



LAUNCH EVENT

# 'From Pollution to Solution'

A global assessment of marine litter and plastic pollution'

Thursday 21st October, 2021 at 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM East Africa Time

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**'From Pollution to Solution'** is a landmark assessment detailing and analyzing the current state of scientific knowledge on marine litter and plastic pollution.

The event brings together experts in science and policy to discuss the key findings of the assessment and its relevance in the lead up to the fifth session of the UN Environment Assembly, and beyond.



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on Marine Litter



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seas  
turn the tide  
on plastic



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### The launch event:

- Presents the key findings of the 'From Pollution to Solution' assessment
- Discusses various aspects of the scientific findings in the assessment, as well as knowledge gaps and emerging issues
- Discusses policy implications of the assessment for governments, industry and other stakeholders
- Highlights the new Vital Graphics report, 'Drowning in Plastics – Vital Graphics on Marine Litter and Plastic Waste', developed in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and GRID-Arendal
- Provides an overview of the Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML) Action Tracks and activities to advance them
- Introduces the GPML Digital Platform and how it enhances multi-stakeholder engagement and collaboration
- Engages the audience in panel discussions





## PROGRAMME

### **1. Opening from the moderator, Naka Kondo - Senior Editor at The Economist Intelligence Unit.**

### **2. Introductory remarks**

- Leticia Carvalho - Head of Marine and Freshwater Branch, UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
- H.E. Gunnar Holm - Norwegian Ambassador to Kenya, Somalia and Seychelles and Permanent Representative to UNEP and UN-HABITAT.

### **3. Overview of assessment's key findings**

- Jacqueline McGlade, Lead Author of 'From Pollution to Solution' and Professor of Sustainable Development and Resilience at the Institute for Global Prosperity, University College London, and International Public Policy and Governance at Strathmore University Business School, Kenya.

### **4. Panel 1 discussion on scientific findings**

- Cheryl Rita Kaur - Head, Centre for Coastal and Marine Environment (CMER) at the Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA).
- Winnie Lau - Senior Manager, Preventing Ocean Plastics, The Pew Charitable Trusts.
- Thomas Maes - Senior Scientist, GRID-Arendal.
- Sarah Dunlop - Director, Plastics & Human Health, the Minderoo Foundation.
- Trisia Angela Farrelly - Co-Director, Political Ecology Research Centre at Massey University.

### **5. Panel 2 discussion on policy implications**

- H.E. Ambassador Walton Webson - Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations.
- Christoffer Vestli - International Relations Officer, European Commission.
- David Vivas Eugui - Legal Officer at the Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD.
- Kirsten Barnes - Project Lead at South African Plastics Pact for GreenCape.
- Brian Bauer - Circular Economy and Institutional Partnerships at ALGRAMO.

### **6. Discussion on next steps**

- Introduction to the Global Partnership on Marine Litter (GPML) Action Tracks
- Enhanced multi-stakeholder engagement and collaboration through the GPML Digital Platform



## MODERATOR

## SPEAKERS



**Naka Kondo**  
Senior editor, The  
Economist  
Intelligence Unit



**Leticia Carvalho**  
Head of Marine and  
Freshwater Branch,  
UNEP



**H.E. Gunnar Holm**  
Norwegian Ambassador to  
Kenya, Somalia & Seychelles  
& Permanent Representative  
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**Sarah Da Silva**  
Head, Marine Litter  
Unit, Environment  
and Climate Change  
Canada



**Jacqueline  
McGlade**  
Lead author, 'From  
Pollution to  
Solution'

## PANEL 1



**Cheryl Rita Kaur**  
Head of Centre for  
Coastal & Marine  
Environment, Maritime  
Institute of Malaysia



**Winnie Lau**  
Senior Manager,  
Pew's Preventing  
Ocean Plastic project



**Thomas Maes**  
Senior Scientist,  
GRID-Arendal



**Sarah Dunlop**  
Director of Plastics &  
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Foundation



**Trisia Angela Farrelly**  
Co-Director of Political  
Ecology Research  
Centre, Massey  
University

## PANEL 2



**H.E. Ambassador  
Walton Webson**  
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