

# Tackling plastic waste through the Basel Convention

18 February 2021 from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. EAT

This event aims to familiarize the audience with the Plastic Waste Amendments, adopted at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2019, which made the Basel Convention the only legally binding instrument to specifically address plastic waste. The audience will also learn about the important work that is being undertaken to support countries in strengthening their capacities to tackle plastic waste via implementation of the Basel Convention. This includes the Plastic Waste Partnership, the Small Grant Programme on Plastic Waste, the updating of the technical guidelines on plastic waste, and projects providing technical assistance at the national level. Relevant developments under the Stockholm Convention with respect to plastics will also be considered.

## Expected outcomes

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1. An understanding of the critical role of the Basel Convention Plastic Waste Amendments in addressing the plastic waste problem.
2. Inspiration for approaches to tackle plastic pollution across the three pillars of the Basel Convention: controlling transboundary movements, ensuring environmentally sound management, and tackling sources of plastic waste.
3. Strengthened knowledge about the tools available and under development under the Basel Convention to address plastic waste.
4. An understanding of developments of relevance to plastics under the Stockholm Convention.

## Programme

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1. Opening  
*Rolph Payet, BRS Executive Secretary*
2. Delivering through the Basel Convention Plastic Waste Partnership  
*Ole Thomas Thommesen (Norway) and Ross Barley (Bureau of International Recycling), Co-chairs of Plastic Waste Partnership*
3. Strengthening capacities through the Regional Centres and the Small Grants Programme (SGP) on Plastic Waste  
*Directors of Basel/Rotterdam Convention Regional Centres*
4. Supporting Parties with tools, guidance and technical assistance  
*BRS Secretariat*

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