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Session title

WCEF2025 Accelerator Session: Measuring progress and promoting circularity through public policies in Latin America and the Caribbean

Organizer(s)

- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD) of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)
- Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)/IDB Invest

Session description

Circular economy strategies at different levels of government are essential to ensuring a transition towards circularity. Measuring progress and impacts towards a circular economy is, therefore, an important part of these public policies. Currently, there is no agreed-upon measure to assess how circular an economy is, making it difficult for countries to compare peer to peer progress. Additionally, there is no harmonized framework to monitor progress towards a circular economy or to support more circular solid waste management. In this context, to foster concerted regional progress on circular economy enabling conditions, this Accelerator Session aims to address data and capacity gaps to better measure regional progress and ensure evidence-based policymaking for a circular economy. The adoption of a comparable and replicable set of indicators to complement national strategies is the main topic that will be covered in this session.

Short description:

Public policies for enhancing circularity in the LAC region; methods for measuring progress on waste and circular economy, information gaps and databases; and indicators of circularity in LAC.

Target audience:

Policymakers from national governments of Latin America and the Caribbean. In person only.

Suggested format:

Panel sessions and plenary discussion. Session will be in Spanish-English.

Agenda - 15th May 2025, Thursday

Venue: Pullman Hotel Ibirapuera, Rua Joinville, 515 - Vila Mariana, São Paulo - SP, 04008-011

9:00h	Reception of participants
9:10h Introduction of the Session	Introductory Session <i>Moderator: Ms. Karina Martinez, ECLAC</i> Mr. Luiz Fernando Krieger Merico, Senior Officer UN-ECLAC Ms. Silvia Ortiz Stradtman, Senior Water and Sanitation Specialist IADB Opening Remarks Mr. Chun Kyoo Park, Head, United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD), UN DESA Mr. Jae Woong Jeong, Executive Director, Korea Environment Corporation (K-eco) – Ministry of Environment of Republic of Korea
9:30h Presentations and Q&A	Country cases to measure circularity <i>Moderator: IADB</i> The case of Peru on statistical information and circular economy Mr. César Manuel Quispe Luján, Vice-minister of MYPE and Industry – Peru (15 min) The case of Colombia on tracking circular economy statistical information Mr. Diego Cobaleda, Representative of the National Statistical Department (DANE) (15 min) Q&A (10 min) Statement from the host - São Paulo Mr. Mauro Haddad Nieri, Director of SP Regula, Municipality of São Paulo Implementing Buenos Aires' Circular Economy Strategy Ms. Analía Flores, Secretariat of Environment, Autonomous City of Buenos Aires (15 min) Measuring Circularity in Germany, Öko-Institut E.V. Institut for Applied Ecology (10 min)-virtual Q&A (10 min)
11:00h	Coffee break
11:30h Presentations and Q&A	Digital innovations for measuring resource circularity <i>Moderator: ECLAC/UNOSD</i> Korea's Industrial Waste Collection, Transport, and Disposal Tracking System (Allbaro System – IT based total waste data and management tracking system for industrial waste in Korea) Mr. Kwangnyung Lee, Korea Environment Corporation (K-eco), Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea (10 min) Satellite-based MRV methodologies for measuring circularity Mr. Henrique Bezerra, Energy Market Specialist, Global Methane Hub (10 min) Q&A (10 min)
12:45h Plenary discussion	Closing dialogue on regional indicators for measuring progress on a circular economy <i>Moderator: Ms. Sara Castro de Hallgren, Sustainable Development Officer, UNOSD, DSDG, UN DESA</i> Circular Economy Indicators for LAC: building indicators for national strategies Mr. Luiz Fernando Krieger Merico/Estefani Rondon – SDHSD/ECLAC (45 min) Dialogue, challenges ahead, conclusions, closing remarks
13:30h	Lunch (offered by organizers)

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