

PROGRAMME

25 November 2019

Main Session

Central Post Office, Čopova 11, Ljubljana

Simultaneous interpretation: Slovenian and English

8.30 - 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.30	Opening Opening addresses: Dr Miro Cerar, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Simon Zajc, Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning Albin Keuc, Director of SLOGA NGO platform for development, global education and humanitarian aid
9.50 – 11.00	Introductory remarks on climate change dr. Jose Romero, Expert on Environmental Issues and Climate Change, Head of the Swiss Delegation at the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Jayathma Wickramanayake, UN Envoy on Youth (video address)
	Roundtable: There is no Planet B – Youth and environment policy
	To make sustainable development goals a reality, the young generation must be actively involved in decision-making in political forums: to be able to share experiences and solutions with political leaders, and to participate in and lead initiatives for climate change adaptation and mitigation. The roundtable will address key issues and challenges in creating a carbon-neutral, climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable society, and the role of young people in this.
	Roundtable participants: dr. Lučka Kajfež Bogataj, Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana; Kennedy Mbeva, African Youth Initiative on Climate Change, Kenya; Andrej Kranjc, Climate Expert, Slovenia; Primož Turnšek, Youth for Climate Justice, Slovenia Moderated by: Lena Penšek, Climate Change Department, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning
11.00 – 11.30	Break
11.30 – 15.00	Presentation: Applying Circular economy in practice – Aquafil Lucija Aleksić, Sustainability Compliance Manager, AquafilSLO
11.50 – 13.00	Roundtable 2: Take, (re)use and (don't) dispose: Development cooperation and the potentials of a circular economy
	Conscious that proper natural resource management is instrumental in eradicating poverty, mitigating the impact of climate change and achieving sustainable development, and bearing in mind the responsibility of donors for promoting sustainable economic models, the roundtable will address the potential of circular economy in developing countries.
	Roundtable participants: Dejan Andonov, national expert, North Macedonia; Daniela Gasparikova, UNDP Resident Representative; Ladeja Godina Košir, chair of the European Circular Economy



Stakeholder Platform, Circular Change, Slovenia; Sandra Kamberović, PhD, Secretary General of Waste Industry Association of Serbia; Saša Popović, PhD, University of Montenegro Moderated by: Ambassador Tatjana Miškova, acting Director-General for Multilateral Affairs, Development Cooperation and International Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

13.00 - 14.30

Buffet lunch

26 November 2019

16.30 – 18.00	Visiting lecture Faculty of Social Sciences, Kardeljeva ploščad 5, 1000 Ljubljana
	Kennedy Mbeva, African Youth Initiative for climate change, Kenya

19.00 - 21.00

Screening of the documentary Virunga (2014)

Kino Bežigrad, Linhartova Cesta 11, Ljubljana

Virunga is a national park located in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and designated as UNESCO World Heritage site. A group of forest rangers is trying to preserve the area, its biodiversity, including the world's last remaining mountain gorillas from militias, intruders, and corporations that want control the natural resources of the country. Virunga is exceptional combination of investigating journalism and documentary film about nature.

The screening will be followed by a Q&A session with Emmanuel de Merode, Director of Virunga National Park (via video link from the Democratic Republic of Congo).

Moderated by: mag. Robert Bolješić, Nature Conservation Division, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning

27 November 2019

16.30 – 18.00	Visiting lecture: Legal aspects of transboundary water governance Faculty of Social Sciences, Kardeljeva ploščad 5, 1000 Ljubljana
	dr. Christian Bréthaut, Geneva Water Hub, Switzerland



19.00 - 21.00

Public debate: Transboundary water resources and integrated water resources management Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts Atrium, Novi Trg 2, Ljubljana

Owing to increasing consumption and the repercussions of water shortages, the joint management of bodies of water straddling national boundaries is becoming extremely relevant. The discussion will focus on water diplomacy, i.e. negotiating and concluding interstate arrangements on the use of transboundary basins in view of individual economic, social and environmental needs, which ranks high among the primary global geopolitical challenges.

Roundtable participants: Christian Bréthaut, Phd, Geneva Water Hub, Switzerland; Liza Debevec, Phd, International Water Management Institute, Ethiopia; Sašo Šantl, Phd, Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia; Domen Turšič, LLM, Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia Moderated by: TBA

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29 November 2019

9.00 – 11.15	Workshop: Guidelines for mainstreaming environmental protection in development cooperation as a cross-cutting theme Slovenian Environmental Agency, Vojkova Cesta 1b, Ljubljana Workshop leader: Jernej Stritih, sustainable development expert
	The workshop will identify possible elements of the guidelines. Experts with on-the-ground experience in implementing environment-related projects will be invited as guests.
11.15 – 12.00	Break
12.00 – 14.00	Workshop