

Peer Learning Round Tables



Cluster 3: Planet

Pathways to a sustainable COVID-19 recovery
for the climate and environment

Session 3-2

Making sustainable production and consumption work for the circular economy of tomorrow

Monday, 15 March 2021, 10:00-12:00 (CET)

Guiding questions for round table

Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) is an overarching objective and pre-requisite for sustainable development and it is central to 2030 Agenda.

- Question 1** | How can governments take on the integrated and transversal task of implementation? Any lessons on the importance of **policy coherence** to promote SCP and circularity?
- Question 2** | What are effective policy options to create **incentives** for behavioural change, to strengthen regulations and standards, and to redirect financial flows towards SCP? When voluntary commitments hit the glass ceiling of reality, where and how **regulation** need to step in?
- Question 3** | Building on the work done under the 10-Year Framework of Programmes (10YFP) on SCP, how do we use the decade of action on SDGs as an opportunity to develop and deploy **innovation** and **multi-stakeholders partnerships** to change how we produce and consume?

Background

Our planet's resources are being used unsustainably. Humanity's material footprint, the amount of primary materials needed to meet our collective basic needs, has rocketed in recent decades to a massive 85.9 billion metric tons each year. Less

than 10% of these primary materials are cycled back into the economy – instead they're rejected as waste. It's time to move away from the "take-make-dispose" linear model, enhance resource efficiency and embrace practices that reduce consumption. The -pandemic recovery offers an opportunity to reverse current unsustainable trends and build a better future – for all of us. Circularity principles could provide credible solutions for recovery across key sectors, including energy generation, transport and manufacturing. It's time to prioritise repairability, reusability and remanufacturing to reduce emissions and costs but also build resilience and competitiveness. Traceable and transparent value chains are key to enabling businesses and consumers make responsible choices and an essential precondition to any collective plans to build back better. And as part of the post-pandemic recovery, it will be critical to explore the distinctive role women and other marginalised groups can play in the circular transition of priority sectors.

Policy actions for discussion

Opening

Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE

Ms. Johanna Lissinger Peitz, Ambassador for Stockholm+50, Sweden

Keynote speaker

Mr. Jocelyn Blériot, Executive Lead Institutions, Governments & Cities, Ellen MacArthur Foundation

Moderators

Mr. Charles Arden-Clarke, Head, One Planet network (10YFP) secretariat

Mr. Marco Keiner, Director, Environment Division, UNECE

Policy action 1: Strengthen policy coherence and prioritise integrated and transversal implementation

Mr. Akzan Shiranov, Director, Department of Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources, Kazakhstan

Ms. Maylis Souque, Secretary General, OECD National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct, Ministry for the Economy and Finance, France

Ms. Paola Migliorini, Deputy Head of Unit Sustainable Productions, Products and Consumption, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission

Policy action 2: Redirect financial flows towards SCP and strengthen incentives for behavioural change, regulation and standards

Prof. Marija Babovic, University of Belgrade, the Republic of Serbia

Mr. Brendan Edgerton, Director Circular Economy, World Business Council for Sustainable Development

Ms. Tatsiana Kananchuk, Head General Directorate for Environmental Policy, International Cooperation and Science, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, the Republic of Belarus

Policy action 3: Deploy innovation and multi-stakeholder partnerships to change production and consumption patterns

Mr. Ian Cronin, Project Lead, Future of Advanced Manufacturing and Production, World Economic Forum

Mr. Ilkhom Khaidarov, Chairman, UzTextileProm, Uzbekistan

Ms. Florentina Nanu, Managing Partner, Business Development Group, Romania

Closing

Ms. Teresa Oberhauser, Global Coordinator of the Youth Constituency of UNEP (UNEP MGCY)

Organizers

Lead organizers | UNECE, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division
| UNEP, Europe Office

Contributors | UN Women

Registration

Please register at [this](#) link.