

What policies should governments in Africa enact in order to support the successful implementation of a meaningful Circular Economy?

Date: Friday, 30 September 2022

Time: 14h00 – 16h30

Venue: Virtually on Microsoft Teams

Environmentally sound, comprehensive waste management is one of the vital fundamentals of sustainable development. Several countries globally have made significant strides in addressing waste management through public-private partnerships. Increasingly, businesses are starting to think about how to reduce, recycle and reuse the waste emanating from their business. Many have adopted self-regulatory practices which involve the collection, recycling and reusing of the waste they produce and are moving away from the traditional linear way of doing business and embracing sustainable cradle-to-cradle practices. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulations require that producers organize and pay for treatment and recycling of waste arising from their products at end of life. EPR has been effective in implementing some aspects of a circular economy.

The aim of this session is to:

1. Allow dialogue on SADC policy developments and strategies regarding Waste Management/EPR schemes and their technical implementation.
2. Support SADC decision-making processes to drive the implementation of SADC waste management/EPR/Circular economy-related plans and priority programmes.
3. Promote constructive and more consistent longer-term cooperation between SADC member states and the business communities of the region on waste management and EPR matters.
4. Discuss policies governments in Africa must enact to support the successful implementation of a meaningful circular economy.

Membership

Presentation:

SADC Circular Economy Strategy

- **Ms. Sibongile Mavimbela:** Senior Programme Officer, Environment and Climate Change, SADC Secretariat

Moderator:

- **Ms Layla, Jeevanantham:** Group Head, Regulatory Affairs and Compliance, Coca-Cola Beverages Africa

Panelists:

1. **Prof. Harro von Blottnitz:** Independent Technical Advisor, Sustainable Manufacturing and Environmental Pollution Programme (SMEPP)
2. **Ms. Carmen Rayner Jordan:** Whole Earth Recycling
3. **Ms. Joyce Gachugi-Waweru:** Country Manager, PET Recycling Company Limited (PETCO KENYA)
4. **Ms. Mary Phillips:** Managing Director, The Waste Takers
5. **Ms. Bezawit Eshetu:** Executive Team Member, African Circular Economy Network
6. **Mr. David Drew:** Sustainability Director, The Coca-Cola Company