

BREAKFAST DIALOGUE EVENT

15th of March 2019, 08:00–10:00

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Marine litter financing instruments: Are we hitting the target?

Programme



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Marine plastic debris and microplastic are now on top of the global agenda. At the Fourth United Nations Environment Assembly, policymakers, private industry, academia and civil society will gather to decide on future global action to address this growing environmental challenge.

Previous UNEA resolutions have stressed the importance of strengthening the financial support to countries who request it, with a particular focus on developing countries, and specifically on Small Island Developing States and least developed countries. Support is needed to build and secure long-term capacity towards developing, establishing and implementing the necessary regulatory framework, sustainable waste management systems and environmentally sound and efficient clean up systems.

A number of different financing opportunities, both public and private are now emerging. The Norwegian government has launched a 200 million USD development assistance programme targeting marine litter. States as well as private actors are stepping up. Coordinating existing and forthcoming financing initiatives have been identified as key to ensure long-term impact. The goal of the event is to raise awareness on these different types of financing mechanisms, increase the understanding of their strategic approach and geographic objectives, including the resulting fund allocation until today. The event will also consider how a stronger global governance framework will be supportive of more effective investments at different scales. The outcome of the discussion should shed light onto current challenges and influence the efficiency of future financing efforts.

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Breakfast served from 08:00

Programme starts at 8:30

Facilitator and moderator: Christine Haffner-Sifakis,
Strategic Policy & Programme Officer, UN Environment

■ Welcome

Miles Macmillan-Lawler, Chief Scientist, GRID-Arendal

■ Opening

Keynote addresses

Aksel Jakobsen, Deputy Minister of International Development of Norway
Hon. Molywn Joseph, Minister of Health, Wellness & The Environment of Antigua and Barbuda

■ Introductory Presentation

Can regional marine litter action plans help mobilizing financing towards agreed priorities?

Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention Secretariat

■ Panel Discussion

Briony Coulson, Head, Oceans and Plastic Pollution, Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs of the United Kingdom

Catherine Collin, Head of Regional Representation East Africa, European Investment Bank

Antony Nyong, Director of Environment Department, African Development Bank Group

Erik Oland, Project Manager, Norwegian Retailers Environment Fund

Keondra Bills Freemyn, Manager, International Government Relations, Ocean Conservancy

Gaetano Leone, Coordinator, UNEP/Mediterranean Action Plan - Barcelona Convention Secretariat

Wrap up

Christine Haffner-Sifakis, Strategic Policy & Programme Officer, UN Environment

■ Closing

Closing remarks

Aksel Jakobsen, State Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Norway

Hon. Molywn Joseph, Minister of Health, Wellness & The Environment of Antigua and Barbuda

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