

# Waste in the Spotlight: A Call for Sound Management & Global Action

7 May 2025 13h15 -14h45

## Brief description of the side event:

The world must transition to a society that produces less waste, safely recovers materials and energy, and ensures environmentally sound final disposal solutions. This is the Environmentally Sound Management (ESM) of waste promoted through the BRS guidance documents.

This side event will call for putting “waste in the spotlight” across all sectors and regions, and for waste and resources management to be recognized as a corner stone of sustainable development. Keeping this objective as a red thread throughout the event, the new guidance document on ESM of household waste will be shared, illustrated by a couple practical case studies from China, Togo and Rwanda. It will also highlight the often-overlooked contributions of women in the informal recycling sector, key stakeholders in driving the transition.

The waste and resources community is inherently multi-stakeholder encompassing municipalities and local authorities, national governments, private companies, UN- agencies, NGOs and international finance providing capital investments. These stakeholders must unite under a shared vision to drive the cross-sectoral transformative change in waste and resources management. The “global push” initiative aims to bring together this community, offering an opportunity to co-develop the shared vision that can collectively be carried to be integrated in the post-2030 sustainability agenda. A comment period on an initial draft vision will open on 7 may.

This side event marks the beginning of a series dedicated to forging this unified global approach and advancing waste and resource management to the top of the global policy agenda.



# Detailed Agenda

## Intro (10 min)

- **Welcome by Moderator**  
*Ms. Corinne Trommsdorff, French Solid Waste Partnership*
- **Keynote (5 min):**  
*Ms. Alexandra Monteiro, Agence Française de Développement*

## Part 1 (20 min): “Waste & Resources management” as a building block of Sustainable Development

- **The status of waste & resources in the current SDG framework (6 min)**  
*M. Graham Alabaster, UN-Habitat*
- **The “global push” for Waste and Resources management to become a sustainable development priority**  
*M. Carlos Silva Fihlo, ISWA Immediate Past President & Corinne Trommsdorff, FSWP*

## Part 2 (30 min): Environmentally Sound Management of Waste applied to household waste

- **Presentation of the “overall ESM guidance for Household waste” proposed for adoption (6 min)**  
*Representative from Canada*
- **ESM of waste relies on support mechanisms (3 min)**  
2 min video by FSWP ([Implementing environmentally sound waste management - YouTube](#))
- **Spotlight on a case study TBD highlighting key elements of ESM of household waste (10 min)**
  - *Ms. Victoria Zhang, Solid Waste and Chemicals Management Center, Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China*
  - *Ms. Camille Tahon, Program Manager, CCAC*
- **Moderator to open to a short panel discussion on a few components of ESM of waste that could become part of a future sustainable development framework**

## Part 3 (30 min): The role of women in the informal recycling sector in the transition to sustainable development

- **Intro (3 min)**  
*Ms. Maria Tsakona, Grid-Arendal*
- **Pilot project in Rwanda promoting a just integration of the informal recycling sector in plastic waste management systems. (7 min)**  
*Ms. Griffins Ochieng, Programmes Coordinator, Center for Environment Justice and Development*
- **Presentation of the Capacity Building for Women in the Informal Sector [Toolkit](#) (10 min)**  
*Ms. Maria Tsakona, Grid-Arendal*
- **Discussion: most critical elements for a future sustainable development framework to support a just transition for women in the informal sector**

## Conclusion (5 min) by Rolph Payet (Executive Secretary of the BRS Conventions)

- Perspectives to unite the waste management community around a shared narrative that we jointly carry to highest levels.
- Reflect on the need for a “global push” and how the process launched can support raising the priority level on waste and resources management

Event available for ONLINE attendance, but no on-line speakers. Connection: [Cisco Webex Meetings](#)