



Equal Opportunities in the Waste Sector

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Session title:

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Session brief / concept note:

International projects by GIZ, ISWA's 'Women of Waste' and others will pitch a wide range of ideas and implementations for ensuring equal opportunities in the waste sector, which will then be put up for discussion in a world café workshop. The project pitches will outline topics around “equal opportunities in waste management” such as framework conditions, partners and target groups, approaches to solutions, results achieved (and not achieved), and most importantly bottlenecks and challenges.

Target audience

Members of international delegations to IFAT, waste experts from the public and private sectors; NGOs; researchers; and media.

Format

Presentation pitches of 5-10 minutes s will introduce the topic from different perspectives, followed by an experience exchange with the audience in world cafe format.

Agenda

Welcome

by Sabine Schwab-GIZ, Aditi Ramola-ISWA and Anja Schwetje-German Environment Agency (UBA)

Introduction

Women of Waste: Setting the scene, by Gabriela Garces, ISWA

Pitches

Pitches	Project	Speaker
	SOWAS, Jordanien	Salua Moussawel
	GV Umweltschutz Global	Thilanka Seneviratne, Dorothee Bürkle
	Kreislaufwirtschaft Albanien	Tina König, Viktore Hoj
	Abfall Kombodscha	Jürgen Stäudel, CIM
	GV Go circular- Circular City Lab	Noelle Ziolkowski, Maren Jäger
	WCE Ruanda	Michael Wittner
	Abfall Kosovo	Stefan Mager, Nisa Kroci
	UNIDO Philipines, E-Waste	Carmela Centeno
	MOWI India	Saba Khan
	G330	Filiz Jaetzold

And Introduction to DevelopPPP

World Café

Moderator: Bettina Loewentraut-Duran



Welcome speaker bios and photos



Anja Schwetje

Scientific Officer, German Environment Agency (UBA)

Anja Schwetje, by profession a process engineer, has more than 30 years of international experience in waste management and circular economy, and is since 2014 responsible for topics on waste with a nexus to climate protection and methane mitigation in UBA's unit III2.4 - Waste Technology, Waste Technology Transfer. She is Co-Lead of the Waste Hub of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC), Vice-Chair of the ISWA Working Group on Climate Change and Waste Management, Co-Chair of the Working Group on Organic Waste of the PREVENT Waste Alliance, and active in the Global Methane Initiative (GMI) and the German RETech Partnership.



Aditi Ramola

Technical Director, ISWA

Aditi is the Technical Director at the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) where she manages international projects and partnerships with the UN, provides assistance to ISWA's Working Groups and helps develop innovative projects globally to further strengthen cooperation with ISWA's partners and international organizations. Her skills are particularly focused on solid waste management and environmental issues. Aditi holds a master's in Environmental Technology and International Affairs from the Vienna University of Technology. She has several years of experience in the private sector including at Caterpillar Inc. before joining the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in the Climate Policy and Networks unit. Aditi is also passionate about science education and was the founding member and lead of the ISWA Young Professionals Group (YPG) initiative on Education and is the past Chair of the ISWA YPG.

Moderation:



Bettina Loewentraut-Duran zusammen mit Sabine Schwab, GIZ

Advisor Waste Solutions for a Circular Economy in India, GIZ

Bettina graduated in industrial engineering in 2001. She started her professional career first in classical and then in technical management consulting and specialized early in business development and project development. In 2004 she changed to private industry and environmental engineering. First, she worked in the fields of renewable energy, water treatment and processing and then in 2011 she shifted her focus on waste management technologies. Since 2018 she has been working for GIZ, first in Berlin for the cooperation of the German waste management industry with German development cooperation and since the beginning of 2023 she is part of the Mitigation Action Facility team supporting Circular Waste Solutions in India.



Sabine Schwab

Planning Officer, Competence Centre Water, Wastewater and Waste Management, GIZ

Sabine graduated in civil engineering in 1997, specializing in water and waste management (Thesis on composting in Sri Lanka). She initially worked in international consulting for 7 years and then moved to the Saarland Ministry of Environmental Protection with a focus on water protection. After completing the part-time Master's program Evaluation in Developing Countries, she worked as a development worker in Rwanda in infrastructure planning for 3 years from 2016. Since 2020 she has been working in the Competence Center for Water, Waste water and Waste Management at GIZ in Eschborn, with a special focus on waste management and circular economy.