



The international online space for global participants to collectively assess, address, and celebrate the advancements of methane reduction with Environmental Justice in the waste sector.

Hosted by GAIA, 23 July 2026

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WELCOME!





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Agenda

❏ Opening & Introductions

❏ Key Event Report Backs

- ZW Forum (Turkiye)
- London Climate Week
- GAIA & BFFP First Central American Member Meeting

❏ Quick Stories from the Ground

- Fundacion Basura

❏ Panel Discussion + Q&A: An overview of community-based solutions to reducing food loss and waste across the supply chain

- Kelley Dennings from The Center for Biological Diversity
- Antonio Menchaca from Mingako (Chile)
- Brian Loma from GreenLatinos Colorado

❏ Closing and Next Steps

Geopolitical Acknowledgement

Key Event Report Backs

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ZW Forum

5-7 June,

Türkiye

GAIA's delegation

41

Members

35

Countries

23

Panels

3

Keynote Speakers

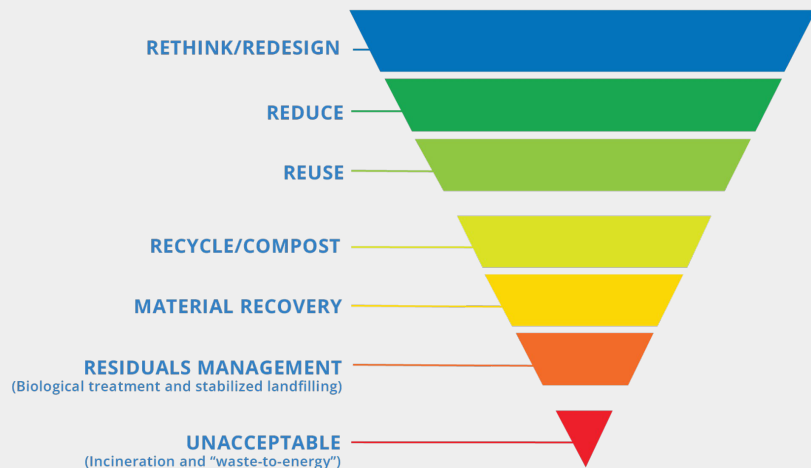


Our goal

- ❑ **Uplift the vital importance** of community-led zero waste solutions that reduce methane emissions, strengthen local economies, support waste picker livelihoods, and advance climate justice.
- ❑ **Defend the true Zero Waste definition** which prioritizes prevention, upstream solutions and acknowledges Incineration as an oxymoron.

THE ZERO WASTE HIERARCHY 8.1

For detailed version visit www.zwia.org/zwh



Results

“A hopeful narrative in need of consistent implementation”

- ❑ **Well designed program** by emphasizing upstream interventions and zero waste as a driver for systemic change.

Neil Khor, Advisor to the President of the UN Habitat Assembly and to the Zero Waste Foundation, summed up the spirit of the Forum when he stated: “Landfill and incineration are not zero waste.”



Results

- ❑ **Strong connection** between zero waste and climate. Significant progress made in demonstrating how zero waste is a cross-cutting strategy for climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- ❑ **Wide range of actors** representing sectors from all over the world.
- ❑ **Lack of local civil society representatives** among speakers and participants.



❏ **Visit to** İstanbul Geri Dönüşüm İşçileri Derneği (Istanbul's Recycling Workers Association – ISGDIDER) at one of the materials recovery facilities they manage. We learned firsthand about the experience of those who sustain the country's recycling system despite significant challenges and lack of recognition.



In the run-up to COP31

- ❑ What would be Türkiye's Zero Waste legacy **within the country?**
- ❑ **Zero Waste** can be prioritized as part of **global pledges** and initiatives (e.g. Global Action Agenda and the Paris Agreement, ZW Districts) and must reinforce, not replace, a binding global roadmap for fossil fuel phase-out, as noted in the [declaration](#) signed by over 120 civil society organizations,.



**“Zero waste is not a dream.
It is a decision.”**

Lhermie Areja, a government official from Siquijor, Philippines, at the ZW Forum 2026

OUR CALL TO ACTION

Let's advance zero waste by demanding that the climate agenda centers communities, upstream solutions, and a fossil fuel phase-out.



Any Questions??

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London Climate Action Week 2026: Reflections for the Zero Waste Movement

Key takeaways

- Zero waste is becoming mainstream in climate discussions.
- Local leadership remains underrepresented.
- Just Transition is gaining traction.
- Methane and black carbon are emerging as major political priorities.
- London Climate Action Week is increasingly a strategic space for influence and partnerships.



Any Questions??

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First Central American Members Meeting

Strengthening the central american identity



Between April 21st and 24th, **12 organizations from Central America** gathered in El Salvador for an agenda that combined **regional coordination, policy advocacy, and public dialogue.**

1. Guatemala
2. El Salvador
3. Honduras
4. Nicaragua
5. Costa Rica
6. Panamá

Members gathering in San Salvador

During the gathering at CESTA, the following topics were discussed:

- **Reducing methane emissions** and **addressing food waste**.
- Ongoing member projects and capacity-building.
- **Plastic pollution** as a global crisis and false solutions.
- **Reuse systems** and practical tools.
- Waste pickers and a just transition, with a focus on organic waste management.
- Organizational achievements, challenges, and future priorities.



International Zero Waste Seminar

The International Zero Waste Seminar and discussion panel highlighted key information about the **waste issue in the region and why Zero Waste is not just an alternative**, but a necessary path forward.

The day also featured a screening of the documentary *Burning Injustice*, bringing together member organizations and representatives from more than **10 municipalities across the region**.



The event concluded with the presentation of **awards to ten municipalities** recognized for their commitment to developing Zero Waste-oriented waste management systems.

Technical Workshop and meeting

Technical Workshop for Municipalities



The workshop focused on the **key role of organic waste recovery**, the social and environmental impacts of plastic pollution, and the Global Plastics Treaty.

Members' Meeting closure



Participants discussed **how to continue working together as a regional alliance** and reflected on the key moments and outcomes of the gathering.

Costa Rica activities

What Is Incineration and How Does It Affect Our Communities?: Film forum at the University of Costa Rica, followed by a discussion on the current state of incineration in the country.

Forum “Organic Waste Recovery in Costa Rica” took place at the **National Assembly**, organized by the Costa Rican Biogas Association, GAIA, the office of Independent Representative Cynthia Córdoba, and the Global Green Growth Institute.



During the forum, participants highlighted how Zero Waste systems can continuously reduce waste generation and discussed the climate, economic, and health risks associated with incineration.

Any Questions??

Zero Waste Stories from the Ground

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Any Questions??



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Food codes and their impacts on ZW in the United States

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Building capacity for communities working on organics diversion



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The role of “Good Samaritan” Laws in the State of Colorado



Panel Discussion:
Community-based solutions
to reducing food loss and
waste across the supply chain

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Panel Question & Answer

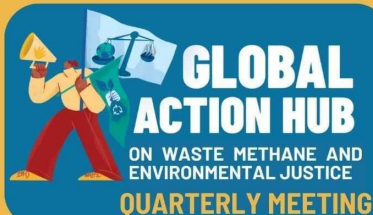
Next Call – October 22nd, 2026

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 22, 2026



7 AM California * 10 AM Chile * 3 PM London * 4 PM Cape Town
9 PM Jakarta * 10 PM Manila



The Global Action Hub on Waste Methane and Environmental Justice is an online discussion space to track action on waste methane and EJ, share expertise, identify gaps and celebrate progress.

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OCTUBRE 22, 2026



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Thank you for joining us!

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