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**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**

**12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION**



Special event during the 2018 High-Level Political Forum

**Meeting the challenge of chemical pollution beyond 2020:
Working together for healthy people and a healthy planet!**

Tuesday, July 17, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Auditorium of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations,
871 United Nations Plaza, New York

The purpose of this event is to provide a platform for participants to discuss and exchange views and perspectives on chemicals and waste in the context of SDG 12 on sustainable consumption and production patterns, thus ensuring healthy lives and a healthy planet well into the future. The global chemical sector is a major economic factor, and a key enabler for achieving sustainable development. The global production of chemicals is expected to almost double by 2030 compared to 2015. Yet despite considerable progress on safe chemicals management, serious health and environmental impacts from chemical pollution remain unresolved.

In the context of SDG 12, sustainable consumption and production requires a systematic approach throughout the life cycle of chemicals and cooperation across actors and sectors throughout the supply chain, from producers to final consumers. Target 12.4 in particular is set for achievement by 2020, which is aligned with the overall objective of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM). As 2020 approaches, there is a need for the global community to reflect on the ambition level following up to SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 in the context of the 2030 Agenda.

At this side event, high level representatives from governments, the UN system and other stakeholders will discuss challenges and opportunities for sound chemicals and waste management in the context of key global trends. The event will also identify how the UN system could increase its contribution benefiting from chemical management to achieve SDG 12.

Outcomes would include increased international attention to the negotiation process on SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020; new insights on how to advance implementation of SDG commitments for beating chemicals and waste pollution; exchange on how to better manage risks and increase benefits for all from dealing with chemicals and wastes; and enhanced engagement from all relevant stakeholders and sectors, both in the periods up to and beyond 2020.





Agenda

Welcome note: HE Ms. Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter, Parliamentary State Secretary, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

Introductory keynote: HE Ms. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Canada (tbc)

Panel discussion:

- Mr. Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions
- HE Ms. Karolina Skog, Minister for the Environment, Sweden
- Mr. Martin Kayser, Head Product Safety, BASF SE
- HE Mr. Edson Duarte, Minister of Environment, Brazil (tbc)
- Ms. Susan Wilburn, International Sustainability Director, Health Care Without Harm
- HE Mr. Dennis Wanchinga, Minister for Water Development, Sanitation and Environmental Protection, Zambia (tbc)

Conclusions: Ms. Gertrud Sahler, President of the Fifth International Conference on Chemicals Management, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany

Reception speech: Mr. Erik Solheim, Executive Director, UN Environment (tbc)

The event will be facilitated by Ms. Minu Hemmati.

Refreshments and a buffet will be served during the reception.

This side event is targeted at high-level decision-makers and participants in the High-level Political Forum (delegations and stakeholders).

Please R.S.V.P. no later than **July 12, 2018** by registering at https://chemicalsbeyond2020.adelphi.de/registration_HLPF or alternatively by confirming your participation to Mr. Nils Simon, simon@adelphi.de stating your name, position and affiliation. For security purposes, a photo-ID is mandatory to gain access to the premises of the German Mission.

