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# EMPOWERED TO SHAPE A GREENER TOMORROW

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ICCE operates as an autonomous and unbiased think-tank. Established in 2020, we actively participate in initiatives aimed at shaping a circular and sustainable future in India and globally. Collaborating with partners, we undertake studies and pilot projects to enhance societal reform and resilience. Our commitment extends to equipping all stakeholders with resources that foster forward-thinking and the ability to embrace change. Envisioning a future characterized by fairness, sustainability, and inspiration, we strive to ensure the well-being of people within the Earth's ecological limits. While headquartered in New Delhi, our operations span across India and involve international collaborations with local partners.

Having made a significant impact across the EU, Africa, Latam, and South East Asia, we have taken the lead in facilitating Global South dialogues on the international stage. Our efforts were recently acknowledged by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland.



Statement of the Advisory Board

## **GUIDING TOWARDS A CIRCULAR FUTURE**

As members of the Advisory Board of the International Council for Circular Economy (ICCE), we are proud to witness the remarkable progress and impactful initiatives undertaken by ICCE over the past year. The Council's commitment to fostering a sustainable and circular future is unwavering, and we are thrilled to see our vision come to life through the dedicated efforts of the ICCE team.

This year has been particularly significant as ICCE has continued to educate young minds, inspire industry transformation, and drive policy innovation. Establishing new circular labs, publishing influential research, and our active role in global dialogues highlight the council's position as a pioneering think-tank in the circular economy domain.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our partners, stakeholders, and supporters who have played an integral role in our journey. Together, we are shaping a sustainable future that benefits our generation and those to come.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in our mission.

Sincerely,

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# Review by the Managing Director

As I reflect on the remarkable journey of the International Council for Circular Economy (ICCE), I am filled with immense pride and optimism for the future. From our humble beginnings as a dedicated Indian entity, ICCE has evolved into a formidable global force advocating for the principles of circularity and sustainability.

Our growth story is a testament to the collective efforts of our passionate team, visionary partners, and supportive stakeholders. In the early days, our focus was on raising awareness and educating local communities about the importance of the circular economy. Today, our influence spans continents, impacting policies, industries, and educational institutions worldwide.

One of our significant achievements has been the establishment of cutting-edge circular labs and training programs that not only foster innovation but also equip individuals and organizations with the skills needed to implement sustainable practices. Our collaboration with various ministries and global bodies has been instrumental in shaping adaptive policies that promote a

circular economy at both regional and international levels.

ICCE's transformation into a global entity is reflected in our expanding partnerships and recognition on the world stage. Being awarded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and recognized as the leading voice of the Global South in circularity are milestones that underscore our global impact. Our contributions to the G20 compendium and partnerships with international initiatives further highlight our commitment to driving a global circular economy agenda.

In recent years, ICCE has taken a prominent role in being the voice of the Global South, emphasizing the urgency of adopting circular economy principles to address pressing issues like food security and climate change. The geopolitical landscape has underscored the critical need for food security, particularly in regions vulnerable to climate change impacts. Erratic weather patterns, prolonged droughts, and severe floods have disrupted food supplies, making the adoption of sustainable practices more urgent than ever.

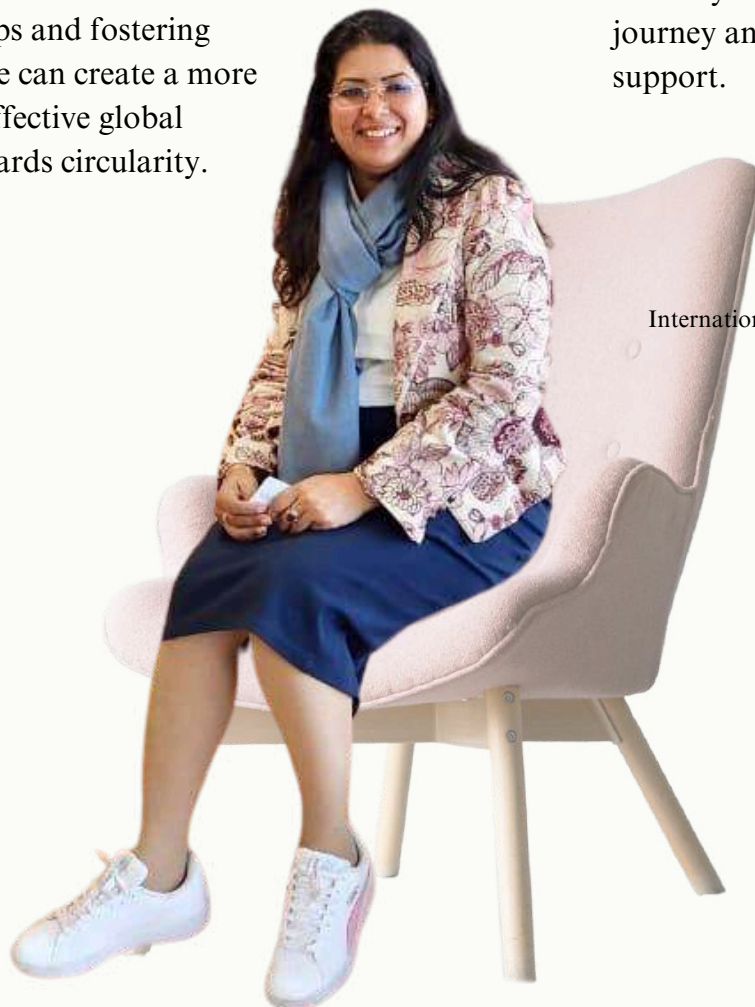
Climate change has also had a profound impact on biodiversity, threatening the delicate balance of ecosystems. The loss of biodiversity not only affects natural habitats but also undermines the resilience of food systems and the health of our planet. In response, ICCE is committed to focusing on innovative solutions to restore the regenerative capacity of Mother Earth. By leveraging organic waste and advancing regenerative agricultural practices, we aim to rejuvenate soil health, enhance biodiversity, and ensure sustainable food production.

Looking ahead, ICCE will intensify its efforts in fostering collaboration between Global South and North partners. These partnerships are crucial for sharing knowledge, resources, and technologies that can amplify the impact of our work. By bridging gaps and fostering cooperation, we can create a more inclusive and effective global movement towards circularity.

In the next five years, ICCE envisions launching several flagship projects aimed at demonstrating the scalability of circular economy practices. These projects will include pilot programs for converting organic waste into high-quality compost, initiatives to protect and restore natural habitats, and educational campaigns to raise awareness about the interconnectedness of circular economy with climate change, biodiversity, and food security.

The future holds immense possibilities, and ICCE is poised to lead the way in creating a sustainable and circular world. I am excited about the journey ahead and confident that, together, we can achieve a future where circular economy principles are universally embraced, leading to a more resilient and sustainable planet.

Thank you for being part of our journey and for your unwavering support.



Shalini Goyal Bhalla  
Managing Director  
International Council for Circular Economy  
(ICCE)



# What is ICCE?



## Some facts

- 1 Leading the Way in Circular Economy**  
*Since its establishment in 2020 as a Section-8 company under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), ICCE has emerged as a pioneering think-tank dedicated to advancing the principles of circular economy.*
- 2 Our Three Pillars of Impact**  
*Our mission is built on three foundational pillars: Educate, Innovate, and Inspire.*
- 3 Rooted Locally, Impacting Globally**  
*While we are proudly Indian at heart, our vision and impact extend globally. ICCE bridges local actions with global aspirations, promoting circular economy practices that benefit communities worldwide.*
- 4 Cultivating Circular Mindsets**  
*Empower youth with the knowledge and skills to champion sustainable practices and lead the transition to a circular economy.*
- 5 Inspiring Industry Transformation**  
*Provide the guidance and support necessary for businesses to integrate sustainable practices, enhancing their resilience and environmental stewardship.*





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**Fostering Circular Innovation**

*Mentor and provide resources to help innovators create sustainable solutions that address contemporary environmental challenges, driving economic growth and sustainability*

**7**

**Policy Innovation**

*Foster a collaborative approach that ensures that policies are practical, inclusive, and effective in promoting sustainability.*

**8**

**Think-Tank**

*We are an independent think-tank that allows us to drive unbiased, impactful initiatives that benefit diverse industries and communities.*

**9**

**International Recognition**

*The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland presented a prestigious acknowledgment that underscores our commitment to advancing circular economy practices internationally.*

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**Championing the Global South**

*Advocate and highlight the unique challenges and opportunities in the Global South region, promoting inclusive and equitable sustainability solutions.*

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**Global Partnerships for Sustainable Impact**

*Global partnerships help us to share knowledge, leverage resources, and implement innovative solutions that drive the global transition to a circular economy.*

# Building a CIRCULAR & GREENER WORLD for tomorrow

*ICCE's vision is to see India and the world flourish by nurturing a future marked by equity, sustainability, and circularity. We are dedicated to fostering a future that safeguards the well-being of its people while respecting the planet's carrying capacity. Our efforts are rooted in the belief that the principles of a circular economy are essential to achieving a balanced and sustainable world.*

## **What we do?**

### **Nurture Equity and Sustainability**

Equity is fundamental to sustainability and all communities should have access to the resources and opportunities needed to thrive.

### **Promoting Circularity**

Emphasize the continual use of resources through innovative design, production, and consumption processes.

### **Safeguarding Our Planet**

Protect, develop and promote regenerative practices to enhance soil health, protect biodiversity, and ensure sustainable food production.

### **Collaboration for Global Impact**

Bridge the Global South and North to share knowledge, resources, and technologies to amplify the impact and drive meaningful change across borders.

### **Commitment to the Future**

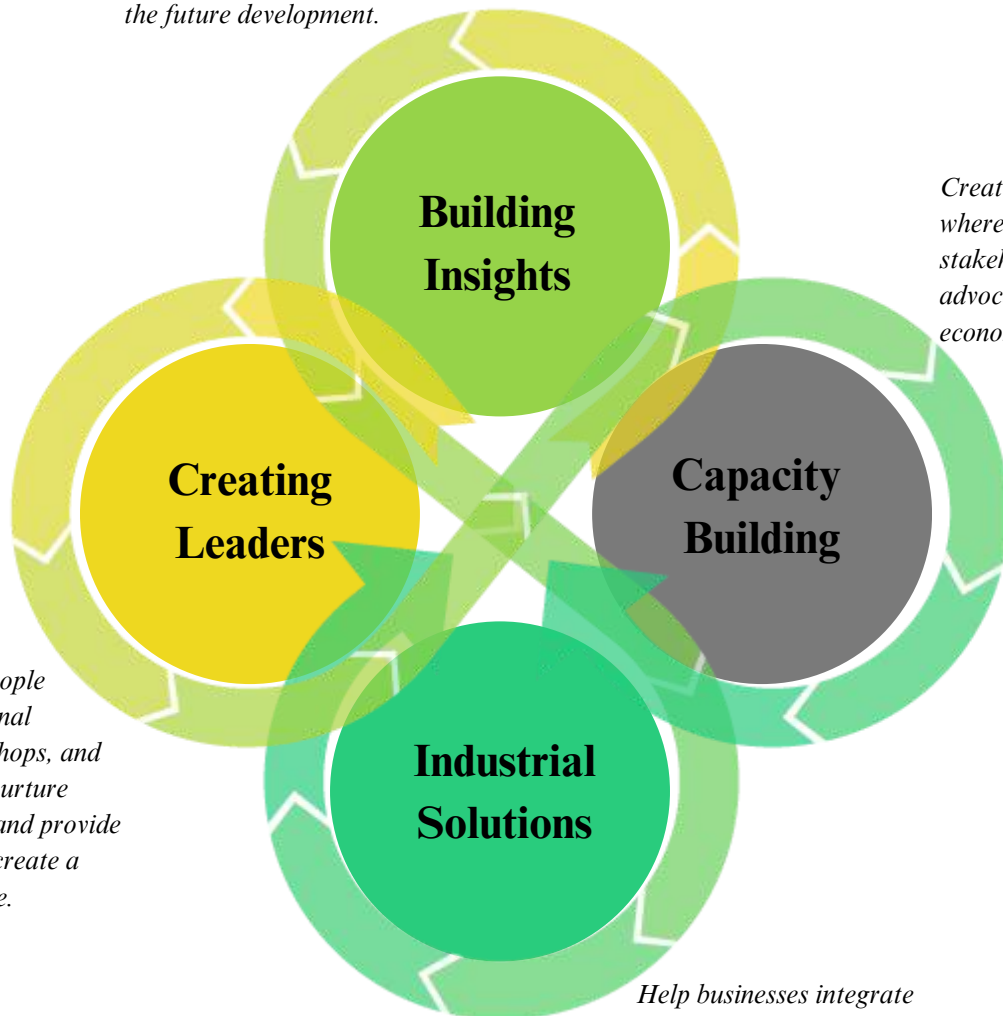
Work to achieve a future that respects the planet's carrying capacity while ensuring the well-being of all its inhabitants.



# Strategic Objectives

To transform production and supply chains to embrace circularity- from raw material sourcing to product design, manufacturing, and end-of-life management, to create a holistic, sustainable and circular industrial ecosystem.

*Engaging and influencing opportunities to strengthen circularity and its adoption to shape the future development.*



*Create a ripple effect, where trained stakeholders become advocates for circular economy practices*

*Engage young people through educational programs, workshops, and competitions to nurture leadership skills and provide opportunities to create a sustainable future.*

*Help businesses integrate circular practices into their operations and supply chains, promoting resource efficiency and waste reduction.*

The linear model of the global economy—characterized by extraction, production, use, and disposal—has led to significant environmental challenges, including resource depletion, climate change, and biodiversity loss. ISO 59004 addresses these issues by advocating for a circular economy model, which emphasizes the sustainable management and renewal of natural resources. By adopting this standard, organizations can:

- Deliver more sustainable and ambitious solutions.
- Improve relationships with stakeholders.
- Engage in more effective and efficient fulfillment of voluntary and legal obligations.
- Contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- Increase resilience against resource scarcity and other environmental, social, and economic risks.

Adherence to ISO 59004 enables organizations to create and share more value within society while ensuring the quality and resilience of ecosystems, ultimately supporting a sustainable future.

Our involvement with ISO and BIS, India, underscores the necessity of rigorous measurement to assess progress and impact, ensuring that circularity initiatives are both effective and sustainable. By contributing to the establishment of these global standards, ICCE is driving forward the adoption of best practices and innovations that are crucial for creating a resilient, low-carbon economy. The standards developed under ISO/TC323 serve as a blueprint for integrating circularity into various industries, thereby fostering a more sustainable and equitable global economy. ICCE's role in this process highlights our commitment to excellence, collaboration, and leadership in the field of circular economy.

**ISO 59 004 Circular Economy – Terminology, Principles and Guidance for implementation**

**ISO 59 010**  
Circular Economy – Guidance  
on business models and value  
networks

**ISO 59 020**  
Circular Economy – Measuring  
and assessing circularity

**ISO 59 040**  
Circular Economy – Product  
Circularity Data Sheet

**ISO 59 014**  
Secondary materials –  
Principles, sustainability  
and traceability  
requirements

**ISO TR 59 031** – Circular Economy – Performance based approaches  
**ISO TR 59 032** – Circular Economy – Review of business model implementation

## *Empowering Stakeholders for a Circular Transformation*

The council has been instrumental in advancing the knowledge and capabilities of diverse stakeholders across various sectors through a robust program of capacity building. Recognizing that the transition to a circular economy requires comprehensive understanding and collaboration, ICCE has developed a series of webinars, forums, and interactive sessions designed to educate and engage businesses, policymakers, academics, and civil society.

ICCE's webinars cover a wide range of topics, from the fundamentals of circular economy principles to advanced strategies for integrating circularity into business operations. These online sessions are accessible to a global audience, ensuring that knowledge dissemination is not confined by geographical boundaries. Experts from various fields share insights on topics such as sustainable product design, resource efficiency, waste management, and innovative business models that prioritize longevity, reuse, and recycling.

Forums organized by ICCE provide a more in-depth exploration of specific themes, bringing together a diverse mix of participants to engage in focused discussions. These events often feature keynote addresses, panel discussions, and interactive workshops, offering a holistic view of the circular economy landscape. Through these forums, stakeholders gain valuable insights into the latest trends, technological advancements, and policy developments that are shaping the future of sustainable business.

The Circular Chat series, in particular, has been a dynamic platform of our capacity-building initiatives. By presenting real-world case studies, these sessions offer a practical perspective on how different companies have navigated their circular economy journeys. Participants gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities associated with circularity, learning directly from the experiences of their peers. This knowledge exchange is crucial for identifying best practices and fostering innovation across industries.

ICCE's commitment to capacity building is rooted in the belief that informed stakeholders are better equipped to drive systemic change. By enhancing the knowledge base and skill sets of individuals and organizations, ICCE is helping to create a more resilient and sustainable economy. The emphasis on learning from each other ensures that the circular economy transition is inclusive and collaborative, leveraging the collective expertise of the global community.

## *Enabling a Circular Economy Across Sectors*

The International Council for Circular Economy (ICCE) has been at the forefront of industrial training, equipping supply chains, designers, product teams, procurement professionals, and shop floor employees with the skills and knowledge required to transition to a circular economy. Recognizing the critical role of education and capacity-building, ICCE has designed and delivered comprehensive training programs that cover the principles and practices of circularity. These trainings are tailored to meet the needs of various stakeholders within the industrial ecosystem, ensuring that every level of the organization understands and embraces the circular economy concept.

ICCE's impactful training initiatives have reached the top leadership and management teams of renowned brands such as Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd including Pantaloons, Madura Fashions, Louis Philippe, and Forever. By engaging these industry leaders, ICCE has successfully fostered a mindset shift towards circular thinking, encouraging the integration of sustainable practices throughout the value chain. These programs emphasize the importance of designing for longevity, reusability, and recyclability, as well as the strategic sourcing of materials that minimize environmental impact.

The trainings are designed to empower organizations to rethink their processes, from product design and manufacturing to procurement and end-of-life management. Through targeted education, ICCE helps companies identify opportunities for waste reduction, resource efficiency, and closed-loop systems. This holistic understanding is essential for creating resilient supply chains that support sustainability goals and enhance competitiveness in the global market.

The interactive training programs promote collaboration and innovation by bringing together diverse teams to explore new ideas and solutions. By equipping individuals at all organizational levels with the necessary tools and insights, we ensure that the principles of circularity are embedded into the corporate culture and operational strategies. This comprehensive approach not only drives environmental benefits but also delivers economic value through cost savings, improved resource management, and increased consumer trust and loyalty.



## Creating Leaders

### *Nurturing Young Minds: Commitment to Future Generations*

The council's multifaceted approach focuses on education, innovation, and practical engagement, empowering youth to embrace circular economy principles and sustainable living.

One of the cornerstones of ICCE's work in this area is our collaboration with several incubation centers. These partnerships are designed to support young entrepreneurs in developing and implementing circular business models. By providing mentorship, resources, and networking opportunities, ICCE helps incubators cultivate startups that prioritize sustainability, resource efficiency, and waste reduction. These young businesses are equipped to tackle some of the most pressing environmental challenges, driving forward the transition to a circular economy.

In addition to supporting incubation centers, ICCE has established Circular Labs, which serve as living laboratories of innovation and technology. These labs are dynamic environments where young minds can experiment with new ideas, test sustainable technologies, and develop practical solutions for circularity. Through hands-on experience, participants gain a deep understanding of circular economy concepts and learn how to apply them in real-world contexts. The Circular Labs are crucial in bridging the gap between theory and practice, fostering a culture of continuous learning and innovation.

ICCE is also a proud partner in Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), an initiative aimed at promoting and encouraging a sustainable and environmentally conscious way of living. Through this mission, we engage with young people across various platforms, educating them on the importance of sustainable consumption and production. Mission LiFE emphasizes the role of individual actions in achieving broader environmental goals, inspiring youth to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives and advocate for change within their communities.

Furthermore, ICCE's outreach extends to universities and research institutions, where we collaborate on projects that explore innovative solutions for circularity. These academic partnerships enable us to stay at the forefront of circular economy research, incorporating the latest findings into our educational initiatives. By engaging with the academic community, ICCE helps shape the next generation of thought leaders and change-makers.

Our educational programs are designed to instill a sense of responsibility and empowerment in young individuals. By integrating circular economy principles into school curriculums, organizing workshops, and hosting interactive sessions, ICCE ensures that the youth are well-informed about the impact of their choices. These programs highlight the interconnectedness of economic activities and environmental health, encouraging students to think critically about sustainability and their role in promoting it.

**Strategy in action:**

# Highlights of ICCE's work

## **Empowering Sustainability Leaders:**

*In 2023-24, ICCE significantly advanced its mission by delivering comprehensive training programs on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) and Circular Economy (CE) principles. These programs have equipped over 560 professionals with the critical skills and knowledge needed to drive sustainable practices within their organizations, fostering a new generation of sustainability leaders.*

## **Building Industrial Resilience:**

*Our industrial training initiatives have been pivotal in transforming conventional industrial processes into circular models. By partnering with key industry players, we have successfully trained over 1,400 industrial workers, enhancing their capabilities to implement and maintain circular practices, thereby promoting resource efficiency and reducing waste.*

## **Sparking Global Conversations:**

*Season 5 of "The Circular Chat" continued to break new ground, attracting thought leaders and innovators from around the globe. Through engaging dialogues and insightful discussions, this season reached an audience of over 10,000 listeners, inspiring actionable change and spreading awareness about the critical importance of a circular economy.*

## **Innovating for the Future:**

*ICCE proudly launched India's 2nd Circular Lab, a cutting-edge innovation hub designed to foster research, development, and implementation of circular economy solutions. This lab serves as a beacon of innovation, providing a collaborative space for scientists, entrepreneurs, and policymakers to develop groundbreaking solutions that propel India towards a sustainable future.*

## **Nurturing the Next Wave of Innovators:**

*Our dedication to fostering innovation was exemplified through the mentorship of 12 promising start-ups within our Circular Labs. These start-ups, under our guidance, have developed pioneering solutions that address key challenges in waste management, resource efficiency, and sustainable production, positioning themselves at the forefront of the circular economy movement.*



### **Shaping Global Sustainability Policy:**

*Following ICEF2023, ICCE has put forward a comprehensive set of policy recommendations aimed at accelerating the adoption of circular economy practices across industries in India.*

*These recommendations are designed to influence global policy frameworks, promoting sustainable development and resource efficiency on an international scale.*

### **Driving Regional Change:**

*In collaboration with the Government of Uttarakhand, ICCE developed targeted policy recommendations to integrate circular economy principles into regional development plans.*

*These recommendations provide a strategic roadmap to enhance environmental sustainability, economic resilience, and social well-being within the state.*

### **Contributing to Global Economic Policy:**

*ICCE's collaborative working paper with the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister has significantly contributed to the G20 compendium. This paper outlines actionable strategies to embed circular economy concepts into global economic policies, reflecting ICCE's influence on high-level policy discourse.*

### **Thought Leadership in Action:**

*ICCE has cemented its position as a thought leader in the circular economy domain by contributing 12 impactful articles across various prestigious papers and columns. These articles have disseminated critical insights and innovative ideas, reaching a broad audience and inspiring action across multiple sectors.*

### **Advancing Academic Excellence:**

*The publication of our 3rd journal on Circular Economy, featuring four pioneering research papers, marks a significant milestone in our academic contributions. This journal showcases cutting-edge research and innovative methodologies, providing valuable knowledge and advancing the academic discourse on circular economy practices.*



## ***Industry***

### **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

*Understanding the barriers and enablers to make transition possible*

### **ESG AND CIRCULARITY METRICS**

*Enabling data-based analysis for industry*

### **CAPACITY BUILDING**

*Preparing future ready CSOs and employees*

### **COLLABORATION**

*India Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform (ICESP) brings all stakeholders to a level playing field*

## ***Government***

### **ADVOCACY FOR CIRCULAR TRANSITION**

*Presenting evidence and knowledge based approach for adaptive policymaking*

### **INDUSTRY AND POLICYMAKERS CONNECT**

*Connecting industry and policymakers*

### **GLOBAL BEST PRACTICES**

*Bring a global perspective to India and vice versa*

## ***Academia***

### **SELF PACED/MOOC COURSES**

*Building new-age skills for Green-jobs*

### **CREDIT COURSES WITH COLLEGES**

*Customized courses for learners to provide wider skills*

### **CIRCULAR LABS**

*Establishing learning laboratories for promoting innovation and technology*

### **ZW CAMPUS**

*Making HEI and schools a greener and ZW entities*

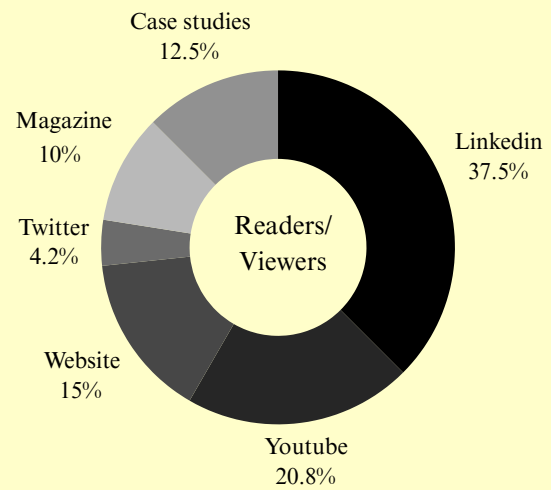
### **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT**

*Capacity building of faculty through FDP/MDP/EDP/LDP*

# 2023-2024 in figures



# Impact



**30.7K**

*Views on Youtube Channel*



**3000+**

*Watch-time hours*



**5000+**

*Course Enrollments*



**14000+**

*Publication Downloads*



**12000+**

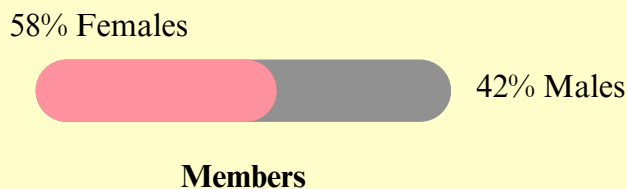
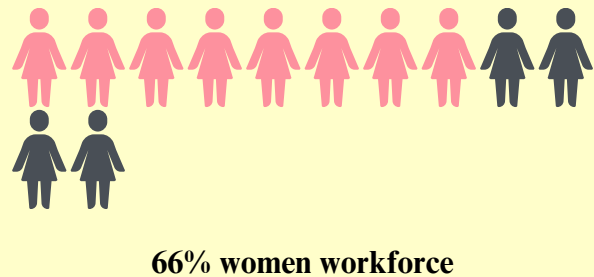
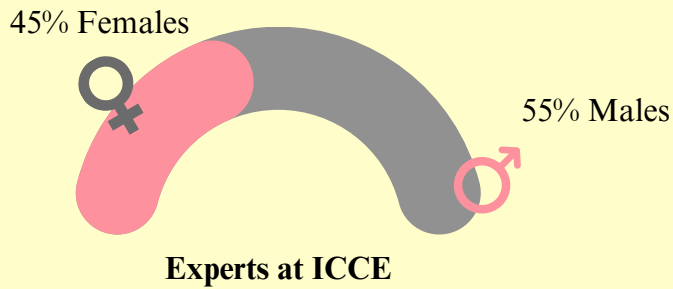
*Members*

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*Case Studies Published*

# DEI at practise



At the International Council for Circular Economy (ICCE), we are committed to fostering a diversity, equity, and inclusion culture. Diverse perspectives drive innovation and enhance our ability to address global challenges. Our organization values and respects differences in gender, ethnicity, age, disability, and background. We strive to create an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and empowered to contribute. ICCE aims to build a more sustainable and equitable future for all.

# Insights into the future!



International Council for Circular Economy (ICCE) was set up in 2020, four years ago out of sheer necessity of reading tea leaves and make sincere endeavors to offer solutions across circularity including recycling, waste, energy, water, climate, sustainability and transition issues. The solutions based ideas that the Council pioneered pivoted around the evidence that Covid-19 pandemic and its aftermath back then had exposed us all through supply-chains wedge, logistics disruptions and a complete breakdown of upstream and downstream determinants of socio-economic developments.

It was potentially an opportune time that the Council came into being with local roots with global connections slowly covering global South and subsequently global North through international cooperation and dialogues, and has since continued to grow and make difference in its own way. Some of the key initiatives that the Council has successfully led include public policy initiatives, dialogue platforms, advocacy, functional collaborations, and hands on knowledge production and management projects.

As times passed by, the Council has kept

aligning its activities, goals and objectives to a range of devised activities and initiatives aimed at tangible outcomes that improve efficiency, effectiveness and productivity across socio-economic issues. For instance, Council's participation through a number of committees and sub-committees both at national and international levels redefined mechanisms of operations and efficiency covering waste, energy, recycling, among others within the remit of and impact on climate and sustainability, standards formulations and their application on improved manufacturing process and energy efficiency.

Council has also been active on global platforms to advance circular economy agenda and its participation in circular dialogues in Europe with African, European and global South partners has only expanded the scope of its activities. In addition, Council's flagship Indian Circular Economy Forum being held for last three years has further provided much valued momentum on circular, climate and sustainability issues like never before by bringing key players in the sector to debate, dialogue and dissolve differences to agreed framework of partnered approaches.

Moreover, Council's overall initiative toward knowledge production on vital circular parameters stands appreciated by Indian education agencies when it provided educative content for technical education courses and programs in the country. What further stands out is the Council's path breaking initiative of leveraging its expertise to set up pilot innovation labs in academic institutions in India which are gaining momentum for wider replication both in India and beyond.

Council has also taken lead in coming up with India's first practice circular economy journal which is edited by and contributed to by leading Indian and foreign experts for exchange of knowledge and information in the field for building bridges with wider community of business leaders, governments, and civil society organizations sharing Indian cases and best practices, a much felt need that has been addressed through this effort of the Council.

Circular economy journal has consistently also acted a tool of advocacy further embedding circular economy and allied elements across policy planning, practice and education purposes including in Europe and Africa, which after its induction as a permanent member of G20 during presidency of India in 2023 in New Delhi further augur well in advancement of circular agenda.

Council thus has endeavored to combine within its work portfolio action, practice, policy, knowledge and education elements covering circular economy, sustainability and climate change issues in supporting development of 'global commons' purpose out of its sheer need like never before due

to rapid and more forceful episodes of climate change with clear adverse effects on human health and business ecosystem, calling out for more efficiency across processes and resultant resilience.

As the Council and its work continues to grow and progress, it necessitates a sturdier plan, operational mechanism and institutional framework with granular approaches that sit well to address the needs and challenges across India, wider Asia, global South and beyond would potentially need towards bridging current and emerging gaps for durable collaborative learning outcomes and their application through international cooperation.

Both in context of the Council's current work and approach towards its preparedness for the day after, a careful and thoughtful consideration and planning for its future readiness will be essential, both vertically and horizontally. In order to trigger a seamless transition, going forward, the Council may potentially need innovative actions to think through it carefully, plan well and execute in a time bound manner.

With four years' of seamless operations and successful track behind, the Council can consider calling for a focus group meeting to discuss next set of plans, procedure and agenda for action for medium to long term horizon, ideally for next 3 to 5 years, mulling over next phase of development plans and synergy approaches.

Such an approach can include among others a considerably higher degree of ambitious plan to solidify ongoing initiatives, dexterous transition to bolder initiatives from current levels, predictable contours of partnerships for building thought leadership

on issues of circular economy, climate change, sustainability, and other interrelated and allied intersectional issues in tandem with manpower ability to perform tasks effectively.

When such needs become apparent and actions required, the first critical issue that comes calling include, among others, institutional mechanism, governance and plan of action in consultation with key stakeholders. Given the context and call for ambitious action, the Council would need to consider giving itself a definitive institutional shape, starting with a virtual platform transitioning gradually to a brick and a mortar structure in India, sub-regions, later expanding within region, and beyond to a plan.

In order for the Council to be able to think laterally and execute such a plan, it would need a working plan, need support and solicit guidance from both federal, sub-regional governments and allied actors to shine light on efforts of the Council. Such an action may necessitate a whole range of issues including financial resources, government support and resources to be able to carry forward the Council's mission.

Such an institution can be effective and efficient only with diversity of support even while notional in nature offering an opportunity to the Council to undertake carrying out national agenda of circular economy, climate change and transition in the country at scale and impact, showcasing India's strength and capability

outside of the government. This would be a prudent investment in such a powerful idea of taking India's leadership doubling as country's soft power extension through a global action plan with improvements and maturity.

The fact that India's international climate pledges – reducing carbon emission by 50 per cent and installed renewable capacity of 500 GW by 2030 and net zero status by 2070- are dynamic national goals committed internationally by India would necessitate non-governmental interventions at scale, going forward. The Council in its approach and actions demonstrated so far can ably chip in and fulfill its commitment in helping achieve these global goals ahead of the commitment years.

While such an idea may prima facie sound simple, it would involve tying multiple knots and fixing a number of issues simultaneously. The occasion would also present the Council with hard choices and difficult options with support systems needed from stakeholders. The role of businesses, governments, civil society organizations and international partners will be vital for the Council to play its role in putting global circular, green transition and sustainability agenda front and center.

The journey may thus begin to advance circular agenda from India with cooperation between global South and the North in spirit of triangular cooperation framework.



# Our Team



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# Board of Directors



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Chief Strategy Officer



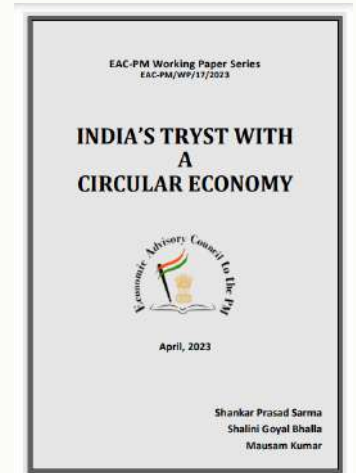
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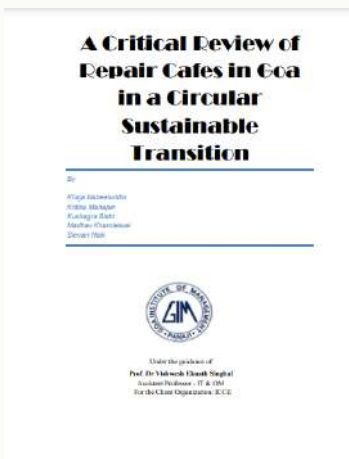
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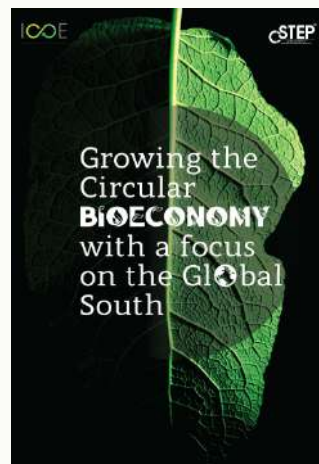
ROLE OF GLOBAL SOUTH IN ENABLING A GLOBAL CIRCULAR TRANSITION



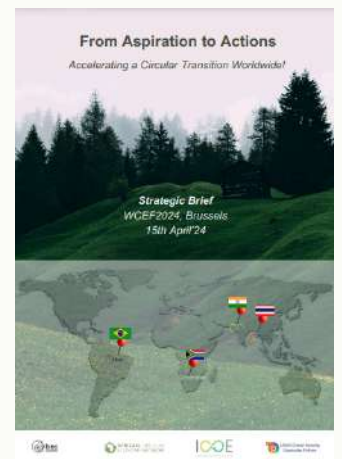
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FROM ASPIRATION TO ACTIONS: ACCELERATING A CIRCULAR TRANSITION WORLDWIDE!

### **Council of Prominent People**

The International Council for Circular Economy has two well-renowned people on our Board. They are our chief mentors. They met the board once in the year 2023-24.

Padmashri Dr. Rajagopalan Vasudevan, also popularly known as the Plastic Man of India and Padmashri DR.G.D.Yadav, Former Vice Chancellor ICT, Mumbai, India.

### **Board of Directors**

ICCE's Board of Directors met six times in 2023-24. The members of the Board of Directors are Ravinder Dahiya, Co-Founder and Chief Finance Officer (Master in Business Administration), Shalini Goyal Bhalla, Founder and Managing Director (M.Sc. in Environment and Ecology), Sandeep Chinda, Chief Strategy Officer (Bachelor in Technology), and Preety Chinda, Chief Technical Officer (Bachelor in Technology).

The Board of Directors prepares the matters to be taken to the Advisory Board and is responsible for the overall management of the council.

### **Board of Advisors**

ICCE's Board of Advisors met four times in 2023-24. The task of the Advisory Board is to supervise ICCE's administration and decide on its operational principles.

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