

BREAKFAST DIALOGUE EVENT

Beat #marinelitter

– does international governance get it?

Tuesday 5 December 2017, 07:30–09:30

#CleanSeas Tent

Programme



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Food served from 07:30

Programme starts at 08:00

Facilitator and moderator: Kristal Ambrose, Director and Founder, Bahamas Plastic Movement

■ Welcome

Peter Harris, Managing Director, GRID-Arendal

■ Opening

Keynote address

Vidar Helgesen, Minister of Climate and Environment, Norway

Opening remarks

Ibrahim Usman Jibril, Minister of State for Environment, Nigeria

Tu Ruihe, Deputy Director General of International Cooperation, Ministry of Environmental Protection, China

Elliot Harris, UN Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations Environment, Director, New York Office

■ Policy review

The effectiveness of relevant governance strategies and approaches – existing legal frameworks, gaps and way forward

Karen Raubenheimer, Research Fellow, ANCORS, University of Wollongong

■ Are businesses ahead of policy?

The New Plastics Economy initiative: Redesign, innovation and reuse within the consumer product sector

Jocelyn Bleriot, Head of Public Affairs, Ellen MacArthur Foundation

Closing the loop – the Norwegian Retailers Environmental Fund

Eirik Oland, Head of External Affairs, Green Dot Norway

Preventing marine plastic litter – now! Why sound waste collection and disposal is top priority

Dr Costas Velis, University of Leeds - Leader, Marine Litter Task Force, International Solid Waste Association

Is the Norwegian waste management system policy driven?

Public-private-civil society cooperation to combat marine litter

Nancy Strand, CEO, Norwegian Waste Management Association

■ How can present policy frameworks be more efficient? Would other frameworks be more effective?

Contributions of the Basel Convention to the sound management of wastes to reduce their impact on our oceans

Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary, Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Plastics management for SIDS: Challenges and considerations

Bethanie Carney Almroth, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Biological and Environmental Sciences, University of Gothenburg

Can we improve policing of MARPOL Annex V to prevent illegal dumping of waste in the oceans?

Jessica Graham, Strategic Policy Advisor, INTERPOL

A new global treaty on marine litter and microplastics? Lessons from existing environmental agreements

Marco Lambertini, Director General, WWF International

■ Open moderated debate

■ Closing contributions

Wrap up

Peter Harris, Managing Director, GRID-Arendal

Closing remarks

Vidar Helgesen, Minister of Climate and Environment, Norway

During the last two editions of the United Nations Environment Assembly there has been increasing momentum towards tackling marine plastic pollution globally and substantial efforts and progress have been made in that direction. In addition, at the Oceans Conference in New York in June this year there was growing recognition that the issue of marine litter and microplastics is a large environmental problem that require stronger international commitments.

The study prepared by UN Environment on the existing regulatory frameworks and governance strategies points towards gaps that need to be addressed to combat marine litter and microplastics. It is worthwhile considering the reasons for these gaps and consider how to strengthen existing conventions, legal framework, action plans and other governance strategies. Meanwhile there is a growing recognition that we lack a coherent international governing structure that effectively addresses marine litter, and that also has to be added to the global architecture to successfully and holistically address the problem. Different measures are certainly needed to address the sea-based and the land-based sources of marine litter.



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