



Media Invitation

Launch of Summary for Policymakers **Resource Efficiency and Climate Change: Material Efficiency Strategies for a Low-Carbon Future**

11 December 2019, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the International Resource Panel (IRP) are inviting all media to the global launch of the summary for policymakers *Resource Efficiency and Climate Change: Material Efficiency Strategies for a Low-Carbon Future*, during a side event hosted by the Italian Ministry of the Environment at COP 25.

This report, which was commissioned by the G7, analyzes the contributions of resource efficiency to greenhouse gas emission reductions. Results from this assessment will help raise awareness about the critical role of material efficiency strategies in climate mitigation plans and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). This will be the first time that these connections are scientifically drawn at the global level.

The launch event will be open to [all media accredited at COP](#).

- **Location:** Italian Pavilion
- **Time and Date:** 11 December 2019, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Key speakers:

- Opening remarks
Presented by Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP
- **Natural Resources Matter** - Introduction to the work of the IRP
Presented by Izabella Teixeira, Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel
- **Resource Efficiency and Climate Change - Key Messages**
Presented by Edgar Hertwich, Lead author and IRP member
- **Resource Efficiency Strategies for Climate - A G7 perspective**
Presented by Sergio Costa, Minister of Environment, Land & Sea of Italy
- **Resource Efficiency and Climate Change - A new dimension to the NDCs**
Presented by Teresa Ribera, Minister of Environment of Spain (tbc)
- Questions & answers from the floor (25 minutes)
- Closing remarks
Presented by Izabella Teixeira, Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel

Expected outcomes:

- Knowledge and policy exchange on the linkages between natural resources and climate change.
- Insights and discussion on the GHG abatement potential of material efficiency strategies, particularly in the vehicle and residential housing sectors and how to embed these into relevant climate mitigation policies.

Media will be able to access the summary for policymakers and press release under embargo prior to the event. Report's authors and experts are available for pre-briefings upon request.

About the Resource Efficiency and Climate Change report:

"This report makes it clear that natural resources are vital for our well-being, our housing, our transportation and our food. Their efficient use is central to a future with universal access to sustainable and affordable energy sources, emissions-neutral infrastructure and buildings, zero-emission transport systems, energy-efficient industries and low-waste societies. The strategies highlighted in this report can play a big part in making this future a reality" (Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP).

About the International Resource Panel

Launched in 2007, the International Resource Panel is the leading global scientific panel working on the sustainable management of natural resources. It aims to provide independent, authoritative and policy relevant scientific assessments on the status, trends and future state of natural resources. In over 25 reports, the Panel has advanced knowledge as to how society can decouple economic development and well-being from environmental degradation and resource use. A group of governments from developed and developing regions, civil society, industrial and international organizations provide strategic direction to ensure relevance and impact of the Panel's research.

About the UN Environment Programme

UNEP is the leading global voice on the environment. It provides leadership and encourages partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.

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