

10th Annual Rich Earth Summit



DRAFT AGENDA

November 12 - 14, 2024

Hybrid*: Virtual (Zoom) & In-Person (Brattleboro, VT, US)

*All sessions are fully accessible for both virtual and in-person participants unless denoted otherwise.

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Time (EST)	Description	Session Type
8:45 - 9:00	Summit Gathering > In-person: Coffee & light breakfast available > Virtual: Live, virtual bulletin board for sharing announcements, upcoming events, etc.	
9:00 - 9:15	Summit Welcome & Opening Remarks Rich Earth Institute	
9:15 - 10:15	To Have Excretory Justice, We Have to Deal With Our Crap Sarah Nahar, M.Div, Syracuse University (New York, US)	Keynote
10:15 - 11:25	Dynamics of Creating Circular Systems: Design, Drivers, and Impacts ➤ A Decade of Innovation: EOOS' Journey in Designing Urine-Separating Interfaces and Future Developments - Lotte **Vrietoforitage** FOOS (Social Design (Austria))**	Panel: Presentations & Discussion
	Kristoferitsch, EOOS / Social Design (Austria) ▷ Why Circular Economy's vision to 'regenerate nature' needs earth-centred governance - Jordan Roods, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney (Australia) ▷ Contaminant risks in an agricultural-sanitation circular economy - Laura Carter, University of Leeds (United Kingdom) ▷ Estimating environmental and societal impacts from scaling up urine concentration technologies - Matilda Gunnarsson, Stockholm Environment Institute (Sweden) ▷ Modeling US Economic & Environmental Drivers - Nolan Grant, University of Vermont/Brightwater Tools (Vermont, US)	
11:25 - 11:35	Break	
11:35 - 11:55	Urine Processing Treatment Technologies: State of the Field Kai Udert, Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (Switzerland)	Introductory Presentation
11:55-1:10	Container Based Sanitation: Climate Resilience at the Intersection of Resource Recovery & Sanitation Justice	Panel: Presentations & Discussion
	▷ Container-Based Sanitation Alliance (CBSA): Challenges and	Implementation

	Opportunities for Urine Reuse - Rémi Kaupp, CBSA (United Kingdom) ▷ Obstacles and Opportunities for Disrupting Flush Toilets: three case studies from Uganda and the USA - Ryan Smith and Alisa Keesey, Give Love (California, US) ▷ Mosan: Urine Collection & Processing Overview - Raluca Anisie, Mosan (Guatemala) ▷ Next Generation Sanitation: A New Way - Birger Lundgren, Sanitation Ambassadors (South Africa) ▷ Nutriente recovery and reuse - Aguatuya, Lourdes Valenzuela (Bolivia) ▷ The Effluent Diversion Unit - Bara Wahbeh, AKYAS environmental consultancy (United Arab Emirates)	
1:10 - 2:00	Networking Lunch ▷ In-person: Catering provided ▷ Virtual: Informal breakout sessions hosted for continued conversation; live virtual bulletin board	
2:00 - 3:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS	Co-creating Design Principles for Equity & Justice in Urine Reclamation	Interactive Workshop
2:00 - 3:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS	Advances in Treatment Technologies (Part 1): Resource Recovery and Contaminant Removal P in our Pee: Advancing Phosphorus Recovery from Fresh and Hydrolyzing Urine - Lucas Crane, Arizona State University, NSF Science and Technologies for Phosphorus Sustainability (STEPS) Center (Arizona, US) Circular fertiliser production by solar-thermal driven passive drying of acid- and base-stabilised fresh human urine - Charles Buregeya Niwagaba, Sustainable Sanitation and Water Renewal Systems (Uganda) PFAS and Pharmaceutical Removal from Urine by Biochar - Zhenyu Xia, University of Michigan (Michigan, US)	Panel: Presentations & Discussion Technical
3:00 - 3:30	Day 1 Closing Session Summit attendees reconvene together for a facilitated sharing session. Participants from the co-creation session will present the design principles emerging from that workshop. Participants from the technical session will share brief summaries of the treatment technologies explored, key takeaways, and outstanding questions. We'll then explore the intersections between these areas, fostering a collaborative discussion, and setting the stage for Day 2.	
3:30 - 4:00	Networking Session > Virtual: Randomly generated virtual breakout rooms open for virtual Summit participants to meet each other, connect, and have	

	▶ In-person: Mingling over light refreshments	
6:30 - 7:30	Dinner	
	▷ In-person: An informal community meal will be hosted for in- person Summit attendees	

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

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8:45 - 9:00	Summit Gathering > In-person: Coffee & light breakfast available > Virtual: Live, virtual bulletin board for sharing announcements, upcoming events, etc.	
9:00 - 9:15	Grounding Activity for Summit Day 2	
9:15 - 10:25	Nutrient Cycling for Watershed Protection: Perspectives on Economic Drivers and Strategies for Growth	Panel: Presentations & Discussion
	 ▶ Green Center Cubie-Based Urine Diversion Pilot Study - Earle Barnhart & Hilda Maingay, Green Center Inc (Massachusetts, US) ▶ What's up with Urine Diversion on Cape Cod - Bryan Horsley, Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment - MASSTC (Massachusetts, US) ▶ Urine to Fertilizer in Burlington, VT: Process and Characterization - Benson Colella, Wasted *PBC (Vermont, US) ▶ How 'Wee' can fix the UK - Lucy Bell-Reeves, NPK Recovery (United Kingdom) ▶ Decentralized Implementation of the Pitribon System in Housing Cooperatives - Marius Klinger, Aneco (Switzerland) 	Implementation
10:25 - 11:25	Seeding Collaborations: Project Feedback & Problem- Solving	Interactive Workshop
	Ongoing implementation projects will seek feedback, advice, and ideas from fellow Summit attendees. Each participating organization will give a brief overview of their project and outline their specific questions for workshopping during this session. In virtual breakout rooms, participants will engage with project leaders to delve deeper into exploring strategies and collaborations to support these implementation projects via facilitated feedback and brainstorming activities. The groups will then reconvene to share their insights and recommendations.	Implementation
11:25 -11:35	Break	
11:35 - 11:55	Launching a Farmer Guide to Using Urine Fertilizer - Abraham Noe-Hays, Rich Earth Institute & Brightwater Tools (Vermont, US)	Introductory Presentation

11:55 - 12:55	Urine Fertilizer in Agriculture (Part 2): Nutrient Cycling for Climate-Resilient Food Systems ▷ Putting the P(ee) in Perennial Agriculture - Madeline DuBois, The Land Institute (Kansas, United States) ▷ Climate Action Through Soil Restoration: Empowering Women and Youth with Urine Fertilizer in Southeast Nigeria - Sr. Stella Ewa ISMV, Life Giver Foundation (Nigeria) ▷ From Waste to Resource: Using Human Urine as Fertilizer for Sustainable Corn Production - Florent Brun, Programme OCAPI - Leesu - Ecole des Ponts Paris Tech (France) ▷ Innovative Nutrient Recycling: Enhancing Fish Production in Africa Using Animal and Human Urine - Dr. Isa Olalekan Elegbede, Lasu (Nigeria)	Panel: Presentations & Discussion Agriculture
12:55 - 1:55	Networking Lunch ▷ In-person: Catering provided ▷ Virtual: Informal breakout sessions hosted for continued conversation, live virtual bulletin board	
1:55 - 3:05	Urine Fertilizer in Agriculture (Part 2): Optimizing Nutrient Recovery and Soil Carbon Sequestration with Biochar ▷ Functional Group Analysis for Screening Biochars for Total Ammonium Nitrogen Recovery from Hydrolyzed Urine - Soliver Fusi, University of California, Berkeley (Kenya) ▷ Assessing the impact of human urine fertilization on soil nutrient dynamics and bacterial communities - Manon Rumeau, University of Birmingham (United Kingdom) ▷ Nitrogen and Phosphorus Mineralization Dynamics of Human-Excreta Derived Fertilizers - Elena Bischak, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts, (California, US) ▷ The potential of urine-enriched human feces biochar for maize production in the Guatemalan highlands - Raluca Anisie, Mosan (Guatemala) ▷ Urine-powered composting of cereal residues rivals mineral soil in crop yield with biochar benefits - Krisztina Mossdessy, Cornell University (New York, US)	Panel: Presentations & Discussion Agriculture
3:05 - 4:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS	Virtual Tours: Processing Facilities ▷ Distributed Source Separation at Noorderhoek - Sybrand Metz, Desah (Netherlands) ▷ Pee-recycling in Sweden with SLU & Sanitation360 - Nicola Parfitt, Sanitation360 (Sweden) ▷ How recycling our waste can change the environmental climate - Niko Bogianzidis, öKlo GmbH (Austria) ▷ YouGo Gardening Tour - Rebecca Nelson, Cornell University (New York, US) ▷ Brightwater Tools treatment train tour - Gabe, Cole, Michel	Virtual Screening
3:05 - 4:00	Community Urine Nutrient Reclamation Program (UNRP)	In-Person Tour

CONCURRENT SESSIONS	Tour - Rich Earth Institute	
	This guided tour of the Rich Earth Institute's UNRP will feature urine- collecting toilet installations at area residences and businesses, a community urine depot, and a participating farm.	
6:30 - 7:30	Dinner ▷ In-person: An informal community meal will be hosted at the in- person Summit hub location	

Thursday, November 14, 2024

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9:45 - 9:00	Summit Gathering > In-person: Coffee & light breakfast available > Virtual: Live, virtual bulletin board for sharing announcements, upcoming events, etc.	
9:00 - 9:10	Grounding Activity for Summit Day 2	
9:10 - 10:20 CONCURRENT SESSIONS	Advances in Treatment Technologies (Part 2): Nitrogen Retention and Microbial Dynamics ▷ An Introduction and Evaluation of Ammonium Recovery from Urine using Ion Exchange - Camille Brule and Kara Nelson, UC Berkeley (California, US) ▷ Microbial Succession of Human Feces in Self-Contained Composting Toilets - Jeff Meilander, Northern Arizona University (Arizona, US) ▷ Method validation, detection and quantification during assessing fate of selected antimicrobials through struvite making from source separated human urine by liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry - Nebiyat Nigusie Woldeyohannis, Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia) ▷ Evaluation of membrane fouling during dewatering and nutrients concentration from fresh urine by Forward Osmosis - Maano Tshimange, University of Surrey (United Kingdom) ▷ Effect of hydraulic retention time on urine nitrification in pilot-scale activated carbon incorporated membrane bioreactor and application on hydroponics - Weonjung Sohn, University of Technology Sydney (Australia)	Panel: Presentations & Discussion

9:10 - 10:20 CONCURRENT SESSIONS	Exploring Peecycling with Youth Transdisciplinary approaches to sustainable decentralized wastewater treatment and resource recovery in Monteverde, Costa Rica - Kevin Orner, West Virginia University (West Virginia, US) "Pee Lab": Experiments with Urine Fertilizer at Putney School - Abby Verney-Fink, Putney School (Vermont, US) Applied Internships & Urine Diversion Communication Strategies - Jane Ward, Wellesley/Green Center (Massachusetts, US) Adaptable K-12 Peecycling Lesson Plans - Julia Cavicchi, Rich Earth Institute (Vermont, US)	Panel: Presentations & Discussion
10:20 - 10:30	Break	
10:30 - 10:50	Orientation to the Nutrient Cycling Regulation Landscape Mathew Lippincott, University of Michigan (Michigan, US)	Introductory Presentation
10:50 - 11:50	State-to-State Peer Exchange, National Progress, and Global Collaboration: Navigating Regulatory Pathways and Creating New Standards	Roundtable Discussion
11:50 - 12:50	Networking Lunch ▷ In-person: Catering provided ▷ Virtual: Informal breakout sessions hosted for continued conversation	
12:50 - 1:50	Strategies for Knowledge Sharing & Public Communication Driver, Strategy and Technology Factsheets for Urine Diversion & Resource Recovery - Rosanne Wielemaker, Eawag (Switzerland)	Roundtable Discussion
1:50 - 2:50	Themed Breakout Discussions Breakout rooms will be generated according to topics for further discussion gleaned during the Summit from attendees via a live poll. Rooms may be generated according to regions and/or Communities of Practice (e.g. regulation, communication, and technology development, and agriculture).	
2:50 - 3:20	Summit Closing Final reflections and take-aways from the Summit ○ Opportunities for further engagement, upcoming events 	

	➢ Golden Funnel Award Ceremony	
4:00 - 5:00	Research Center Open House - Rich Earth Institute	In-person
	 The Open House is free to the public and will feature: Updates about Rich Earth Institute's ongoing social, technological, and agricultural research projects Tours of Rich Earth's urine fertilizer processing facility Q & A with the Brightwater Tools team (a spin-off of Rich Earth) about their technologies for regenerative sanitation Light refreshments (including harvests from Rich Earth's demonstration garden) 	