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SIDE EVENT

May 7, 2025 | 13:15 – 15:00 | ROOM C

Waste in the Spotlight: A Call for Sound Management & Global Action

Intro - Ms. Alexandra Monteiro, Solid waste Senior Coordinator, AFD

Part 1 – Waste & Resources at the core of sustainable development

M. Graham Alabaster

Chief Geneva Office, UN-Habitat

M. Carlos Silva Filho

Past-President, ISWA

Part 2 – ESM of household waste : most critical elements for our future sustainable development

Representative of Canada

Ms. Victoria Zhang

Solid Waste and Chemicals Management Center,
Ministry of Ecology and Environment, China

Ms. Camille Tahon

Programme Manager, Climate and Clean Air Coalition

Part 3 – The role of the informal recycling sector with a focus on gender mainstreaming

Ms. Maria Tsakona

Senior Expert, GRID-Arendal

Griffins Ochieng

Programmes Coordinator, Center for Environment Justice and Development

Concluding remarks

M. Rolph Payet

Executive Secretary of the BRS Conventions



“Waste in the Spotlight: A Call for Sound Management & Global Action”

The world must transition to a society that produces less waste, safely recovers materials and energy, and ensures environmentally sound final disposal solutions. This is the Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of waste promoted through the BRS guidance documents.

This side event will call for putting “waste in the spotlight” across all sectors and regions, and for waste and resources management to be recognized as a corner stone of sustainable development. Keeping this objective as a red thread throughout the event, the new guidance document on ESM of household waste will be shared, illustrated by a couple practical case studies from China, Togo and Rwanda. It will also highlight the often-overlooked contributions of women in the informal recycling sector, key stakeholders in driving the transition.

The waste and resources community is inherently multi-stakeholder encompassing municipalities and local authorities, national governments, private companies, UN- agencies, NGOs and international finance providing capital investments. These stakeholders must unite under a shared vision to drive the cross-sectoral transformative change in waste and resources management.

The “global push” initiative aims to bring together this community, offering an opportunity to co-develop the shared vision that can collectively be carried to be integrated in the post-2030 sustainability agenda. A comment period on an initial draft vision will open on 7 may.

This side event marks the beginning of a series dedicated to forging this unified global approach and advancing waste and resource management to the top of the global policy agenda.

Launch : Opening of comments on the “Global push” narrative