



How combatting plastic pollution and illegal traffic in plastic waste can help reduce carbon emissions

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Moderator: **Ms. Carolyn Deere Birkbeck**, Director of the Forum on Trade, Environment, and the SDGs (TESS), UNCTAD

1:20—1:25 p.m. Welcome remarks
Ms. Ghada Waly, Executive Director, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

“How combatting plastic pollution and illegal traffic in plastic waste can help reduce carbon emissions”

H.E. Flavien P Joubert, Minister of Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment, Seychelles,
“Addressing the issue of plastic pollution and plastic waste management in Seychelles from the perspective of a Small Developing Island State and the contribution of these efforts to climate change mitigation”

H.E. Gustavo Manrique, Minister of the Environment, Water and Ecological Transition,
Ministry of Environment, Water and Ecological Transition, Ecuador
“The role of plastic substitutes as a complementary action and expected outcomes from a United Nations Treaty to address plastic pollution”

Mr. Achmad Gunawan Witjaksono, Director of Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Waste Management at the Directorate General of Solid Waste, Hazardous Waste, and Hazardous Substances Management, in the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia
“Preventing and managing illegal traffic in plastic waste and plastic pollution to reduce greenhouse gas emissions: the experience of Indonesia”

Mr. Nicholas Hardman Mountford, Head of Oceans and Natural Resources, the Commonwealth Secretariat
“Country actions to address ocean plastic pollution, information sharing and links to NDCs and emissions reduction efforts”

1:25—2:05 p.m. Panel discussion on Member States perspectives and actions:

2:05—2:30 p.m. UN Partner agency response

Mr. Carlos Martin-Novella, Deputy Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm conventions (BRS Secretariat)

Ms. Miho Shirotori, OiC, Division on International Trade and Commodities, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Ms. Susan Gardner, Director of the Division of Ecosystems, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Mr. Aik Hoe Lim, Director of Trade and Environment Division at the World Trade Organization (WTO)

2:30—2:45 p.m. Q&A and comments from the floor

Closure by the moderator