

Draft Programme

10 October 2018, Conference Room 2, United Nations Headquarters,
New York

Circular Economy for the SDGs: From Concept to Practice

Opening

- 15:00** Opening remarks by H.E. Ambassador Inga Rhonda King, President of ECOSOC, Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- 15:05** Opening remarks by H.E. Ambassador Jorge Skinner-Klee, Chair, Second Committee, Permanent Representative of Guatemala
- 15:10** Video message by Ambassador Peter Thomson, UN Special Envoy for the Oceans

Panel Discussion Theme 1: Policies and platforms supporting the transition to a circular economy

Moderator: Michael Shank, Communications Director, Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance

15:20 Presentations on the theme by:

- **Kevin de Cuba**, Founder - Circular Economy Platform of the Americas & Circular Economy Forum of the Americas (CEFA). CEFA facilitates the transformation to a circular economy in the Americas by linking people, ideas and actions.
- **Elena Simina Lakatos**, Institute for Research in Circular Economy and Environment "Ernest Lupan" (IRCEM), Representative of the European Circular Economy Stakeholders Platform. IRCEM is a Romania-based NGO developing practical and scalable solutions disseminated through national campaigns to accelerate the transition to a circular economy in Europe.

- **Dr. Lawrence Chidi Anukam**, Director General, National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA), Nigeria.

15:50 Interview between moderator and panelists

16:10 Q&A and open dialogue with audience

16:25 Change of podium for Panel 2

Panel Discussion Theme 2: Partnerships for implementation of the circular economy

Moderator: Michael Shank, Communications Director, Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance

16:30 Presentations on the theme by:

- **Carol Lemmens**, Global Director, Global Advisory Services Leader, Arup. Arup is a large multinational engineering, design, and planning firm.
- **Kate Daly**, Executive Director, Center for the Circular Economy at Closed Loop Partners. The Center for Circular Economy links circular economy entrepreneurs to academia, industry, and government and is a hub for business acceleration, investment, research and policy to advance the transition to a circular economy.
- **Dr. Sanjeevan Bajaj**, Advisor, FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry). FICCI is working to accelerate India's shift to a circular economy by providing policy guidance and space for dialogue between policy makers and civil society.

16:55 Interview between moderator and panelists

17:15 Q&A and open dialogue with audience

Closing

- 17:30** Closing remarks by Mr. Jamil Ahmad, Director ad interim of the UN Environment New York Office
- 17:35** Closing Remarks by Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs
- 17:40** Closing remarks by H.E. Ambassador Inga Rhonda King, President of ECOSOC, Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- 17:45** Closing remarks by H.E. Ambassador Jorge Skinner-Klee, Chair, Second Committee, Permanent Representative of Guatemala