

Meetings of the Conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, Geneva, Switzerland, 1–12 May 2023.

**Side event on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 6:15-7:45 pm Room 3**

## **Ocean Plastic Turned into an Opportunity in Circular Economy – OPTOCE**

Organised by the Foundation for Scientific and Industrial Research,  
SINTEF, Norway



The regional OPTOCE project investigates how the involvement of cement industry can increase the treatment capacity for Non-Recyclable Plastic Wastes in China, India, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam and thereby contribute to reduce the release of plastics to the Ocean. This project is part of the Norwegian Development Programme to Combat Marine Litter and Microplastics.

### Tentative agenda

1. Opening address.
2. Non-recyclable plastic waste – what is the magnitude of the problem and how is it dealt with today—opportunities for improvements?
3. Introduction to the regional project Ocean Plastic Turned into an Opportunity in Circular Economy – OPTOCE.
4. The OPTOCE-project has showcased the concept in several countries. What does the results show so far?
5. How much Non-Recyclable Plastic Wastes is taken up by the cement industry and can the cement industry contribute to combat Marine littering? Global Cement and Concrete Association.
6. Way forward for the OPTOCE-project.
7. Q & A - Discussion