

Media Invitation

EVENT

Enhancing resource efficiency and reducing material footprint to meet climate commitments

12 December 2019, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The UN's One Planet network, the UNFCCC, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the International Resource Panel (IRP) are inviting all media to attend the panel discussion on *Enhancing resource efficiency and reducing material footprint to meet climate commitments* at COP25.

Increasing the efficiency by which our global economy uses resources is one of the most cost-effective and equitable ways of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and meeting climate commitments set out in the Paris Agreement. Policies to increase “resource efficiency” and for sustainable consumption and production offer major opportunities for sustaining economic prosperity, lowering carbon emissions and reducing other environmental impacts.

The launch event will be open to [all media accredited at COP](#).

- **Location:** San Pedro de Atacama Hall, IFEMA, Blue Zone
- **Time and Date:** 12 December 2019, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Key speakers:

Introduction and moderation		Mark Radka Chief, Energy & Climate UNEP
1. The science on resource use and climate change	Natural Resources matter: quantifying the contribution of resource efficiency to Carbon emission reduction	Izabella Teixeira, Co-chair, International Resource Panel
2. Policy & Actions in resource-intensive sectors of Agriculture, Food and Construction	Policies and tools for resource efficient and climate friendly buildings and construction in Finland	H.E. Krista Mikkonen Minister of Environment, Finland
	Mobilizing action from Private sector on resource efficiency and circularity for the implementation of the Paris agreement	Gonzalo Muñoz Founder, TriCiclos High-Level Climate Champion

3. Means of implementation: partnerships, policies and coherence for resource efficiency and climate action	The role of multi-stakeholder partnerships in transforming food systems	René Castro, Assistant Director-General, FAO	
	Integrating resource efficiency in national development frameworks and NDCs	Achim Steiner Administrator UNDP	
	Integrated resource efficiency policies and multi-stakeholder action for climate change mitigation	Inger Andersen Director UNEP	Executive
Question and answer session			
4. Reflections on integrated policies and joint action for climate change mitigation	Martin Frick, Director of Implementation UNFCCC		
Closing Remarks	Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP		

Expected outcomes:

- Demonstrate the contribution of increased resource efficiency to climate mitigation and the importance of applying resource efficiency policies and strategies for climate change mitigation plans to achieve the Paris Agreement goals.
- Showcase the scientific evidence, as well as policies and actions taken to decrease the material footprint of the economy to accelerate and scale up GHG emission reductions.

About the One Planet network:

The One Planet network formed to implement the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP), a global commitment to accelerate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production in both developed and developing countries that was adopted by UN member states at the Rio+20 World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2012. The One Planet network is a multi-stakeholder partnership for sustainable development, generating collective impact through its six programmes: Public Procurement, Buildings and Construction, Tourism, Food Systems, Consumer Information, and Lifestyles and Education.

About the International Resource Panel

Launched in 2007, the International Resource Panel is the leading global scientific panel working on the sustainable management of natural resources. It aims to provide independent, authoritative and policy relevant scientific assessments on the status, trends and future state of natural resources. In over 25 reports, the Panel has advanced knowledge as to how society can decouple economic development and well-being from environmental degradation and resource use. A group of governments from developed and developing regions, civil society, industrial and international organizations provide strategic direction to ensure relevance and impact of the Panel's research.

About the UN Environment Programme

UNEP is the leading global voice on the environment. It provides leadership and encourages partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.

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