



TACKLING PLASTIC WASTE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

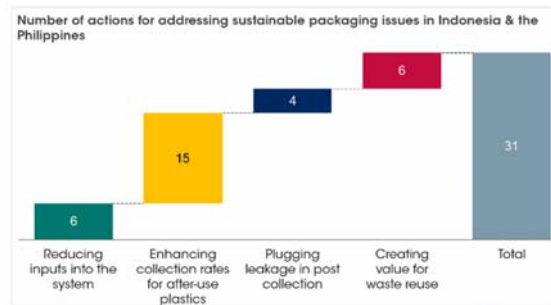
Partnerships & Collaborative Actions to Combat the Plastic Tide

14 June 2018 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm | BITEC, Bangkok

Tackling Plastic Waste in South East Asia

Partnerships and collaborative actions to combat the plastic tide

Sustainable packaging is becoming a critical concern in Asia with more than half of plastic leakage waste occurring in Asia driven by rising urbanisation and inadequate collection facilities. In a recent study (with the focus on Indonesia and the Philippines), commissioned by FIA, a total of 31 potential levers have been identified to support sustainable packaging in 4 areas.



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Levers across 4 areas identified in the FIA Report on Tackling Plastic Waste in Indonesia and the Philippines

A cross sector [panel](#) discussion with the **UN Environment**, **The Coca-Cola Company**, **Tetra Pak** and the **Pollution Control Department (Thailand)** will also provide perspectives and insights on what can and needs to be done to keep the region's waters free of marine litter and to embrace a Circular Economy.

Join us on **14 June** in Bangkok, Thailand, as FIA will share key findings, and solutions from its study on 'Tackling Plastic Waste in Indonesia and the Philippines'. A preview of the report can be found [here](#).

Time	Programme
2:00pm	Welcome & Introductions Edwin Seah, Head, Sustainability and Communications, FIA
2:05pm	Findings of FIA study on tackling plastic waste in Indonesia & the Philippines Edwin Seah, Head, Sustainability and Communications, FIA

2:15pm	Panel Discussion on Partnerships and Collaborative Actions to Combat the Plastic Tide
2:15pm	Teera Puxsupachat Environment Manager, Tetra Pak
2:25pm	Stuart Hawkins Director, Public Affairs and Sustainability, ASEAN, The Coca-Cola Company
2:35pm	Janet Salem Programme Officer, Resource Efficiency and Sustainable Consumption and Production, United Nations Environment, Asia and the Pacific Office
2:45pm	Pollution Control Dept. Thailand
3:00pm	Moderated Q&A
3:20pm	Round-up of discussion by moderator and close of session
3:25pm	Summary and close
3:30pm	Networking Session
4:00pm	Close

For more information, please visit our website [here](#).

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Janet Salem

Programme Officer

Resource Efficiency and Sustainable Consumption and Production

United Nations Environment, Asia and the Pacific Office

Janet Salem has been working on Sustainable Consumption and Production with the United Nations Environment Programme for the past ten years. She currently coordinates policy support on resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production in the Asia Pacific region. She has led a broad spectrum of national and region initiatives such as Sustainable Consumption and Production National Action Plans and Tertiary Curriculum in Pakistan, Green Hotel guidelines in Bhutan, Green Building Guidelines in Pakistan, Sustainable Food Systems campaigns in Thailand and Vietnam, and most recently the Asia Pacific Low Carbon Lifestyles Startup Challenge, which challenges startups to develop low carbon and low plastic waste products and services.

Previously she worked with UN Environment's International Resource Panel, a global science policy interface on resource issues. Before joining UN Environment, Janet working with the United Nations Industrial Development

Organisation on development and implementation in renewable energy and energy efficiency in the industrial sector and global forum activities.

Prior to working with the United Nations, Janet worked in environmental assessment consulting in the area of Life Cycle Assessment and Material Flow Accounting. Janet holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering and a Master's degree in Engineering Science.



Stuart Hawkins

Director, Public Affairs and Sustainability, ASEA
The Coca-Cola Company

Stuart Hawkins has been with The Coca-Cola Company since 1998. He joined Coca-Cola in the company's Middle and Far East Group Public Affairs & Communications team in Hong Kong, working with colleagues in over 60 countries. In 2005, he was seconded from Coca-Cola to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Regional Centre in Bangkok in a unique one-year assignment to lead and manage a partnership with UNDP and the UN Foundation focused on water and sanitation reconstruction activities in tsunami-impacted countries. After this assignment, he headed up Public Affairs & Communications for Coca-Cola Thailand during which time he developed and launched a number of flagship sustainability programs with government and civil society partners such as the RAKNAM (Love Water) initiative that continues to make a positive difference today in communities nationwide. He currently leads the company's sustainability, public affairs and social impact strategy, programs and partnerships across Southeast Asia. This includes Coca-Cola's recently launched World Without Waste sustainable packaging initiative as well as its initiatives on women economic empowerment and water stewardship. He also serves as a Trustee on the Board of The Coca-Cola Foundation Philippines.

Stuart holds a Master of Arts degree in Modern History from Oxford University, England.



Teera Puxsupachat

Environment Manager
Tetra Pak



Edwin Seah

Head, Sustainability and Communications
Food Industry Asia (FIA)

Edwin leads and drives FIA's communications and sustainability agenda. His career, which spans over 20 years and covers the private, public and non-profit sectors, has seen him take on roles in policy development, corporate communications, advocacy, and stakeholder engagement.

Prior to joining FIA, and with industry experience in tourism, urban & environmental sustainability, energy, and manufacturing, he was head of an environmental NGO at the forefront of fighting the regional haze, while working with government agencies, schools and corporations to promote eco-labelling, recycling and other environmental issues. Before this, he was their Director of Communications; he also served in a senior corporate communications role with the Energy Market Authority in Singapore.

Edwin was nominated for Singaporean of the Year in 2016 by the media, for his role in leading the fight against the haze that engulfed Singapore and several Southeast Asian countries in 2015; shortly before that, he became the first Southeast Asian elected to the Board of the Global Eco-labelling Network, an international network of national eco-labelling organisations. Edwin is a Singaporean and majored in Economics at the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) in the USA.