Zero Waste, Healthy Planet: Circularity Without Harm

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Waste is often treated as an environmental and resource-management issue, but it is also a major public health and climate issue. Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of waste is a health imperative, and it requires safe final disposal solutions.

Waste mismanagement is a health and climate crisis hiding in plain sight: uncontrolled dumpsites and open burning emit greenhouse gases and toxic pollutants, drive respiratory and vector-borne diseases, and contaminate soil and water.

The session will argue for a One Health-aligned circular economy built on prevention, Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of waste, and safe final disposal solutions. Although necessary and urgent, the transition to circularity must also come with safeguards against pathogen transmission and contamination with hazardous substances (microplastics, POPs, lead).

List of speakers

Moderated by Corinne Trommsdorff, *Executive Director, French Solid Waste Partnership*

Introduction:
Mr. Rolph Payet, *Executive Secretary, Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions*

Part 1: Reducing the health impacts of waste management
Mr. *Yannish Naik,* *Interim Head of Super Pollutants, Clean Air Fund*
Ms. *Azeeza Rangunwala,* *Medical Scientist - Senior Campaign Manager, Health Care Without Harm*
Ms. *Sonia Dias,* *Global Waste Specialist, WIEGO*

Part 2: How to make healthy circularity happen?
Mr. Filipe Camaño Garcia, *Global Lead, Global Circularity Protocol, WBCSD*
Mr. Mayor Mohamed Sefiani, *Chefchaouen (Morocco), and Vice President, ICLEI*
Mr. Mathieu Tolian, *Climate Director, Veolia*

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