



Sustainable Consumption for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Worldwide

30 September 2019, Berlin

The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) cordially invite you to the conference **Sustainable Consumption for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Worldwide**. The one-day event will take place on September 30, 2019 in Berlin.

Rational and Objectives

High levels of consumption of goods and services have become a defining characteristic of modern industrial societies. To cover these levels of consumption, consumers in countries such as Germany to a large extent rely on resources that are cultivated, extracted and sometimes processed in other regions of the world. The production and extraction of these materials has severe impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services. While consciousness of the need for environmentally and nature-compatible consumption is increasing in Germany, substantial shifts towards sustainable consumption patterns cannot be observed. Hence, to better conserve biodiversity and ecosystem services worldwide targeted policies and measures to facilitate shifts in consumption are needed.

The conference launches the study *Protecting biodiversity and ecosystem services worldwide through sustainable consumption* and discusses questions such as

- What are the impacts of consumption on biodiversity and ecosystem services in the producing countries?
- Which shifts in consumption patterns are needed to reduce these impacts?
- What can be learned from the cases of soy (food), cotton (clothing) and lithium (mobility)?
- What are policy options to shift consumption and production patterns towards more nature-friendly options?
- What are the main obstacles with regard to policy implementation?

Who is this conference for?

The invitation to this conference extends to

- Government officials
- Representatives from NGOs and international organizations
- Industry representatives, especially those working with cotton, soy or lithium
- Applied researchers
- Press representatives

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Preliminary Programme

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| <p>9:00 Registration</p> <p>10:00 Welcome</p> <p>Svenja Schulze (Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety) – to be confirmed</p> <p>10:15 Publication Launch</p> <p><i>Protecting biodiversity and ecosystem services worldwide through sustainable consumption: The cases of cotton soy and lithium</i></p> <p>10:30 Presentation of Key Results of the Study</p> <p>Lea Kliem (Institute for Ecological Economy Research)</p> <p>Horst Fehrenbach (Institute for Energy and Environmental Research)</p> <p>11:15 Coffee break</p> <p>11:45 Key Notes</p> <p>Charles Arden-Clarke (One Planet Network, United Nations Environment Programme)</p> <p>Lucia Reisch (Copenhagen Business School)</p> | <p>12:30 Lunch</p> <p>13:30 Parallel Working Groups on the Cases of Soy, Cotton and Lithium</p> <p>14:45 Coffee break</p> <p>15:00 Panel Discussion: Ways Forward – Overcoming Implementation Challenges</p> <p>Martina Fleckenstein (World Wildlife Fund International)</p> <p>Maike Gebhard (Utopia GmbH)</p> <p>Marcelo Visconti (Round Table for Responsible Soy)</p> <p>Timothy Lang (Center for Food Policy, City University London) – to be confirmed</p> <p>15:45 Closing Words</p> <p>Bettina Hedden-Dunkhorst (Federal Agency for Nature Conservation)</p> <p>Ulf Jaeckel (Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety)</p> <p>16:00 End of the Conference</p> |
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Registration

Please register for the event here:

www.ioew.de/conference-registration

The event is free of charge. Limited financial support to cover travel costs is available.

Organisation

The conference is organized by the Institute for Ecological Economy Research (IÖW) on behalf of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation. If you have any questions or need assistance with your travel arrangement, please contact us at:

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