the adverse environmental impacts of marine plastics litter, has taken bold steps to curtail plastic pollution. The G20 developed an Action Plan on Marine Litter in 2017, followed in 2020 by the G20 Osaka Blue Ocean Vision which has set as its objective to: "Reduce additional pollution by marine plastic litter (MPL) by 2050 through a comprehensive life-cycle approach that includes reducing the discharge of mismanaged plastic litter by improved waste management and innovative solutions while recognising the important role of plastics for society. "

Intended outcomes of the workshop

In this context, the aim of the workshop will be to convene high-level representatives, leading policy-makers and experts from G20 members, other countries and international organizations to:

- Take stock of policies and actions at the international, national, and sub-national level and discuss lessons learnt and tools to evaluate the effectiveness of current policy responses
- Discuss possible scenarios to achieve the long-term goals, notably the "Osaka Blue Ocean Vision", including financing mechanisms, pathways to deepen and improve current policy frameworks, and approaches and tools to develop policy scenarios.

Workshop Agenda (Central European Summer Time)

11 JUNE 2020 – DAY 1: TAKING STOCK AND EVALUATING POLICY RESPONSES

12:30 – 13:00	<i>Log in via Zoom</i>
13:00 – 13:15	<p style="text-align: center;">1. OPENING REMARKS</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Anthony Cox, Deputy Director, Environment Directorate, OECD <p>Video Messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Video Message by the OECD Secretary General, Mr. Angel Gurría ○ Video Message by the Japanese Environment Minister, Mr. Shinjiro KOIZUMI
13:15 – 13:35	<p style="text-align: center;">2. SETTING THE SCENE</p> <p>This session looks at the core of marine plastic pollution by taking a deep dive into the existing evidence to understand the magnitude of plastic pollution from diverse terrestrial and marine sources, as well as possible policy scenarios and options, addressing the whole life-cycle of plastics, which can be taken to reduce additional pollution by marine plastic litter to zero by 2050.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Anthony Cox, Deputy Director, Environment Directorate, OECD <p>Keynote Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prof. Jenna Jambeck, Distinguished Professor in Environmental Engineering and Director of Circular Materials Management in the New Materials Institute, University of Georgia
13:35 – 15:45	<p style="text-align: center;">3. DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY RESPONSES</p> <p>This session aims to explore the domestic and international policy action worldwide and to understand how policy-makers can learn from past initiatives and deepen and improve current action. It will include presentations from national governments (OECD member states and emerging economies) and international organisations on emerging policy actions to tackle marine plastics, as well as a presentation of OECD's work on evaluating policy responses to marine plastic litter.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Shardul Agrawala, Head of Environment and Economy Integration Division, Environment Directorate, OECD

	<p>Overview of policy responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Peter Börkey, Principal Administrator, Environment Directorate, OECD ○ Ms. Heidi Savelli-Soderberg, Programme Officer, Marine Litter, UN Environment
	<p><i>Short break (5')</i></p>
	<p>Panel discussion on domestic policy responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Keiji Nakashima, Director, Office of Policies against Marine Plastics Pollution, Environmental Management Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan ○ Mr. Luca Marmo, Policy Officer, International aspects of Green Economy, International Resource Panel (IRP), Environment Directorate-General, European Commission ○ Mr. Cristián Brito, International Environmental Affairs and Environmental Risk Specialist, Ministry of Environment, Chile ○ Ms. Kathleen Salyer, Deputy Director, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, United States Environmental Protection Agency ○ Mr. Kerem Noyam, Head of Section, Ministry of Environment and Urbanization of Turkey ○ Dr. Nani Hendiarti, Deputy Minister for Coordination of Environmental Management and Forestry, Coordinating Ministry for Maritime and Investment Affairs, Indonesia

12 JUNE 2020 – DAY 2: OUTLINING THE TRANSITION TOWARDS THE LONGER TERM POLICY GOALS

12:30 – 13:00	<p><i>Logging in via Zoom</i></p>
13:00 – 14:30	<p>4. PRESENTATIONS BY KEY EXPERTS ON A SERIES OF TOPICS RELEVANT TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE LONG-TERM GOAL OF ZERO PLASTIC EMISSIONS</p> <p>This session has as its goal to explore the tools towards the pathways to achieving the “Osaka Blue Ocean Vision”. It explores possible policy trajectories, marine plastic litter projections, financial needs and instruments to achieve zero marine plastic litter.</p> <p>The session is structured along three items, each followed by a short discussion.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Hiroshi Ono, Director General, Environmental Management Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan

	<p>Potential policy trajectories to achieve the long-term vision and targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prof. Steve Fletcher, International Resource Panel (IRP) Member and Associate Professor in Marine Policy, University of Portsmouth ○ Dr. Yasuhiko Hotta, Programme Director Sustainable Consumption and Production, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan <p>Stakeholder Perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Mike Witt, Co-Chair of Plastics Leadership Group, International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) ○ Mr. Patrick ten Brink, Director of EU Policy, European Environmental Bureau <p>Towards a Global Plastics Outlook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Shardul Agrawala, Head of Environment and Economy Integration Division, Environment Directorate, OECD
<p>14:30 – 15:00</p>	<p>5. CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Rodolfo Lacy, Director, Environment Directorate, OECD <p>Interventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Hiroshi Ono, Director General, Environmental Management Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan ○ Dr. Abdullah Alsbai, CEO, National Center for Waste Management, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Saudi Arabia ○ Dr. Rodolfo Lacy, Director, Environment Directorate, OECD
<p>15:00</p>	<p><i>End of workshop</i></p>