



Posts, Planet and Economies:

A circular route to postal sustainability

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Speakers



Stephan Sicars

Managing Director, Environment and Energy Directorate, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

After a year at the National Research Council Canada, Mr. Sicars worked for, and then managed, the Research Centre for Refrigeration and Heat Pumps in Germany. Later, he headed his own consultancy undertaking research for international industries, NGOs and governments. He implemented projects in India and China, and was part of delegations to the Montreal Protocol and its Multilateral Fund. He served as a technical expert on several international panels.

In 2004, he started work in the United Nations as Senior Programme Officer with the Multilateral Fund. Joining UNIDO in 2014, he became Director of the Department of Environment in 2015. In that role, he focused the department on reduction of emissions of Greenhouse Gases and of industrial pollution, and on circular economy. Since June 2020, he is Managing Director of the Directorate of Environment and Energy in UNIDO. He was recognized for his contribution, as coordinating lead author for IPCC, to the Nobel Peace Prize 2007, and has received an US-EPA Ozone Award.

Mr. Sicars holds the equivalent of a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Hanover, Germany.

Janet Salem

Economic Affairs Officer, Circular Economy, Sustainable Urban Development Section, Environment and Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP)



Ms. Salem has been working with the United Nations on environmental sustainability over the last 15 years, with a focus on sustainable resource management. Her current focus is on circular economy and innovation in digital technology. Previously her focus has been on sustainable consumption and production, which she applied through science policy interfaces (International Resource Panel),

national policy development, private sector strategy, education and consumer facing programmes. She established the Asia Circular Economy Leadership Academy, and the Asia Pacific Low carbon lifestyles challenge, a startup competition for entrepreneurs with alternatives to single use plastics and carbon intensive products. She has a Masters degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of New South Wales in Australia, and is currently undertaking a part-time PhD on integrating environmental and social footprint data into FinTech at the University of Sydney.



James Chin Moody

CEO, Sendle

James Chin Moody is a co-founder and CEO of Sendle, a global parcel delivery service with the purpose of delivering Shipping that is Good for the World. Sendle is the first 100% national carbon neutral delivery service in the United States and Australia and in 2021 was named as the best eco-friendly shipping service for Small Business by ZDNet. Before Sendle, James has held roles as Executive Director, Development at the CSIRO, Australia’s national research agency, an Australian National Commissioner for UNESCO and Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum’s Global Future Council on the Digital Economy and Society. James has a PhD in innovation theory from the Australian National University, is a leading thinker on the interface between sustainability and innovation and the co-author of *The Sixth Wave: How to Succeed in a Resource-Limited World*.



Moderation – Ian Kerr

UPU Voice Mail podcast host, Postal Hub Podcast host, and co-host of the Last Mile Prophets

Ian Kerr is the founder and host of the Postal Hub Podcast, co-host of the Last Mile Prophets, and host of the UPU Voice Mail podcast. He has a lifetime of experience in the postal and delivery sectors, and is an advocate for creating a more sustainable delivery and e-commerce ecosystem.