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Minimizing Single-use Plastics: Identifying needs and fostering partnerships

Tuesday, December 10th, 2019

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

India Pavilion

At the G20 Summit in Osaka, global leaders agreed that marine plastic waste is a serious issue and pledged to take steps to tackle the problem. Taking this a step forward, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi announced the banning of single-use plastic at the 14th session of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in September 2019. Further, there is a growing movement on the need to integrate ocean and climate action, under the umbrella of sustainable development.

Plastics have been identified as an opportunity as well as a serious waste issue by many developing countries. India has shown consistent leadership on global platforms to advocate for innovative solutions and approaches for fighting the huge challenges of climate change and sustainable development. And today, there is a need to collectively undertake the required actions to tackle this issue.

In cognizance of this and the COP 25's intention to be a 'Blue COP', focused on oceans, TERI is organising a high-level discussion to discuss ways and means of minimizing single-use plastics, need of innovative financing, technology and policy mechanisms and identifying areas for future cooperation.

Tentative Agenda

11:00 to 11:05	Opening remarks <i>Mr. R.R. Rashmi, Distinguished Fellow, TERI</i> Scale of the plastic waste problem and its impact on the environment, economic growth and social well-being
11:05 to 11:15	Special address <i>MOEFCC</i>
11:15 to 12:55	<i>Panel Discussion: Moderated by Mr. R.R. Rashmi</i> <u>Panelists:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Joshua Wycliffe, Permanent Secretary, Government of Fiji</i>• <i>Mr. Mahendra Singhi, Group CEO, Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited</i>• <i>Mr. Vipul Shah, COO, Reliance Petrochemicals</i>• <i>Dr C.S. Sinha, Adviser, Climate Change Group, World Bank</i>• <i>Constantia Flexibles</i>



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12:55 to 13:00	Concluding remarks <i>TERI</i>
