



Concept Note

National Awareness and Training Workshop on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in Lesotho

Venue: Lancers Inn, Maseru Lesotho

Date: 17 June 2026

Online Meeting Details:

<https://iges-jp.zoom.us/j/88414674341?pwd=pm4RQELRnzcAqpb9a7pB0YilSxEwqF.1>

Time	Session	Key Topics / Content	Proposed Speakers / Resource Persons
Programme Director: Prof. Timothy Thamae – NUL Innovation Hub, National University of Lesotho			
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and Registration		Secretariat
09:00 – 09:05	Prayer		All
09:05 – 09:10	Welcoming remarks		Mr. Apesi Ratšele – Principal Secretary Ministry of Environment & Forestry
09:10 – 09:15	Statement		Mr. Alexander Mangwiro, Regional Coordinator, Chemicals, Waste management & Air Quality Subprogramme, United Nations Environment Programme Africa Office
09:15 – 09:20	Statement		Dr. Jacqueline Olweya, Resident Representative – United Nations Development Programme UNDP

09:20 – 09:25	Statement	Hon. Motlatsi Maqelepo – Minister of Trade, Industry & Business Development
09:25 – 09:30	Statement	Hon. Nkhethoa Seetsa – Minister of Local Government & Chieftainship
09:30 – 09:35	Statement	Hon. Dr. Retšelisitsoe Matlanyane – Minister of Finance & Development Planning
09:35 – 09:45	Keynote Address by the Minister responsible for Environment & Forestry	Hon. Thabo Mofosi – Minister of Environment & Forestry
09:45 – 10:45	The Role of EPR in Waste Management and Circular Economy	Prof. C. Visvanathan, Faculty of Engineering, Mahidol University, Thailand. (Online)
10:45 – 10:55	Group photo	
10:55 – 11:10	Coffee / Tea Break	All
11:10 – 12:00	Current Waste management and recycling systems in Lesotho	Mr. Thabo Mothebe – Maseru City Council
12:00 – 12:30	EPR models and lessons from South Africa	Mr. Jeremia Sibande, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment South Africa
12:30 -13:00	Informal Sector Integration to EPR in Lesotho Q & A	Prof. Timothy Thamae, University of Lesotho
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	All
14:00 – 14:30	EPR Experiences from Southeast Asia Q & A	Dr. Pham NGOC-BAO, IGES (Online)

14:30 – 15:00	• EPR from the informal sector perspective	Mr. Luyanda Hlatshwayo, Africa Reclaimers Organisation (ARO)
15:00 – 16:00	• Roles and responsibilities of producers and PROs • Financing and governance options - Q & A	Ms. Julia Gawlik, PRO Circularity Alliance
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee/Tea Break	
16:15 – 16:45	• Stakeholder perspectives • Key challenges and enabling conditions for EPR - Informal sector integration • Key takeaways - Identification of next steps and coordination mechanisms - Q&A	Moderated by Dr. Premakumara Jagath Dickella Gamaralalage (Mentimeter)
16:45	Closing remarks	Ms Palesa Matobako– Principal Secretary Ministry of Trade, Industry & Business Development
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