

SESSION OVERVIEW

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**UNDERSTANDING THE NEED AND WHAT KIND OF PRODUCTS COULD MEET THAT NEED:
AN INTERNATIONAL PANEL OF LEADERS WITH PERSPECTIVES ON NEEDS FOR
CAT AND DOG POPULATION CONTROL**

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Companion animal population management is a ubiquitous challenge around the world. The problems presented come in many different forms; high euthanasia rates in shelters, mass culling on the streets, high densities of animals with limited resources leading to poor welfare and an ever present risk of zoonotic disease leading to human suffering and intolerance of the animals that share their space. Through this panel of international speakers we aim to take you out of your daily sphere and show you both the challenges and prospects to create positive impact in the wider world. We aim to expose some of the limitations and therefore requirements that a non-surgical products will need. But also some of the opportunities that these different realities may provide in reaching what may at first seem to be in accessible and ownerless population of animals.