

GREAT LAKES PLASTICS FORUM: SOLUTIONS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

SETTING THE SCENE – INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVES

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PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF PLASTIC

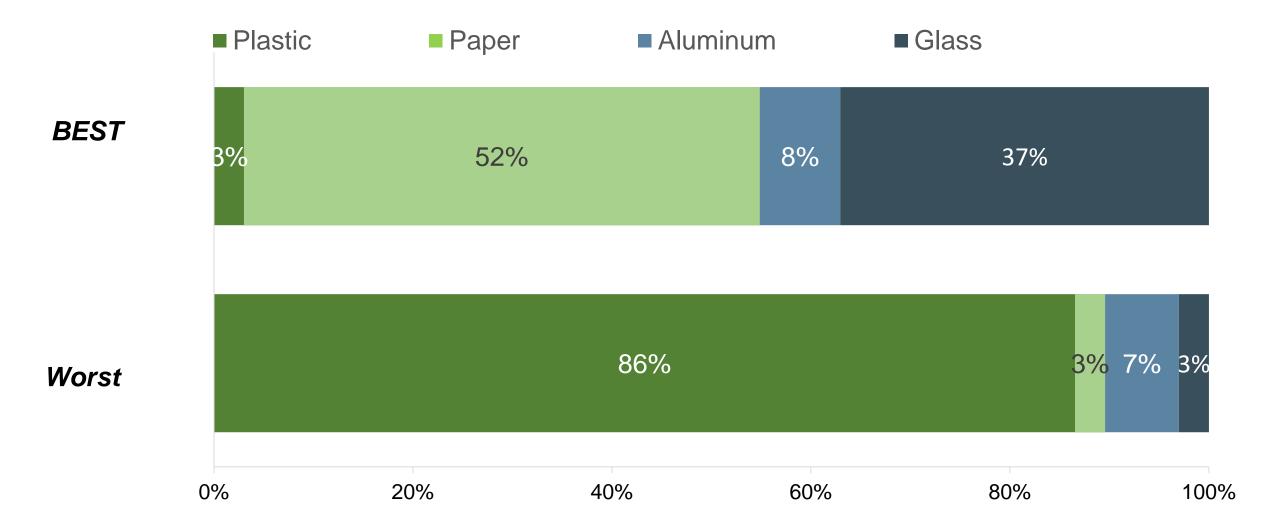




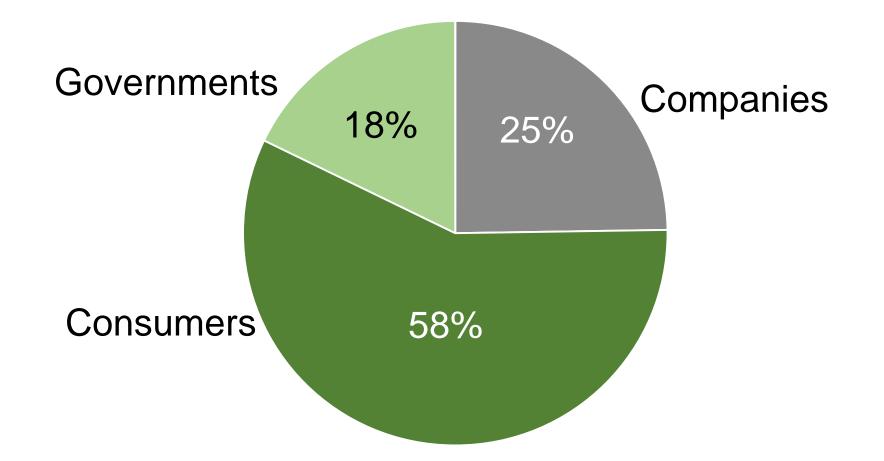


DRIVERS OF CONCERN

Which of these materials do you believe is best for the environment? Worst?



WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PLASTIC WASTE?



The majority feel consumers who fail to recycle properly are to blame for plastic waste in rivers, lakes and oceans.

RECYCLING IS FAVOURED OVER BANS

However, when asked the best way to reduce plastic waste:

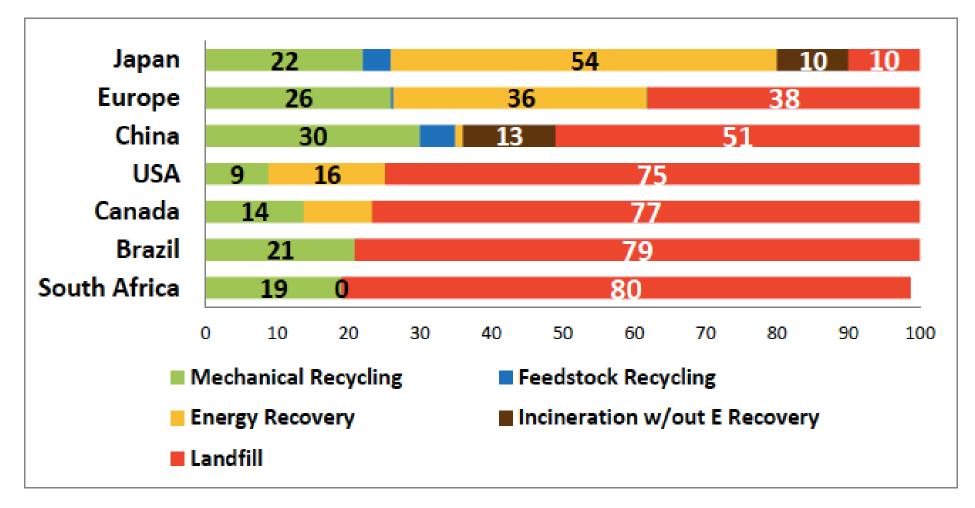


CANADIANS HAVE ACCESS TO RECYCLING

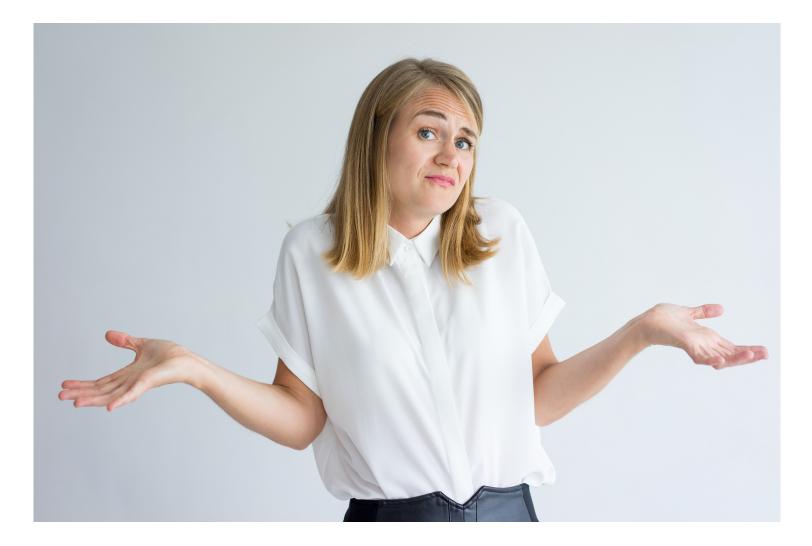


PLASTIC RECYCLING AND RECOVERY IS A CHOICE

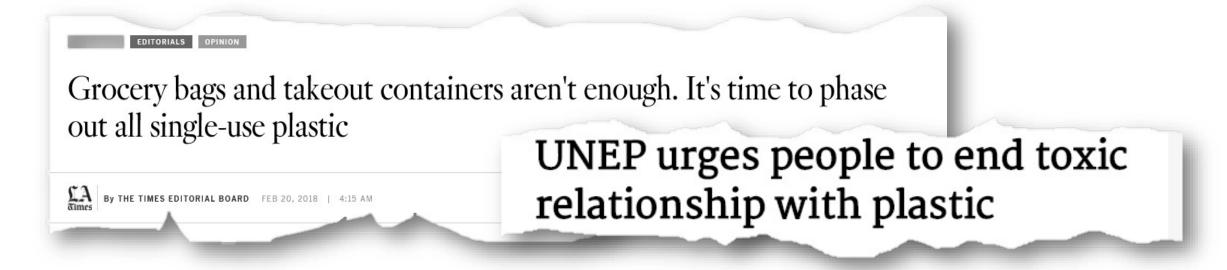
Plastic Waste Management Practices in Key Economies (%; 2012 data):



CONFUSED AND FRUSTRATED



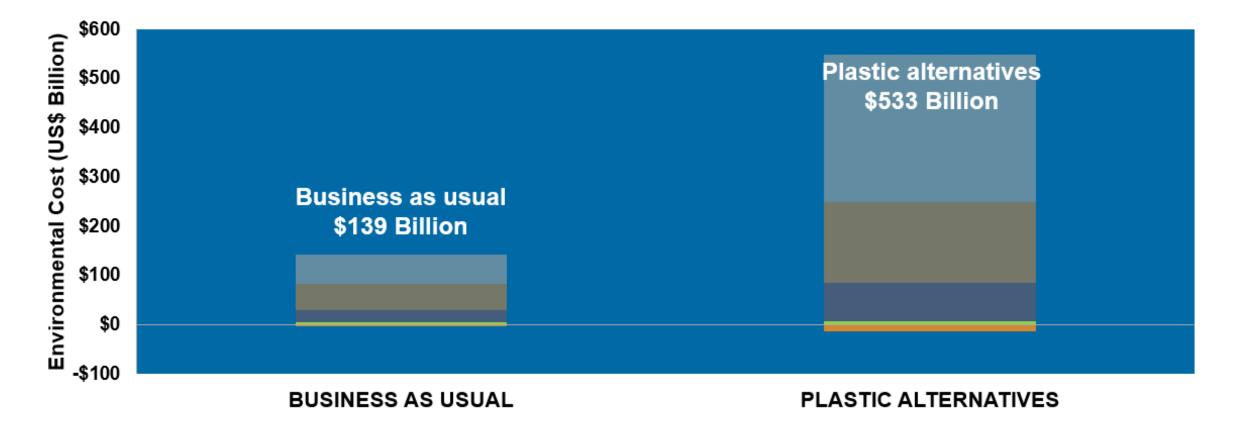
WHAT'S AT STAKE?



But plastics are essential to our sustainable development goals



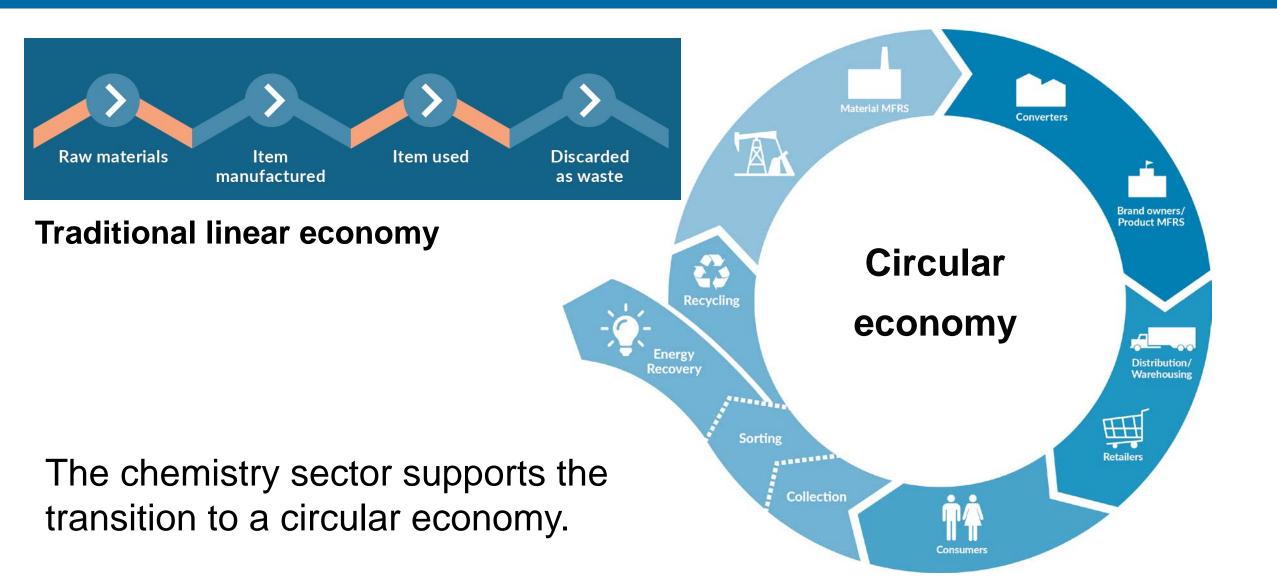
ALTERNATIVES HAVE MUCH HIGHER COSTS



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Trucost, Plastics and Sustainability: A Valuation of Environmental Benefits, Costs and Opportunities for Continuous Improvement, July 2016.

LINEAR VS CIRCULAR ECONOMY



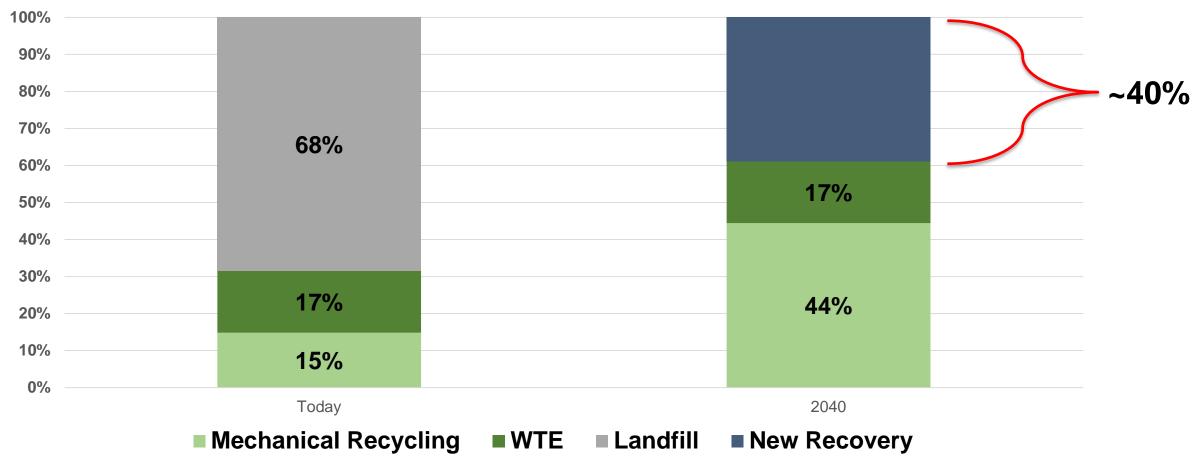
WASTE REDUCTION TARGETS

Representing the broad plastics value chain in Canada, CPIA and CIAC and their members announced the following waste reduction targets:



HOW DO WE GET THERE?

40% new recovery required, even with 3X existing plastics packaging recycling rate



CHEMICAL RECYCLING – PLASTICS TO FEEDSTOCK AND FUEL

By converting non-recycled plastics into ultra-low-sulfur diesel, we reduce:^{2,3}



Argonne National Laboratory analysis of plastics-to-ultra-low-sulfur diesel. Now in its Greenhouse gases, Regulated Emissions and Energy use in Transportation (GREET) model.

INDUSTRY PRINCIPLES

- 1. Plastics litter is unacceptable.
- 2. Landfill means waste of precious resources.
- 3. Everyone has a role to play.
- 4. Science and life-cycle analysis, not emotion.
- 5. We will do our part and help others do theirs.

PLASTICS - TRULY REVOLUTIONARY

