



Thematic Track

OPERATIONALIZING SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES

Technological Transitions or Behavioral Shifts?

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Synopsis:

The Preamble of the Paris Agreement recognises “that sustainable lifestyles and sustainable patterns of consumption and production, with developed country Parties taking the lead, play an important role in addressing climate change.” This highlights the need to ensure that sustainable lifestyles are operationalised and do not remain a concept. The panel session will deep dive into how promoting sustainable lifestyles is perhaps the greatest challenge in the context of reaching sustainable development. Indeed the tools will be very different to bring about sustainable lifestyles among affluent populations who already have a high environmental footprint; and those who currently have very low environmental footprints because of precarious situations and aspire to a better life. The session will discuss how technological development and transfer and behavioural changes could bring about sustainable lifestyles, as well as whether simply following a co-benefit approach in matters of technology innovation and changes will be enough; or whether consciously pursuing adoption of environmentally friendly technologies as policy objectives would be required.

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