

**“CAPacity” to Act:
Reducing Plastic Pollution through Capacity Development**

Event co-hosted by the PREVENT Waste Alliance and IUCN

Date: Friday, 8 August **18.00 - 21.30**

Venue: International Red Cross & Red Crescent Museum **Café HINIVUU:** Avenue de la Paix 17, Geneva [MAP](#) - Light refreshments served – **arrow below shows path to café**

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Summary

The event will highlight practical tools, real-world case studies, and foster partnerships to support the key measures to be discussed at INC5.2. During the event, impactful presentations and interactive discussions will highlight capacity building approaches and discuss lessons and needs for an effective multi-stakeholder approach, followed by a dynamic networking session to highlight tools and foster partnerships and knowledge exchange.

PART 1: Welcoming and input presentation (18.30 - 20hrs)

- Welcome & opening remarks
- PREVENT Waste Alliance description
- Highlight different capacity building approaches
- Panel discussion: focused dialogue on lessons, needs, and opportunities
- Q&A and wrap-up

PART 2: Networking and Learning (20.00-21.30hrs)

- Participants are free to move between stations at their own pace
- Each station operates continuously with informal demonstrations and discussion.

Agenda

Part 1: 18.30 to 20.00		
18.00-18.30	Welcome	Welcome desk at Museum entrance
18.30-18:40	Moderation and event opening L'Atelier (inside)	Steffen Blume (PREVENT) and IUCN (Lynn Sorrentino):
18:40-18:50	Welcome: Opening remarks by BMZ & IUCN (3-5 min each)	BMZ: Lars Selwig, BMZ head of division water and circular economy IUCN: Karine Siegwart, Senior Policy Advisor, IUCN Centre for Policy and Law
18.50-19:00	Introduction to capacity building	Introduction to REVENT: Alexander Batteiger, head of PREVENT Waste Alliance
19:00-19:10	Capacity building approaches	Jonas Barkhau, GIZ: Plastic Treaty Assist Toolkit Alima Koité, IUCN: Regional approaches to capacity building for African negotiators at IUCN
19:10-19:50	Panel discussion: focused dialogue on challenges and opportunities – moderator Steffen Blume (PREVENT)	Representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambodia delegate (Mr. Than Monomoyith) • Sierra Leone delegate (Mr. Tamba Sangbah) • MEA Representative (BRS Conventions, Ms. Kei Ohno-Woodall) • OECD Perspective (Mr. Peter Börkey) • Private Sector, South Africa PepsiCo (Ms. Meghna Laxman) • Informal sector perspective, (Ms. Maddie Koena) • Donor Perspective, Norad (Ms. Kari Synnøve Johansen)
19:50-20:00	Wrap-up and pitch of next session	PREVENT Secretariat and IUCN - QA
Part 2: 20.00-21.30		
20.00-21.20	Networking and Discussions (L'Atelier and Atrium spaces) What can be done better together – synergies?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upstream solutions: Willemijn Peeters (Searious Business), Anabella Palacios (IUCN), Laura Griestop (WWF), Andrea Cino (WRAP) 2. Action planning and roadmaps: Margherita Pucino (WEF - GPAP), Charlotte Davies (Common Seas), Thomas Maes and Clever Mafuta (GRID-Arendal) 3. Extended Producer Responsibility Schemes: Peter Borkey (OECD), Jonas Barkhau, (PREVENT) 4. Digital AI powered approaches (SPOT Model, Costas Velis - Imperial; and negotiateAI) 5. Innovative financing - plastic credits: Stephanie Beitien (PCX), and others from PREVENT on plastics credits 6. Protecting biodiversity: Karine Siegwart (IUCN), Alexandra Harrington (IUCN WCEL) 7. Social inclusion: Lynn Sorrentino (IUCN), Jean-Christophe Laugee (InclusEO), John Chweya, Kenya