



THE WORLD POLICY FORUM

Ecological Realignment

By invitation only

Exploring Approaches to a Circular Economy

German Federal Environmental Foundation (Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt DBU)
with support from the GIZ Circular Economy Solutions Dialogues

Speakers:

Keynote:

- **Alexander Bonde**, Secretary General, German Federal Environmental Foundation (Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt DBU)

Panelists:

- **Simon Baldwin**, Director, SecondMuse Singapore
- **Ina Budde**, Co-founder, circular.fashion
- **Stacey Davidson**, Executive Director, REDISA
- **Bezawit Eshetu Gizaw**, Executive team member, African Circular Economy Network (ACEN)
- **Timothy Glaz**, Head of Corporate Affairs, Werner & Mertz
- **Markus Lücke**, Head of Global Project „Support of the Export Initiative for Environmental Technologies“, GIZ
- **Ana Muro**, Society & Enterprise Coordinator, Argentinean Business Council for Sustainable Development CEADS (WBCSD)
- **Christian Schiller**, Co-founder & CEO, cirplus
- **Pranshu Singhal**, Founder, Karo Sambhav
- **Helga Vanthournout**, Founder and Director, Wealth of Flows Consulting Ltd

Moderator:

- **Alexander Charalambous**, Senior Partner, Living Prospects

Session description:

Circular economy applications offer solutions to many of the pressing environmental challenges of our time, in particular climate change, biodiversity, and maritime pollution. The circular economy also has a strong economic and social value with the potential to lower the pressure on scarce resources, strengthen local and regional economies, and create new forms of qualified employment.

Many companies and innovators worldwide already develop and successfully implement circular economy solutions. However, mainstreaming circular economy principles is hampered by institutions and policy settings that privilege linear “make-use-dispose” business models. During the Implementers’ Forum, participants will present their circular economy initiatives;



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they will discuss the challenges they face in scaling or broadening their initiatives and businesses, together with positive examples of supportive policies and institutions; and they will explore options for cooperation and mutual learning to help mainstreaming the circular economy.

The Implementers' Forum is unlike any conventional panel discussion. It is a fast-paced, moderated exchange of short inputs by practitioners and thought leaders with a focus on implementable, practical solutions for global business-related challenges. With the aim to bring a multi-stakeholder interaction to life, the Implementers' Forum is planned for 10 active speakers and maximum of 40 participants. The closed-door by-invitation-only format creates a safe space for open exchange under Chatham House rule to drive problem-solving. With concise speaker contributions, networking possibilities and audience interaction, we hope that the Implementers' Forum will be a space for you to share your work and learn from others.

Objectives:

- Transition to a circular economy: innovative, sustainable business models and disruptive technologies for waste minimization, re-use and recycling across industries and supply chains (e.g. plastics, textile, food, technology, energy, waste, construction) and the need for supportive policies
- Creating awareness and an ethical compass for a “circular society”: extended producer responsibility and sustainable business practices