

Circularity and Plastics—A Workshop

Roundtable on Plastics

May 13 – 14, 2025

Washington DC

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TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

Purpose

- Understand common principles of circularity and define current challenges in plastics circularity across key sectors (packaging, building materials, textiles).
- Explore sectoral synergies and the interconnected roles of industry, policy, and innovation.
- Identify a desired future state of plastics within a circular economy framework.
- Develop actionable pathways to achieve this vision through collaboration, policy evolution, and technology advancements.

8:30–8:40

Introductory Remarks to Set Workshop Objective

Welcome by Workshop Planning Committee Chair and Roundtable on Plastics Co-Chairs

8:40–9:50

Perspectives and Principles of Circularity (Panel Discussion)

Understand common principles of circularity and where there are different perspectives by hearing from speakers and discussion.

Keynote: **Danielle Holly**, Ellen MacArthur Foundation

Panelists:

Yblin Roman Escobar, Sirge Coalition

Alicia Marseille, Arizona State University

Han Zhang, Dow

9:50–10:30

Current State of Plastics

Assess sector-specific trends in plastics use, waste, and management for Plastic Packaging, Textiles, and Building Material sectors.

Plastic Packaging Panelists:

Helene Wiesinger, Food Packaging Forum

Phil Rozenski, Novolex

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Building Material Panelists:

Kristen Rinehart, Advanced Drainage Systems

Teresa McGrath, Habitable

Textile Panelists:

Beth Forsberg, Goodwill

Brian London, SMART

10:30–11:30 **Sectoral Synergies and Interdependencies (Panel Discussion)**

Explore cross-sector needs to advance circularity in plastics. Identify the interplay and reality of the interdependencies and the most impactful solutions.

Panelists:

Julia Koskella, Systemiq

Sandeep Bangaru, Eastman Chemical

Cam Pascual, World Wildlife Fund

11:30–12:00 **Lunch**

12:00–1:50 **Breakout Rooms By Sector:**

Current State of Plastics and Desired Future State of Plastics

Define what an optimized circular plastics system looks like in each sector.

1:50–2:00 **BREAK/Return to Full Group**

2:00–3:00 **Report Out on Desired Future State**

Share key findings from breakout discussions. Identify shared themes and cross-sector opportunities.

3:00–3:30 **BREAK**

3:30–5:00 **Breakout Rooms by Sector: Pathways to the Desired Future State**

Develop practical strategies and policy recommendations to transition toward circular plastics.

5:00–5:30 **BREAK/Return to Full Group**

5:30–6:30 **Working Dinner**

Full Group Discussion: Preliminary Report Out on Pathways

END OF DAY 1

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| 8:30–8:45 | Recap of Day 1 |
| 8:45–9:00 | BREAK\Transit to Breakout Rooms |
| 9:00–10:30 | Breakout Rooms by Sector: Finalizing thoughts on Pathways to the Desired Future |
| 10:30–10:40 | BREAK\Return to Full Group |
| 10:40–11:50 | Full Group Discussion: Report Out Pathways to the Desired Future
Share key strategies developed in breakout sessions. Identify common barriers and cross-sector solutions. |
| 11:50–12:00 | Closing Remarks |
| 12:00–1:00 | Lunch |
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