

Waste Sector in the spotlight of the Global Methane Pledge

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Session brief

The Global Methane Pledge was launched at COP26 in November 2021 to catalyze action to reduce methane emissions. Led by the United States and the European Union, the Pledge now has over 100 country participants who together are responsible nearly half of global methane emissions caused by human activities. By joining the Pledge, countries commit to work together in order to collectively reduce methane emissions by at least 30% in 2030 compared to 2020 levels.

Meeting the targets of the Global Methane Pledge has the great potential to make an impact on climate change and action particularly in the period up to 2030 because sharp cuts in methane can deliver a net cooling effect within a relatively short period. This could keep the door open to a 1.5 °C stabilization in global average temperatures, while the world continues to pursue reductions in CO₂.

The session is designed to inform on the role of the waste sector and circular economy within national plans as countries prepare to meet their collective commitment under the Pledge. The speakers will discuss how methane reductions could be maximized across the waste and resource management sector. They will also explore the policies and framework to encourage governments to deliver ambitious methane reductions by 2030.

Target audience

Waste experts; engineers; decision and policy makers; NGOs/CBOs; researchers; and investors. The sessions target audience are industry, city and government representatives, national planning representatives, companies and persons working in the waste management sector, local, national and international organizations concerning environmental issues related to waste, advocacy groups, media and other visitors of IFAT who are interested in these matters.

The event organizers will invite potential participants from their networks through targeted personal invitations as well as publicity in newsletters, social media, and other communication channels.

Format

The event will start with a panel of key-note speakers, providing input for an informed and interactive discussion with the participants. The diversity of the panel members will ensure a comprehensive coverage of key aspects, including technical know-how, policy issues, financing and on the ground cases.

The format of the session will be a “Davos style” panel, with each panelist answering guiding/targeted questions by the moderator, followed by discussion in the panel and with the audience.

Speakers and Panelists

- André Luiz Felisberto França, Secretary of Environment Quality, Ministry of Environment, Brazil (tbc)
- Vassilios Karavezyris, Senior Official, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection BMUV, Germany
- Carlos Silva Filho, President, International Solid Waste Association ISWA
- Andrés Steinhäuser, President, Manos Verdes Foundation, Argentina
- Dr. Abdallah Nassour, P.D., Rostock University, Germany
- Sandra Mazo-Nix, Senior Expert and Coordinator Waste Hub, Climate and Clean Air Coalition CCAC, USA
- Anja Schwetje, Scientific Officer, German Environment Agency UBA

Session

Time	Topic	Speaker
5 Min	Introduction of the session and speakers	Marc Tijhuis, Managing Director, ISWA
10 Min	Global Methane Pledge GMP and Climate and the role of the Clean Air Coalition CCAC and its Waste Hub	Sandra Mazo-Nix, Expert, Waste Hub, CCAC
10 Min	Policies and instruments for a climate-related waste sector transformation	Anja Schwetje, Senior Scientific Officer, UBA
10 Min	Waste sector as key to reduce methane emissions: technologies and measures for national and local level	Carlos Silva Filho, President, ISWA
10 Min	The demand for local expertise and capacity to implement methane-reducing waste measures	P.D. Dr. Abdallah Nassour, Rostock University
45 Min	Moderated Panel Discussion with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • André França, Ministry of Environment, Brazil (tbc) • Vassilios Karavezyris, BMUV, Germany • Carlos Silva Filho, President, ISWA • Sandra Mazo-Nix, Waste Hub, CCAC, USA • Andrés Steinhäuser, President, Manos Verdes Foundation, Argentina • P.D. Dr. Abdallah Nassour, Rostock University, Germany 	
20 Min	Q&A Audience	
5 Min	Wrap-up and Closure	

Organizers



The International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) is a global, independent, and non-profit making association, working in the public interest to promote and develop sustainable waste management. ISWA's objective is the worldwide exchange of information and experience on all aspects of waste management.



German Environment Agency (Umweltbundesamt - UBA) Since its founding in 1974, UBA is Germany's main environmental protection agency, ensuring that our fellow citizens have a healthy environment with clean air and water, free of pollutants to the greatest extent possible.



PREVENT Waste Alliance initiated by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the PREVENT Waste Alliance was launched in May 2019. It serves as a platform for exchange and international cooperation. Organisations from the private sector, academia, civil society and public institutions jointly engage for a circular economy.



Climate and Clean Air Coalition CCAC - Waste Hub - The voluntary partnership of governments, intergovernmental organizations, businesses, scientific institutions and civil society organizations is committed to improving air quality and protecting the climate through actions to reduce short-lived climate pollutants.

The Waste Hub works with state and non-state partners to include waste sector actions reducing methane and black carbon emissions into the National Declared Contributions (NDCs), national and local planning and implementation.