

# 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
	Break Out Sessions
1:00 PM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) 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>2) Be a Better Relative: On the Path to Inclusivity. Speakers: Joy Banner, Jo Banner, U’ilani 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) Community Assets as Part of Affordable Housing. Speakers: Jennifer Carrigan, Shannon Goodman, Michelle Wiseman, and Jay Bassett.</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
	Break Out Sessions
3:20 PM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Modeling EPR Effects – A Canadian Example with Lessons for US Communities. Speakers: Charlette Ueta, Ben Van Nostrand, and Ann Gibbs.</li><li>2) Federal Funding Roundtable – Highlighting strategies for accessing EPA’s Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) and other Federal Grants. Speakers: Sandra West, Brenda Platt, Jeremy Drake, Leslie Lukacs, Kristine Kubat, and Gary Liss.</li><li>3) Cups and Cartons: Better Together – Developing successful collection efforts. Speakers: Jordan Fengel, Mark Bond, Ashley Elzinga, and Alec Cooley</li><li>4) Nuts and Bolts of Glass Recycling and Methods to Collect More Clean Glass. Speakers: Sara Nichols, Laura Henneman, Patrick Grasso, and Bob Gedert.</li><li>5) The Power of Data in Effective, Impactful Policy: But Don’t Let Perfection Get in the Way with Michelle Wiseman.</li></ol>
4:20 PM	Break and Sponsor Showcase
4:35 PM	Keynote: Andrew Stephens, 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 and Leslie Lukacs, NRC President
11:15 AM	Keynote: United Nations Environment Programme – Turning off the Tap: How the World Can End Plastic Pollution and Create a Circular Economy with Hilary French and Marta Keane.
NOON	Panel Discussion based on the Turning off the Tap keynote address. Panelists include Jo Banner, Kate Bailey, Michael Martin, Bob Gedert, and Marta Keane.
1:00 PM	Break and Sponsor Showcase
1:15 PM	<p>Break Out Sessions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Skill Building: Marketing Trends to Know and Embrace. Speakers: Kiersten Hill 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, Lisa Skumatz, and David Allaway.</li> <li>4) Circular Economy Development Center in Colorado - Process, intent, and projected effects on recycling. Speakers: Laurie Johnson and Charles Kamenides.</li> <li>5) Plastic Bag Recycling – A Symptom of our Disconnections with John Frederick.</li> </ol>
2:15 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	<p>Break Out Sessions</p> <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 of National Sword – Positive Impacts to Recycling Systems in North America. Speakers: Bryce Hesterman, Rebecca Hu, Jennifer Louie, David Allaway, and Peter Adrian.</li> <li>3) Circularity for Recycling Organizations – A role in advancing the circular economy. Speakers: Bob Bylone, Cynthia Davis, Traci Onstad Bills, 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