



# LIFE BELOW WATER AND MICROPLASTIC POLLUTION: From science to policy

**6 April 2022**  
**1:15 pm - 2:45 pm CET - Online**

***Side event to the UNECE regional forum on Sustainable Development***

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The aim of this multistakeholder and evidence based policy focused event is to provide an overview of the current global state of science and policy of marine pollution by microplastics and possible impacts on life below water and to discuss the nexus of science, policy and action to achieve target 14.1.



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## PROGRAMME

**1:15 pm - 1:25 pm | OPENING**

H.E. Amb. Franz Perrez, Swiss Ambassador for the Environment

**1:25 pm - 1:40 pm | SCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVE**

Vera Slaveykova, Professor in Environmental Biogeochemistry and Ecotoxicology, University of Geneva

**1:40 pm - 2:30 pm | PANEL DISCUSSION**

### *Confirmed speakers*

Heidi Savelli-Soderberg, Programme Officer, United Nations Environment Programme

Nuno Lacasta, President of the Portuguese Environment Agency

Jost Dittkrist, Programme Officer, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

*Moderated by* Diana Rizzolio, Geneva Environment Network Coordinator

**2:30 pm - 2:45 pm | CLOSING REMARKS**

Jannicke Graatrud, Minister, Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva



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