

Summit to showcase recycling solutions

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Dubai: Recycling and waste management solutions to slow down consumption of natural resources will be exhibited this week at the Middle East Waste Summit (Mews) at Dubai Airport Expo.

Around 120 tonnes of waste are produced every day in the GCC region.

The summit plans to be as environmentally friendly as possible in line with the topics being discussed.

Turret Middle East, organisers of the event, have teamed forces with Tadweer who are sponsoring the event. Their aim is to take all the necessary measures to minimise waste throughout the duration of the event.

Recycling companies will be taking care of the waste generated during the summit and the Emirates Environmental Group (EEG) has appointed the Mews as a site for their annual 'Can collection drive' on May 28.

EEG has set up a designated area at the venue's car park where companies and the general public can bring their used aluminium cans.

The summit will be held under the patronage of Shaikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Minister of Finance and Chairman of Dubai Municipality.

Recycling bins for papers, plastics and cans will be available at the event and will be supplied by Tadweer, which intends to have them recycled at their plant.

Lina Chaaban, envirocare manager at Tadweer Waste Treatment said the challenges facing waste management in the region will be up for discussion.

Keynote speakers include Dr Rashid Ahmad Bin Fahd, UAE Minister of Environment and Water; Fareed Bushehri from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) regional office for West Asia; Hassan Makki, director of the waste management department at Dubai Municipality; and W Gregory Vogt, managing director at International Solid Waste Association (ISWA).

Waste and its effect on global climate change will be the topic to be discussed by chairperson Ahmad Butti Ahmad, executive chairman of the Ports, Customs and Free Zone Corporation.

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