



# NATIONAL RECYCLING CONGRESS

## PROGRAM TIMES & SPEAKER DETAILS

### MARCH 5 - CHALLENGES AND NUTS & BOLTS

\* ALL TIMES EST

11:00 AM*	The Lobby opens at 11:00 so you can look through the program, speakers, sessions, and sponsors
11:45 AM	Welcome: Charles Kamenides, Congress Chair and Leslie Lukacs, NRC President
NOON	Keynote: Heidi Sanborn and Jordan Wells – National Stewardship Action Council
12:45 PM	Break and Sponsor Showcase
1:00 PM	Break Out Sessions <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Cups and Cartons: Better Together – Developing successful collection efforts. Speakers: Jordan Fengel, Mark Bond, Ashley Elzina, and Alec Cooley</li><li>2) Be a Better Relative: On the Path to Inclusivity. Speakers: Joy Banner, Jo Banner, Mikala Pieper, and Kristine Kubat</li><li>3) Compliance Tools and Methods - How to implement the latest technologies for tracking and compliance for state and local disposal, recycling, and composting regulations. Speakers: Judi Gregory, Zane Harvey, and Bob Hollis</li><li>4) Reuse and Recycling Assets as Part of Affordable Housing. Speakers: Jennifer Hill, Shannon Goodman, Jay Bassett, and Gary Liss</li></ol>
2:00 PM	Break and Sponsor Showcase
2:15 PM	Awards Presentation
2:30 PM	Keynote: Scott DeFife, President of the Glass Packaging Institute, and the Glass Recycling Foundation
3:20 PM	Break Out Sessions <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Modeling EPR Effects – A Canadian Example with Lessons for US Communities. Speakers: Ann Gibbs and Lisa Skumatz.</li><li>2) Finding a Common Thread: Visualizing Textile Repair in New York City. Speakers: Chris Blair and Laura Novich.</li><li>3) Bringing Foodservice Reuse to Life – Addressing barriers to implementing reusable foodservice packaging on a scalable level. Speakers: Pat Kaufman, Kelley Dennings, Claudette Juska, Daniella Menendez, Mac Sellars, and Alec Cooley.</li><li>4) Nuts and Bolts of Glass Recycling and Methods to Collect More Clean Glass. Speakers: Sara Nichols, Ron Holmes, Patrick Grasso, and Bob Gedert.</li></ol>
4:20 PM	Break and Sponsor Showcase
4:35 PM	Keynote: Jonathan Black, Senior Director for Chemical Safety and Plastic Pollution Prevention, White House Council on Environmental Quality
5:30 PM	How Community Based Organizations Are Embracing DEI - Applying EJ grants to waste management initiatives and integrating Climate Pollution Reduction Grants to reuse efforts. Speakers: Cleophus Lee, Bobby Boyde, Sophia Huda, and Gary Liss
6:15 PM	Closing Remarks



## MARCH 6 – POLICY AND THE BIG PICTURE

10:30 AM*	The Lobby opens at 10:30 so you can look through the program, speakers, sessions, and sponsors
11:00 AM	Welcome: Charles Kamenides, Congress Chair
11:15 AM	Keynote: United Nations Environment Programme – Turning off the Tap: How the World Can End Plastic Pollution and Create a Circular Economy
NOON	Panel Discussion based on the Turning off the Tap keynote address. Panelists include Jo Banner, Kate Bailey, Michael Martin, Llorenç Milà i Can, and Bob Gedert.
1:00 PM	Break and Sponsor Showcase
1:15 PM	Break Out Sessions <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Skill Building: Marketing Trends to Know and Embrace. Speakers: Kiersten Hill, Chessa Clay, and Mary McClellan.</li><li>2) The Environmental Justice implications of Green Tech – A materials perspective. Speakers: Bryan Moore, Jay Bassett, and Gary Liss.</li><li>3) Monetizing the Social Effects for Recycling. Speakers: Ann Gibbs and Lisa Skumatz.</li><li>4) Circular Economy Development Center in Colorado - Process, intent, and projected effects on recycling. Speakers: Laurie Johnson and Charles Kamenides.</li></ol>
2:15 PM	TBD
3:00 PM	Break and Sponsor Showcase
3:15 PM	Scholarships Presentation
3:30 PM	Keynote: Zeynep Çelikel, Adviser in the Human Rights & Humanitarian Team in the Office of the President of the 77th session of the General Assembly – Establishing and implementing the UN International Day of Zero Waste and the GA resolution including the UN resolutions on the Right to a Clean, Healthy, and Sustainable Environment.
4:15 PM	Break Out Sessions <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Communication Strategies to Build Confidence in Recycling – Local communication strategies to educate media, increase transparency, and coordinate consistent messaging. Speakers: Joe Basile, Erin Wildeboer, Gretchen Carey, and Alec Cooley.</li><li>2) The Silver Lining - China's Impact on Recycling in North America. Speakers: Bryce Hesterman, Rebecca Hu, Jennifer Louie, and Peter Adrian.</li><li>3) Circularity for Recycling Organizations – A role in advancing the circular economy. Speakers: Bob Bylone, Amy Roth, Cynthia Davis, and Mary McClellan.</li><li>4) Students are Zero-Waste Superheroes – The K-12 Earth Warrior School Program empowering students to embrace the 5 Rs. Speakers: Jessica Lane Robinson and Charles Kamenides.</li></ol>
5:15 PM	Keynote: Nena Shaw, Resource Conservation and Sustainability Division, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, Office of Land Management, United States Environmental Protection Agency
6:15 PM	Congress Closing Remarks