



# Getting in the Loop: Enabling Conditions for a Circular Economy

21–23 February 2024

ADB Headquarters, Metro Manila, Philippines

Concept Note

## Introduction:

Circular economy (CE) is becoming increasingly important to address solid waste management, marine litter, and pollution reduction. The upcoming Global Plastics Treaty (GPT) will be a legally binding agreement for countries to end plastic pollution, and implementing CE principles has been cited as one of the solutions under the GPT.

*Accelerating the Circular Economy: Integrating Circularity into Programs, Projects, and Policies* is a capacity-building program for Asian Development Bank (ADB) staff and participating developing member countries (DMCs) of the TA-6669 REG: Promoting Action on Plastic Pollution from Source to Sea in Asia and the Pacific - Prioritizing and Implementing Actions to Reduce Marine Plastic Pollution around circular economy principles, policies, project design, and GPT opportunities for scaling up investments supporting plastics circularity. It will run throughout 2024, with four sessions (one per quarter). The first of the four-part leg entitled *Getting in the Loop: Enabling Conditions for a Circular Economy* will be held in the ADB Headquarters in Metro Manila, Philippines on 21-23 February 2024.

## Objectives:

- Enhance knowledge on circular economy, its enabling conditions, and its application across sectors (e.g., waste, water, energy)
- Identify possible opportunities for CE integration in existing projects and programs in ADB and DMCs

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**Wednesday 21 February**

**Day 1: Enabling Mechanisms for Circular Economy**

Time	Activity and Description
08:00-08:30 (30 mins)	Registration
08:30-09:00 (30 mins)	<p><b>Preliminaries</b></p> <p>Opening remarks – Warren Evans, Special Senior Advisor (Climate Change), Office of the President, ADB</p> <p>Overview of Program</p> <p>Group photo</p>
09:00-10:00 (60 mins)	<p><b>1.1. Circular Economy 101</b></p> <p>Introduction to session and speakers (5 mins) – Eva McGovern, Knowledge Management Specialist, (Consultant), Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB</p> <p>Speaker 1 – Circular Economy 101 (20 mins) – James Baker, Senior Circular Economy Specialist (Plastic Wastes), Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB</p> <p>Speaker 2 – Circular Economy in DMCs (20 mins) – Maria Pia Ancora, Senior Urban Development Specialist, Sectors Group, ADB</p> <p>Q&amp;A (10 mins)</p> <p>Summary and Wrap-up (5 mins) – Anna Oposa, Marine Conservation and Circular Economy Specialist (Consultant), Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB</p>
10:00-10:30 (30 mins)	Coffee Break
10:30-12:00 (90 mins)	<p><b>1.2. Understanding the Global Plastics Treaty</b></p> <p>Introduction to session and speaker (5 mins) – Eva McGovern, Knowledge Management Specialist, (Consultant), Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB</p> <p>Speaker – Opportunities in the Global Plastic Treaty for Asia and the Pacific (20 mins) - Rocky Guzman, International Governance, Policy, and Legal Specialist (Consultant), Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB</p> <p>Q&amp;A (10 mins)</p> <p>Facilitated Discussion: Enabling Frameworks (60 mins)</p>



Time	Activity and Description
12:00-13:30 (90 mins)	Lunch
13:30-13:40 (10 mins)	Check-in
13:40-15:00 (80 mins)	<p><b>1.3. Circular Economy and Finance</b></p> <p>Introduction to session and speakers (5 mins) – Eva McGovern, Knowledge Management Specialist, (Consultant), Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB</p> <p>Speaker 1 – Finance Mechanisms for a Circular Economy (20 mins) - Ghislain De Valon, Sr Infrastructure Specialist (Innovation and Green Finance), Southeast Asia Regional Department, ADB</p> <p>Speaker 2 – Unlocking the Potential of Plastic Credits (20 mins) - Nanette Medved-Po, Founder and Executive Chairperson, Plastic Credit Exchange</p> <p>Q&amp;A (10 mins)</p> <p>Facilitated Discussion: Finance Mechanisms (25 mins)</p>
15:00-15:30 (30 mins)	Coffee Break
15:30-16:00 (30 mins)	Continuation of breakout group discussion (30 mins)
16:00-16:30 (30 mins)	Wrap-up, Feedback Form, and Reminders for Day 2 – Anna Oposa, Marine Conservation and Circular Economy Specialist (Consultant), Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB
17:00 onwards	Networking with light refreshments and snacks (ADB Courtyard)

## Thursday 22 February

### Day 2: Technology, Innovation, and Behavior Change for Circular Economy

Time	Activity and Description
08:30-09:00 (30 mins)	<p>Preliminaries</p> <p>Recall of Day 1</p> <p>Highlights of Day 1</p> <p>Overview of today's program</p>
09:00-10:00 (60 mins)	<p><b>2.1. Circular Economy and Gender, Equality, and Social Inclusion</b></p> <p>Introduction to session and speakers (5 mins) – Eva McGovern, Knowledge Management Specialist, (Consultant), Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB (5 mins)</p>



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	<p>Speaker 1 – Applying the Gender Lens in the Circular Economy (20 mins), Rafaella Potestades, Co-Executive Director for Programs, BAYI, Inc.</p> <p>Speaker 2 – Social Inclusion in Grassroots Campaigns (20 mins), Cecile Alcantara, President, Coca-Cola Foundation Philippines, Inc.</p> <p>Q&amp;A (10 mins)</p> <p>Summary and Wrap-up (5 mins) – Anna Oposa, Marine Conservation and Circular Economy Specialist (Consultant), Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB</p>
10:00-10:30 (30 mins)	Coffee Break
10:30-11:45 (75 mins)	<p><b>2.2. Sustainability Tour of ADB</b></p> <p>Briefing and Sustainability Tour of ADB, Erwin Casaclang, Senior Workplace Management Officer, and Mirko Rizzuto Principal Workplace Management Specialist, CSD, ADB</p>
11:45-13:00 (75 mins)	Lunch
13:00-14:00 (60 mins)	<p><b>2.3. Technology and Innovation</b></p> <p>Debrief: Sustainability Tour (5 mins) – Anna Oposa, Marine Conservation and Circular Economy Specialist (Consultant), Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB</p> <p>Introduction to session and speakers – Eva McGovern, Knowledge Management Specialist, (Consultant), Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB (5 mins)</p> <p>Speaker 1 – Integrating Tech and Innovation in Circular Economy (20 mins) – Marc Lepage, Principal IT Specialist (Technology Innovation), ITD, ADB</p> <p>Speaker 2 – Upstream &amp; Downstream Innovation and Technology (20 mins) – Gary Moys, Director International Business, Seureca</p> <p>Q&amp;A (10 mins)</p> <p>Facilitated discussion (30 mins)</p> <p>Summary and Wrap-up (5 mins) – Anna Oposa, Marine Conservation and Circular Economy Specialist (Consultant), Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB</p>
14:00-15:00 (60 mins)	<p><b>2.4. Panel Discussion: Circular Plastics Economy and the Private Sector</b></p>



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	<p><b>Moderator:</b> James Baker, Senior Circular Economy Specialist (Plastic Wastes), Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB</p> <p><b>Introduction and Scene Setting:</b> James Baker (5 mins)</p> <p><b>Presentation and Panel Discussion (40 mins):</b>                      Recycling: Dian Kurniawati, Vice President, Director, PT ALBA Tridi Plastics Recycling Indonesia                      Bioplastics: Piya Kerdlap, Managing Director, PXP Sustainability</p> <p>Q&amp;A (10 mins)</p> <p>Summary and Wrap-up (5 mins)</p>
15:00-15:30 (30 mins)	Coffee break
15:30-16:15 (45 mins)	Facilitated discussion: Stakeholder Engagement
16:15-16:25 (10 mins)	Wrap-up, Feedback Form, and Reminders for Day 2 – Anna Oposa, Marine Conservation and Circular Economy Specialist (Consultant), Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB
16:25-16:30 (5 mins)	Closing Remarks Yoko Watanabe Director, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

**Friday 23 February**

**Day 3: Site visit: Green Antz Facility – Green Antz (Bulacan)**

Green Antz Builders, Inc. is an innovative provider of building and housing solutions that integrates eco-friendly practices and green technologies in its products and services. It was established in 2013 and its main facility is in Pulilan, Bulacan, approximately 60-90 minutes away from the ADB Headquarters.

Time	Activity
07:30	Meeting time
07:45	Departure
08:00-09:30 (90 mins)	Travel time
09:30-11:30 (120 mins)	Presentation and Guided Tour Discussant: Dian Kurniawati, Vice President, Director, PT ALBA Tridi Plastics Recycling Indonesia Q&A
11:30-12:00 (30 mins)	Travel to lunch venue
12:00-13:30 (90 mins)	Lunch and Final Reminders/Closing