

Manifesto of the Global South Center on Circular Economy, hosted by India and supported by Global South Partners.

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In the face of escalating environmental challenges and unsustainable consumption patterns, we, the undersigned, are compelled to address the pressing need for transformative action towards a more sustainable future. This manifesto serves as a clarion call to establish the Global South Center on Circular Economy, hosted by India and supported by the Global South Partners. The global South partners collectively maintain that transitioning along circular economy principles holds the key to achieving the SDGs, reversing the impacts of climate change and related environmental degradation and biodiversity loss, and providing a pathway to a just transition that empowers and enables all planetary citizens.

The Center aims to galvanize collective efforts to accelerate the transition to a circular economy in the Global South - A fundamental shift towards a systemic approach to resource use, minimizing waste, and designing products with environmental responsibility. This will also encourage sustainable behaviors and development.

Our vision is a world where resources are valued, waste is minimized, and prosperity is shared equitably among all people and nations. The following core values guide us:

- Sustainability:** We prioritize the long-term well-being of the planet and its inhabitants.
- Inclusivity:** We believe in fostering diversity and ensuring that the benefits of the circular economy are accessible to all within different cultural contexts and habits.
- Collaboration:** We recognize the importance of working together across borders, sectors, and disciplines to achieve our shared goals.

The Centre aims to catalyze the transition to a circular economy to address key challenges and opportunities related to resource management, waste reduction, and sustainable production and consumption to help countries reach their Net Zero targets. The overarching goal is to foster-

- Awareness and understanding of circular economy principles.*
- Research, innovation, technology, and knowledge exchange on circular economy solutions.*
- Supportive policies and regulations at local, national, and international levels.*
- Empower communities and businesses to adopt circular economy practices and technologies.*
- Partnerships and collaboration among stakeholders from the Global South and beyond.*

The circular journey starts now! We need all hands on deck – governments, NGOs, industry, academia, and individuals from around the world to tackle this critical challenge. Together, let us harness our collective wisdom, creativity, and determination to create a more sustainable and prosperous future for generations to come. Join us in supporting the Global South Center on Circular Economy and collaborating towards a circular economy revolution.

As we embark on this journey, let us be guided by the vision of a world where every action we take contributes to the regeneration of the planet and the well-being of all its inhabitants. Together, we have the power to shape a future that is sustainable, equitable, and thriving. Let us seize this opportunity to build a better world for ourselves and for future generations.