In 2020, the global plastics market generated roughly USD 580 billion in revenues with more than a third of that total coming from sales into the packaging market. While consumer packaging applications account for the largest segment, plastics touch virtually every sector of the global economy. Industrialization of plastic products has improved food safety and enabled advances in health care, but the risks to this value chain are building as consumers and regulators are increasingly focused on the build-up of plastic waste plaguing our planet.
10:00 - 10:20  Global context setting - discussion
    Moderator
    • Joe Brock, Special Correspondent, Reuters
    Panellists
    • Dr Kara Lavendar Law, Research Professor of Oceanography, SEA, co-author key scientific
      journal articles analysing longest plastic study ever 1986-present
    • Dr Fabien Laurier, Director, Technology and Innovation, Minderoo Foundation

10:20 - 10:35  Keynote
Why managing plastic pollution matters
    • Gregory J. Fleming, President & CEO, Rockefeller Capital Management
      - Plastics economic and environmental footprint and pathway forward

10:35 - 11:10  Plastics everyday: production, use and waste
    Moderator
    • Gabriel Thoumi CFA FRM, Head of Plastics Programme & Director of Financial Markets, Planet Tracker
    Panellists
    • Eunice Heath, Director of Sustainability, Dow
    • Conrad MacKerron, SVP, As You Sow
    • Courtney Lowrance, MD, Citi
    • Dominic Charles, Director of Finance and Transparency, No Plastic Waste, Minderoo Foundation
    • David Clark, VP Sustainability, Amcor
      - Supply chain risks arise when buyers/sellers do not match plastics policies, increasing risks to investors
      - ESG and pollution risks during production
      - Many solutions exist yet we need greater coordination across industry, investors and NGOs to push
        for immediate solutions

11:10 - 11:45  What is the future of plastics’ sustainability?
    Moderator
    • Reyna Bryan, President, RCD Packaging Innovation & Advisory Board, Regeneration.VC
    Panellists
    • Sharon Lavigne, Founder, RISE St. James & Goldman Environmental Prize winner 2021
    • Jodie Roussell, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Packaging & Sustainability, Nestlé
    • Anne Johnson, Principal & Vice President Global Corporate Sustainability, Resource Recycling Systems
    • Rick Lord, Head of Methodology Innovation, ESG Innovation & Analytics, S&P
      - Where are the opportunities in supply chains to fix these systemic challenges?
      - What are the implications of EU and other national plastics policies, 2025 and 2030?

11:45 - 12:00  Audience Q & A
    • John Willis, Director of Research, Planet Tracker
Gregory J. Fleming  
President & CEO, Rockefeller Capital Management

Greg has had this role since the firm, formerly known as Rockefeller & Co., launched in March 2018. He is also a member of the Board of Directors.

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