

# HLPF Side-Event Concept Outline

## A resilient recovery for all: Transforming consumption for wellbeing and life on land

### **ORGANIZING PARTNERS:**

UNEP's **One Planet Network** Secretariat in partnership with the **UN Development Coordination Office** (tbc), Secretariats for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**UNCBD**), the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (**UNCCD**) (tbc) and the UNEP **International Resource Panel**.

With the support of the Permanent Mission of **Germany** to the United Nations (tbc); Permanent Mission of **Indonesia** to the United Nations (tbc); Permanent Mission of **Costa Rica** to the United Nations (tbc).

### **CONTEXT:**

The global pandemic is but one of the **recent systems shocks** that have threatened global sustainability ambitions. The recent war between the Russian Federation and Ukraine has once again **demonstrated the fragility of global supply chains, and the fragility of current economic systems ensuring our food and energy security**.

A new report by the 10 Year Framework of Programmes for Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP/One Planet Network) to the 2022 High Level Political Forum Sustainable (HLPF) positions **Sustainable Consumption and Production (SDG 12) as one of the key enablers of resilient global pandemic recovery trajectories that leave no one behind, deliver on global sustainability ambitions, and bring us back on track to 2030**.

**Sustainable Consumption and Production supported by circular economy approaches** and other sustainable policy models **can drive poverty alleviation and mitigate climate change**, while having a **positive impact on biodiversity, health, land neutrality and pollution** since they are projected to **result in a 25 per cent decrease in resource extraction**.

**Improved outcomes and reductions are based on increasing rates of resource use in emerging and developing economies being offset by reductions in high-income countries. Taking a consumption perspective can provide an entry point towards a global pandemic recovery and transition towards just and equitable consumption patterns that benefit all, while also delivering positive outcomes for biodiversity and life on land (SDG 15)**.

### **EVENT GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

This event looks at how changes to consumption patterns, often neglected in policy discourse, are fundamental to equitable wellbeing outcomes from the global use of natural resources, while having a profound positive impact on global ambitions for life on land (SDG 15).

Demand side measures that seek to address and remedy the inequitable over-and-under consumption of natural resources in the service of achieving international biodiversity and sustainability ambitions is the elephant in many multilateral meeting rooms. Based on context provided by the *Annual Progress Report on the Implementation of the 10YFP* to the HLPF, the event will present findings from the new opinion piece by the International Resource Panel Co-Chairs: *'The Elephant in the Room: Absolute Reduction of Natural Resources Use is a Blind Spot in Current Climate Strategies'* .

The Consumer Information Programme of the One Planet Network (co-led by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) of Germany; the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia, and Consumers International) will provide their perspectives from the national level and share tools for implementation, including an [online toolkit](#) on consumption and biodiversity that supports awareness-raising on the devastating impacts of conventional consumption patterns on nature, and promotes the necessary shifts in consumer behaviour, business practices and policy [tbc].

Contributions from the Secretariats for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), and the United Nations Development Cooperation Office will highlight the connection between consumption flows and biodiversity and land use patterns, and the importance of these considerations moving forward in achieving the respective objectives of those Conventions [tbc].

Key messages from the speakers and feedback from the audience based on a dynamic questions and answer session (*where possible, with input from an online audience*) will be put into the context of next steps for the One Planet network, based on the extension of the mandate of the 10YFP that highlights the importance that member States place on sustainable consumption and production as an essential tool to achieving the overall 2030 Agenda.

### **SPEAKER LINE-UP:**

**Moderator:** Jorge Laguna-Celis, Head, 10YFP/OPN Secretariat

### **Presentations/Interventions:**

- Janez Potocnik/Izabella Teixeira, Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel (tbc)
- Mr Ulf D. Jaeckel (PhD), Head of Division "Sustainable Consumption, Product-related Environmental Protection ", Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (tbc)
- Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary / Permanent Representative Arrmanatha Christiawan Nasir, Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations (tbc)
- (name tbc), Assistant Secretary-General for Development Coordination, UN Development Cooperation Office (tbc)
- Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary, UN Convention on Biological Diversity (tbc)
- Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary, UN Convention to Combat Desertification (tbc)
- Hala Razian, Programme Management Officer, International Resource Panel