

FIGHT AGAINST PLASTIC POLLUTION AND ROLE OF TRADE POLICY: A STAKEHOLDER'S VIEW

Virtual - 09h30-11h00 CET

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This event is being organized in the context of "Trade and Environment Week 2020". It will be held on Zoom.

This workshop seeks to provide a general overview of the international plastics issue and to discuss the role that international trade, its rules, and the World Trade Organization could play to mitigate its impact on the environment and support the development of a circular economy. This event will discuss the following points: (i) plastics flows, their environmental consequences and trade related measures; (ii) the international framework regulating trade in plastic waste and how to build on this in the context of the WTO; (iii) the role of the private sector, including possibilities to strengthen the worldwide market for plastic recycles and other secondary materials; and (iv) the involvement of the civil society.

Panel:

- **Franck Riester**, Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade and Economic Attractiveness, attached to the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France
- **Sigrid Kaag**, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Co-operation, The Netherlands
- **Marianne Kettunen**, Principal Policy Analyst and Head of Programme Global Challenges and SDGs, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
- **Carolyn Deere Birkbeck**, Senior Researcher, Global Governance Centre, The Graduate Institute, Geneva
- **Annick Boyen**, VP Communications Global Markets and External Affairs EU, Unilever
- **Syeda Rizwana Hasan**, Chief Executive, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA)
- **Jocelyn Blériot**, Executive Lead, Institutions, Governments & Cities, Ellen MacArthur Foundation

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