

Draft Programme

Side event 3 June 14:30 -16:00 Room Veranda



Circular economy and planetary boundaries: Opportunities and challenges for enhancing human well-being, the protection of nature and scaling up green markets

This side event explores the links between circular economy and the planetary boundaries including the drivers of biodiversity loss. It highlights the recent results of the IPBES Global Assessment report and the safe operating space within planetary boundaries for ensuring that circular economy activities do not cause adverse impacts on nature and people. It also examines the current knowledge and rate of implementation of the biodiversity commitments. The use of economic instruments to support biodiversity conservation and sustainable use (i.e. the positive incentives under Aichi Target 3), the link to sustainable development, including environmental safeguards for operating in harmony with nature and reducing human impacts on species and ecosystems. In addition to government driven policies, new opportunities lie in the harmonization and use of eco-labelling schemes, monitoring and stakeholder participation and by promoting business and biodiversity (B&B) practices.

14:30 Opening and welcome

Marina von Weissenberg, Senior Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of the Environment, Finland

14:35 Biodiversity and the Circular Economy; interdependencies and connections

Neville Ash, Director, UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre – UNEP-WCMC

14:45 Opportunities for integrating biodiversity conservation in circular economy

Eeva Primmer, Research director, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)

15:00 The use of economic instruments and eco-labeling schemes to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity

Katia Karousakis, Environmental Economist, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

15:20 Threatened species and habitats indicating our planetary boundaries

Tytti Kontula, Senior Research Scientist, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)

15:30 Panel Discussion with *Janne Kotiaho, professor, Neville Ash, director, Katia Karousakis, economist, Anna Ruohonen, designer (tbc), human wellbeing/health expert Japan (tbc)*

Q&A

15:50 Catwalk: Ecologically sustainable fashion

Moderator Asta Saari

Co-organizers



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