



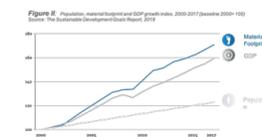
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The One Planet network implements the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP).

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## KEY INSIGHTS FROM THE REPORT TO THE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2020

 HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



With just 10 years to go to deliver on the 2030 Agenda, shifting the global economy to sustainable consumption and production during the decade of action is critical to achieving the SDGs.

Yet, sustainable resource management is on a long-term trend in the wrong direction.

Globally SDG targets 12.2 and 8.4 indicate that ever-increasing amounts of natural resources are used to support our economic activity, while the efficiency with which resources are used remains unchanged. It is thus clear, that the world has not yet seen the effective decoupling of economic growth from environmental degradation.

Reversing the negative trend requires transforming how we use and manage natural resources in our socio-economic systems.

A shift to addressing SDG 12 in national economic plans, financial policy instruments and national budgets – rather than in environment portfolios – is crucial, together with measures to ensure a socially equitable transition. This would enable the integration of natural resources and the full costs of their related impacts and negative externalities into economic policies and instruments.

[Read the full report to the HLPF here](#)

## NEWS



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
THE TOURISM SECTOR TO  
**CONTINUE TAKING ACTION ON  
PLASTIC POLLUTION DURING  
COVID-19 RECOVERY**



## Global Tourism Plastics Initiative launches Recommendations for the Tourism Sector to Continue Taking Action on Plastic Pollution during COVID-19 Recovery

The [public launch](#) of these recommendations – developed jointly by UNEP, UNWTO and the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, along with much support from members of the Advisory Group and other representatives of the tourism industry - is addressed to tourism stakeholders with the aim of supporting them to continue fighting plastic pollution during the COVID-19 recovery.

The document illustrates how reducing the plastic footprint, increasing the engagement of suppliers, working closer with waste service providers, and ensuring transparency on the actions taken, can significantly contribute to a responsible recovery of the tourism sector. The recommendations further highlight the importance of cleaning and sanitation procedures as well as ongoing and transparent communication with both staff and guests during and after the pandemic.

[Find out more about the Global Tourism Plastics Initiatives and download the full recommendations document](#)



## Major tourism business organisations announce their commitment to fighting plastic pollution in tourism as first signatories of Global Tourism Plastics Initiative

On July 22nd 2020, the [Global Tourism Plastics Initiative](#) announced its first group of signatories, including tourism businesses and organisations from across Asia, Africa, Europe and Americas. Among the first signatories are major accommodation businesses Accor, Iberostar Group and Club Med.

By committing to the Global Tourism Plastics Initiative, companies, governments and other relevant actors of the tourism sector are committing to specific targets on elimination of single-use plastics; the introduction of reuse models; and the purchase of recyclable or compostable plastic for packaging and items that can't be eliminated or substituted with reuse models. Signatories are specifying dates for each of these targets and are committing to report annually to the Global Tourism Plastics Initiative on how the targets were achieved.

[See the full list of signatories and watch videos testimonials from major organisations on why they have joined the initiative](#)



## Online Course: [Green Industrial Policy: Promoting Competitiveness and Structural Transformation](#)

This course, developed under the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), sets out to provide trainers, educators and policymakers with a scientifically sound foundation, didactic instruments and learning material to gain a thorough understanding of the main tenets of green industrial policy and their application around the world.

The course is relevant to training institutions and universities, policy makers and planners, and civil society. By the end of the course, participants will have built their capacities on a wide variety of topics related to green industry.

[Find out more about the specifics of this course and how to enrol](#)



## New official methodology for measuring sustainable public procurement takes account of human rights considerations

UNEP, with support from the Sustainable Public Procurement programme, has published the calculation methodology for SDG Indicator 12.7.1, measuring the number of countries implementing sustainable public procurement policies and action plans.

The new methodology takes into account a number of human rights considerations, explicitly tying the social dimension of sustainable public procurement to human rights, and weaving human rights principles such as equality and non-discrimination throughout.

As states begin to gather data, they will see where they are advancing on sustainable public procurement and human rights, and where they are not. In this way, this calculation methodology has the potential to guide states' future actions to realise sustainable public procurement.

[Read more about the adoption of the 12.7.1 calculation methodology from a human rights perspective](#)



## One-stop platform on Life Cycle Assessment datasets is now online

The Life Cycle Initiative has launched the Global LCA Data Access network (GLAD), a platform which allows to search, convert and download datasets from different life cycle assessment dataset providers.

The goal is that GLAD will bring together a global community seeking enhanced interoperability of LCA data, and that it will revolutionise the way in which LCA studies can be delivered, making them faster and more economical.

[Read more about the launch of the Global LCA Data Access network \(GLAD\) platform and watch the full webinar recording](#)



## NEW PUBLICATIONS



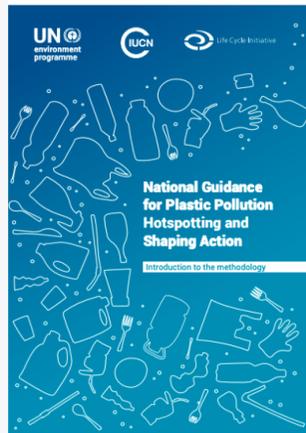
## Life Cycle Initiative launches report on single-use plastic bottles

This report summarises current knowledge about single-use plastic bottles and alternatives that could potentially replace them from a functional and transportation point of view. The following alternatives are considered: glass bottle (single-use), aluminium can (single-use), carton laminated packaging systems (single-use), reusable steel and aluminium bottles, as well as non-container means for providing drinking water.

A series of other studies on single-use plastic products will be published throughout the year including on take-away food packaging as well as beverage cups.

[Find out more about this report and download the full document](#)





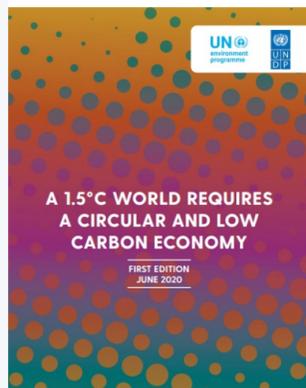
## National Guidance for Plastic Pollution Hotspotting and Shaping Action

UNEP, IUCN, and the Life Cycle Initiative have developed this guidance to provide a methodological framework for identifying 'hotspots' of plastic pollution, finding the leakages and their impacts along the entire plastic value chain, and then providing recommendations for action once these hotspots are identified. The Guidance takes a holistic approach, covering the analysis of major types of plastic polymers, products, sectors, and geographical locations.

The guidance enables countries, regions, and cities to establish a baseline for benchmarking and tracking the progress of suggested interventions. Alongside the guidance, the Life Cycle Initiative has also developed modules and tools to help users for data collection, modelling, calculations and developing interventions.

[Download the full report to find out more](#)

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## UNDP and UNEP release guidance on circular economy for climate change mitigation

This jointly developed guidance note sets out a range of technical resources and analytical tools that can be offered to countries to accelerate achievement of the Paris Agreement targets, by enhancing the resource efficiency and circularity of their national economies.

Further UNDP and UNEP collaboration with developing countries in the enhancement of their NDCs aims to support circular policies; help design innovative circular economy business models that engage systematically private sector actors, and; facilitate scaling-up of innovative solutions to enhance countries' climate ambition.

[Find out more about the proposed recommendations and download the full document](#)

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## Breaking the Plastic Wave: A Comprehensive Assessment of Pathways Towards Stopping Ocean Plastic Pollution

Plastic has become ubiquitous on store shelves and in our homes. From wrapped food and disposable bottles to microbeads in body washes, it's used widely as packaging or in products because it's versatile, cheap, and convenient. But this convenience comes with a price. Plastic waste is entering the ocean at a rate of about 11 million metric tons a year, where it is harming marine life and damaging habitats.

Through [Breaking the Plastic Wave](#), Pew Charitable Trusts and SYSTEMIQ provides a global analysis using first-of-its kind modelling, showing that we can cut annual flows of plastic into the ocean by about 80% in the next 20 years by applying existing solutions and technologies. No single solution can achieve this goal; rather, we break the plastic wave only by taking immediate, ambitious, and concerted actions.

[Find out more about the report here](#)

[You can also check out Ellen MacArthur Foundation's circular economy perspective on the study here](#)

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## COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES



## Opportunity to join new working group for Product Lifetime Extension and participate in survey

The One Planet network Consumer Information Programme recently set up a new working group on Product Lifetime Extension, led by UNEP and the Akatu Institute. The Working Group aims to bring together practitioners and policy makers and push progress towards product lifetime extension policies and practices worldwide and better engage consumers by raising awareness and improving communication on product lifetime extension, and invites interested organisations to join.

As a first activity under the working group, UNEP is developing a mapping of (existing or in the pipeline) policy and regulatory actions that address product lifetime extension around the world.

[Find out if this working group is for you, and how to participate in the survey to map existing product lifetime extension policies around the world](#)

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## WEBINARS



### Keeping Fashion close to home for better and lighter living

12 August 2020, 11am – 12:30pm Pacific Daily Time (PDT)

This is the third instalment in the [Sustainable Lifestyle and Education Programme's](#) webinar series: '[Sustainable Living 1.5: Empowering People to live better and lighter.](#)'

This webinar will showcase local and regional fibre and textile systems that drive environmentally and socially healthy production chains and businesses, support local job creation, and rebuild markets for regionally produced fashion and fibre-based products

[Find out more about the full panel of speakers who will be taking part](#)

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## EVENTS



### Baltic Circular Procurement Congress

2-3 September 2020

The One Planet network [Sustainable Public Procurement programme](#) is supporting this event, which will bring together procurement experts, suppliers, researchers and key opinion leaders from all over Europe to virtually share their experiences and best practices of using procurement as an effective tool for transition towards the circular economy.

The societal challenge of resource efficiency will be discussed by considering innovative solutions from a multidimensional perspective. This concerns products, processes and new business models as well as utilizing the synergies between public authorities, research institutions, SMEs and non-profit organisations active in this field. Through such discussions, the event aims to raise awareness of circular concepts, highlight good practices, share experiences and pave the road ahead for circular procurement to enter the mainstream.

[Read more about the conference and how your organisation may be able to participate](#)

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## Consumer Information programme will lead a session at the India and Sustainability Standards Conference 2020

28-30 October 2020

This annual flagship conference of the Centre for Responsible Business' (CRB) – a Multi-stakeholder Advisory Committee member of the [Consumer Information for SCP](#) programme - convenes international and Indian businesses, policymakers and other stakeholders to dialogue and develop roadmaps across issues and industry sectors – all with the objective of supporting the momentum towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This year marks the seventh edition, and in 2020 the event will be taking place virtually. The aim is to convene a diverse set of stakeholders to understand and deliberate on the opportunities and challenges of integrating sustainability into core business practices, as well as on strategies to build a resilient business in an uncertain world.

The Consumer Information for SCP Programme will have a session at the conference on Sustainability Information to Empower Consumers.

[Read more about the topics covered at the conference and how to register](#)



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