

## Food waste as raw material of the future - World Economic Forum with PACE as guest at the Global Food Summit

Munich/Berlin, January 14, 2020: On the participation of David McGinty, Global Director of PACE, an initiative of the World Economic Forum (WEF), at the Global Food Summit in Munich from March 24 to 26, 2020, Stephan Becker-Sonnenschein, Head and Founder of the Global Food Summit, states:

In 20 years, around two-thirds of the world's population will live in metropolises, where they will consume - and also dispose - approximately 80 percent of our food. The amount of waste generated in the cities alone is therefore expected to double from 1.3 to 2.6 billion tons per year by 2025. This means cities face the challenge of turning the current waste management system into a resource industry in the future.

Our crucial task for the future is to close the circle precisely here and establish an urban "Circular Food Economy".

We are delighted that David McGinty, Global Director of PACE, an initiative of the World Economic Forum (WEF), will be coming to the Global Food Summit 2020 in Munich. He will participate in Session 4: "Global Panel - A Roadmap to a Global Circular Economy".

"We are experiencing a dramatic global increase in the use of raw materials and waste production, which are negatively impacting pollution levels, biodiversity, natural resources and climate change," McGinty said. "I am excited to lead PACE and our partners, as we design and scale innovative technologies, business models, policy frameworks and financing mechanisms to realize a global circular economy that addresses these critical issues."

David McGinty has many years of experience in managing global development projects. PACE was founded in early 2018 on the initiative of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos and the World Resources Institute (WRI). The platform, based in The Hague, is working on the worldwide promotion of public-private partnerships for the realization of circular economies.

Stephan Becker-Sonnenschein, Head and Founder of the Global Food Summit, commented on the participation of David McGinty:

"With the participation of PACE, we have succeeded in winning another important global player for the Global Food Summit, in addition to the OECD and FAO. In this way, we are giving an even stronger voice to innovations for a sustainable circular economy. Because only the innovative circular economy can securely fulfill the resource requirements of modern societies in the long term and has the potential to create a more climate-friendly agriculture".

The Global Food Summit will take place from 25 to 26 March 2020 in the Munich Residence. [Please register here.](#)

## Global Food Summit – Lending a voice to the future of food

In growing metropolitan regions, the population expects to be able to age healthily and demands that the sustainability targets for 2030 will be taken into account along the food chain. We can achieve these goals with new methods and technologies, but these will change dramatically what and how we eat. Every year, the Global Food Summit brings together experts from science, industry, associations, politics and the media to discuss how new technologies will affect the way of life. A collaboration of University of California, Berkeley, Wageningen University, Bavarian State Government, Technical University of Munich, National Academy of Science and Engineering and Global Food Summit. The Summit will take place on 25 and 26 March 2020 in the Munich Residence.

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