

Policy for the Planet: Regulating for Zero-Waste

Regulation plays a decisive role in accelerating the transition to a zero-waste society. Around the world, governments are testing a range of policies, from bans on single-use plastics to extended producer responsibility (EPR) and mandatory reuse targets. However, the effectiveness of these measures depends on how they are designed, implemented, and integrated with broader economic and social systems.

This session will explore the critical role of regulation in driving systemic change. By bringing together policymakers, legal experts, and advocates, the panel will examine how ambitious frameworks can balance industry transformation, consumer behaviour, and environmental impact. The aim is to highlight examples of successful regulation and draw lessons that can be applied globally.

This session will ask:

- What types of policies have proven most effective in reducing waste at scale?
- How can regulators create the right balance between ambition and feasibility?
- What role does international cooperation play in harmonising standards and avoiding loopholes?
- How can regulation accelerate innovation while protecting vulnerable communities?
- In the wake of the stalled INC-5.2 negotiations, what comes next for the UN Plastics Treaty, and how can it ensure meaningful commitments on waste prevention and reuse?

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