



Sixth global dialogue and investment-focused event under the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme

Addis International Convention Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

5-6 September 2025

(All times are in local time)

Day 1: 5 September 2025

Time	Session
08:00 – 09:00	Registration for the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme
<u>Opening</u>	
09:00 – 09:30 Meeting Room 01	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Julia Gardiner, SBI Chair <p>Introduction to the sixth global dialogue by the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme</p>
<u>Scene-setting Session</u>	
09:30 – 11:10 Meeting Room 01	<p>Area of discussion 1: Best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers to mitigation action in the waste sector, including through circular economy approaches.</p> <p>Scene-setting presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Donovan Storey, Waste and Climate Expert, Climate and Clean Air Coalition Secretariat (CCAC), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (<i>virtual</i>)• Ms. Miranda Schnitger, Climate Lead, Ellen MacArthur Foundation <p>Panel Discussion followed by Q&A session</p> <p><i>The panel discussion will consider aspects related to best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers to mitigation action in the waste sector, including, inter alia, through technical and policy approaches to reducing GHG emissions from the waste sector, including with a focus on circular economy strategies, while highlighting solutions across the waste hierarchy – from prevention and reuse to treatment and recovery among others. Panelists will also examine how circularity can contribute to lifecycle emissions reduction and improved resource efficiency.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Miranda Schnitger, Climate Lead, Ellen MacArthur Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Neil Tangri, Senior Director of Science and Policy, Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA)• Mr. Jacob Rognhaug, VP Public Affairs, Head of Global Engagement, TOMRA (<i>virtual</i>)



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nawaf Essam Bilasi, PhD, P.E., Basel Convention COP18 President, CEO Advisor and MEAs main negotiator, National Center for Waste Management (<i>virtual</i>) • Ms. Jingxian Tao Polly, ESG Director, Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited (CATL)
11:10 – 11:25	Break
11:25 – 12:55 Meeting Room 01	<p>Area of discussion 2: Approaches to enable means of implementation for actions and solutions in the waste sector, including through circular economy approaches.</p> <p>Scene-setting presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Catalina Marulanda, Manager, Urban, Resilience and Land Practice, East Africa, The World Bank (<i>virtual</i>) • Dr. Alphayo Lutta, Research Fellow, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) <p>Panel Discussion followed by Q&A session</p> <p><i>This panel discussion will consider a range of approaches to enable means of implementation in the waste sector, with a view to advancing the solutions and actions discussed in the preceding segment. Discussions will address, inter alia, financing options—both public and private—including market-based and non-market-based mechanisms. The panel will also explore policy frameworks that foster enabling environments, such as institutional capacity-building, regulatory and fiscal incentives, and instruments to mobilize private sector participation. Cross-cutting themes, including emissions data and transparency, technology development and transfer, innovation, and capacity-building will be examined across all thematic areas of discussion in this panel.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Meredith Ryder-Rude, Associate Vice President, Global Engagement and Partnership, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Satyendra Kumar, Director, Green Transition, Climate and Environment Division, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog), Government of India, New Delhi • Ms. Davinah Milenge Uwella, Chief Programme Coordinator, African Development Bank (AfDB) • Ms. Jinjin Ma, Director of International Cooperation Department, China Association of Circular Economy (<i>virtual</i>) • Mr. Mohamed A. Sultan, Africa Lead, The Global Methane Hub • Ms. Urszula Kasperek, Head of National Engagement, CHAMP - C40 and GCOM Joint Program
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break



Area of discussion 1 - Breakout Sessions

The breakout sessions will build upon the themes and issues highlighted during the scene-setting presentations and panel discussion on best practices and solutions to address challenges and barriers to mitigation action in the waste sector, including through circular economy approaches. Participants will engage in sharing best practices and solutions with a view to exploring key aspects for mitigation action in the waste sector. Further details on the breakout session round will be communicated in due course.

The breakout sessions will be organized in two consecutive rounds, with two groups convening in parallel during each round. Each of the two breakout groups will focus on a distinct thematic area, drawn from the preceding scene-setting presentations and panel discussions. Participants will stay in the same room through the breakout sessions. After the first breakout discussion, facilitators will rotate to the other room. This approach will allow all participants to participate in both breakout discussions and contribute to both themes. Each round of discussion will run for approximately 80 minutes with a short break in between to allow facilitators to switch between breakout rooms. Facilitators will keep time and inform about the program. During the breakout discussion participants will have an opportunity for interactive engagement.

Guiding questions for breakout workshops:

Theme 1: Waste management, reduction, and prevention

1. What are the best practices and actionable solutions in your country or region to reduce GHGs emissions from waste, including through integrated and effective waste management systems for solid waste, organic waste, food loss, wood and agricultural residues, and wastewater?
2. What are the challenges and barriers in your country or region in implementing GHG emission reductions from waste management and waste management systems?

Theme 2: Circular economy approaches

1. What are the best practices and actionable solutions in your country or region to deploy circular economy approaches to avoid, shift, and improve resource use and waste generation, across different areas?

What are the challenges and barriers in your country or region to implementing circular economy approaches?

Room	Meeting Room 02	Meeting Room 05
14:10 – 15:40	<p><i>Breakout Group 1</i></p> <p>Theme 1</p> <p>Keynote ice-breaker intervention: Mr. Jacob Steen, CEO, Brukspecialisten (virtual)</p>	<p><i>Breakout Group 2</i></p> <p>Theme 2</p> <p>Keynote ice-breaker intervention: Dr. Simon Mayson, Manager: Sustainable Energy, ICLEI Africa</p>
15:40 – 15:55	Break to switch rooms	
15:55– 17:30	<p><i>Breakout Group 1</i></p> <p>Theme 2</p> <p>Keynote ice-breaker intervention: Dr. Simon Mayson, Manager: Sustainable Energy, ICLEI Africa</p>	<p><i>Breakout Group 2</i></p> <p>Theme 1</p> <p>Keynote ice-breaker intervention: Mr. Jacob Steen, CEO, Brukspecialisten (virtual)</p>



17:30 – 17:40	Return to plenary
17:40 – 18:00 Meeting Room 01	<u>Closing Session</u> <i>Closing of Day 1 by co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme</i>



Day 2: 6 September 2025

Time	Session
09:00 – 09:15 Meeting Room 02	Welcome by the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme
<u>Area of discussion 2 - Breakout sessions</u>	
<p>The breakout sessions will build upon the themes and issues highlighted during the scene-setting presentations and panel discussion on approaches to enable means of implementation for actions and solutions in the waste sector, including through circular economy approaches. In the breakout sessions, participants will engage in sharing approaches to enabling means of implementation with a view to advancing actions and solutions in the waste sector. Further details on the breakout session round will be communicated in due course.</p> <p>The breakout sessions will be organized in two consecutive rounds, with two groups convening in parallel during each round. Each of the two breakout groups will focus on a distinct thematic area, drawn from the preceding scene-setting presentations and panel discussions. Participants will stay in the same room through the breakout sessions. After the first breakout discussion, facilitators will rotate to the other room. This approach will allow all participants to participate in both breakout discussions and contribute to both themes. Each round of discussion will run for approximately 80 minutes with a short break in between to allow facilitators to switch between breakout rooms. Facilitators will keep time and inform about the program. During the breakout discussion participants will have an opportunity for interactive engagement.</p> <p>Guiding questions for breakout workshops:</p> <p><u>Theme 1: Finance, capacity, and technology</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What are the best practices and actionable solutions in your country or region for financing models or approaches, technologies and capacities effectively supported the implementation of emissions reduction in the waste-sector and circular economy initiatives – including mechanisms such as public finance, blended finance, and efforts to incentivize markets for circular economy – and what specific approaches and strategies have proven successful in scaling up private sector investment in these areas? From your experience, what role have data, technology, or capacity-building efforts played – and what role can they play – in unlocking mitigation action in the waste sector and for circular economy approaches?</i> <i>What are the challenges and barriers in your country or region in mobilizing and scaling public and private finance, technology deployment, or capacity-building activities for waste-sector implementation and circular economy approaches?</i> <p><u>Theme 2: Governance and policy</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What are the best practices and actionable solutions in your country or region for national policy and multilevel governance approaches to enable more effective mitigation action in the waste sector and stronger circular economy, including through successful examples of the engagement of regional and local governance actors and other stakeholders?</i> <i>What are the challenges and barriers in your country or region to developing and implementing coherent and effective policy and governance frameworks for the waste sector and circular economy approaches?</i> 	



Room	Meeting Room 02	Meeting Room 04
09:15 – 10:45	<i>Breakout Group 1</i> Theme 1 Keynote ice-breaker intervention: Mr. Max Russer , Climate Finance Associate, NDC Partnership (<i>virtual</i>)	<i>Breakout Group 2</i> Theme 2 Keynote ice-breaker intervention: Ms. Amira Halabi , Climate Justice Specialist and Africa Liaison Consultant, Women in Informal Employment (WIEGO)
10:45 – 11:00	Break to switch rooms	
11:00 – 12:30	<i>Breakout Group 1</i> Theme 2 Keynote ice-breaker intervention: Ms. Amira Halabi , Climate Justice Specialist and Africa Liaison Consultant, Women in Informal Employment (WIEGO)	<i>Breakout Group 2</i> Theme 1 Keynote ice-breaker intervention: Mr. Max Russer , Climate Finance Associate, NDC Partnership (<i>virtual</i>)
12:30 – 12:35	Return to plenary	
12:35 – 12:45 Meeting Room 02	Report back from breakout groups and closing of the global dialogue by co-chairs	
12:45 – 12:55 Meeting Room 02	Introduction to the sixth investment-focused event by the co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh mitigation ambition and implementation work programme	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	



Sixth investment-focused event

Scene-setting Session		
14:00 – 14:30 Meeting Room 01	Scene-setting presentation followed by Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr. Euan Low, Green Climate Fund	
Pitch Hub		
14:30 – 15:50	<p>Pitch hub</p> <p><i>The Pitch Hub will provide an opportunity for interested Parties to share their project ideas and interact with investors, financial institutions and other policymakers with a view to receiving expert advice and insights on investment project preparation. Participants selected by the co-chairs will present to investors and policy makers on their project proposals under various thematic areas. Interested Parties have been requested to submit a project proposal to be included in the pitch hub. Further details on the pitch hub will be provided in due course.</i></p>	
Room	Meeting Room 01	Meeting Room 02
15:50 – 16:05	Break	
16:05 – 17:25 Meeting Room 01	<p>Regional case studies and perspectives followed by Q&A sessions</p> <p><i>This session will showcase practical examples of mitigation actions in the waste sector, including through circular economy approaches, being implemented through collaborative efforts between financial institutions and countries. Each case study will be jointly presented by representatives of financial institutions and their country partners, offering diverse regional perspectives. The presentations will illustrate innovative investment approaches, enabling policy frameworks, and key lessons learned in advancing mitigation action in the waste sector.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Her Excellency Engineer Lelise Neme, Director General, Ethiopian Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), EthiopiaMr. Pär Larshans, Chief Sustainability Officer, Ragn-Sells Group (virtual)Mr. Jiro Hiratsuka, Director, Office of Climate Change Negotiation and Cooperation, Ministry of the Environment, JapanMs. Andrea De Nigris Melgar, Manager, National Directorate of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Uruguay	
17:30 – 18:00 Meeting Room 01	<p>Summary and reflections, and closing of the sixth investment-focused event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The co-chairs of the Sharm el-Sheikh Mitigation Ambition and Implementation Work Programme	