Meeting Objectives and Agenda

Regional Dialogue on Accelerating the Transition to Circular Economy for Climate Resilience in the Arab Region

Kempinski Amman Hotel, Jordan 22-23 November 2023











Meeting Objectives

To analyze current status based on best practices and failures

- Build a **common understanding** on circular economy and build **awareness** around a common taxonomy for circularity in the Arab region.
- Identify factors that hamper a fast transition including investments, regulations, institutions endorsing policies.
- Determine the **key capacities and governance framework** necessary to accelerate the transition.

To identify a concerted stepwise process to mainstream circular economy

- Provide examples of linkages to national and regional policies that could drive circularity
- Share experiences from different countries regarding the scale of the transition

To exchange on access to finance and effective governance

- Evaluate **potential risks** and identify measures to mitigate them, **promoting and accelerating investments** in circularity.
- Explore the **opportunities presented by multilateral and bilateral climate, biodiversity**, and **ESG finance** for a sustainable transition that accelerates circularity in the region.
- Define the necessary forms of governance to adopt a systemic approach that is inclusive and equitable.

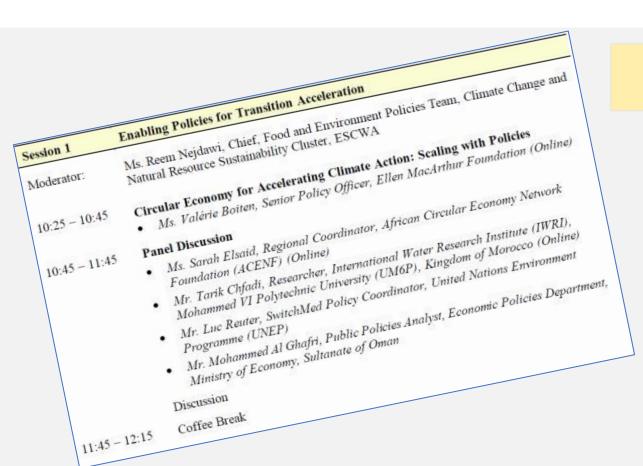
To discuss ways to ensure sustainability of the dialogue and to set a framework for promoting the transition to circularity in the Arab Region.



Opening Session

- > Tour de Table
- Keynote Presentation on the Key Drivers for Circular Economy Acceleration
 - By Mr. Grzegorz Peszko from the World Bank on Key Drivers for Circular Economy Acceleration.

Session Duration: 1 hour 5 minutes (9:20-10:25)

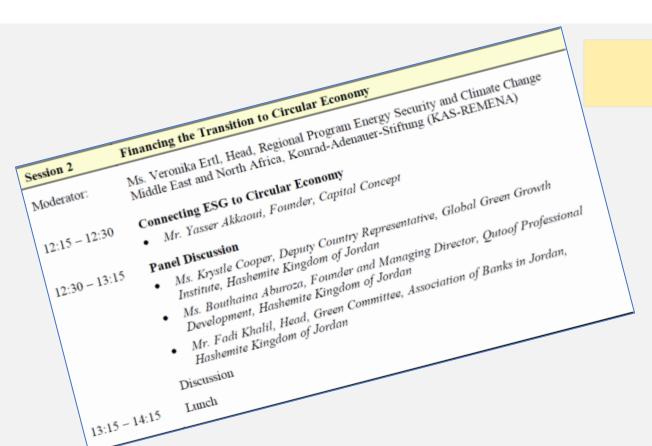


Session 1:

Enabling Policies for Transition Acceleration

- Identifying key policies for ensuring a just, environmentally sustainable and economically viable circularity of resources.
- Exploring recommended policy interventions that Arab governments should prioritize to advance this transformative agenda effectively.

Session Duration: 1 hour 20 minutes (10:25-11:45)

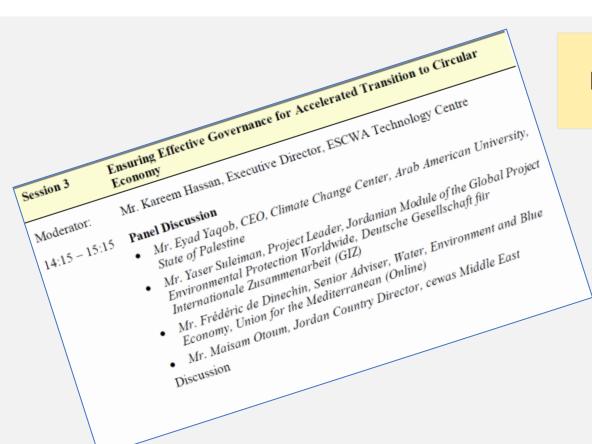


Session 2:

Financing the Transition to Circular Economy

- Highlight financial opportunities and instruments available at national and regional levels.
- Exploring ways to address challenges facing the private sector in accessing finance, and to facilitate finance accessibility for Circular Economy transitions.

Session Duration: 1 hour (12:15-13:15)

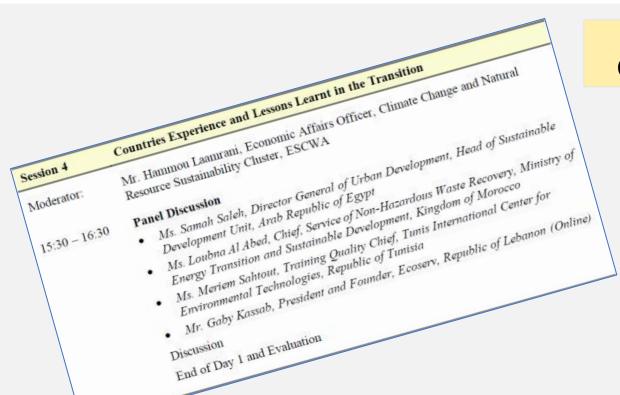


Session 3:

Ensuring Effective Governance for Accelerated Transition to Circular Economy

- Exploring the crucial role of governance in steering the transition towards Circular Economy
- Discussing strategies for inclusive stakeholder engagement, private sector involvement, regional coordination mechanisms, societal integration
- ➤ Highlighting the significance of regional and international initiatives and the contributions and role of green SMEs in this transition.

Session Duration: 1 hour (14:15-15:15)

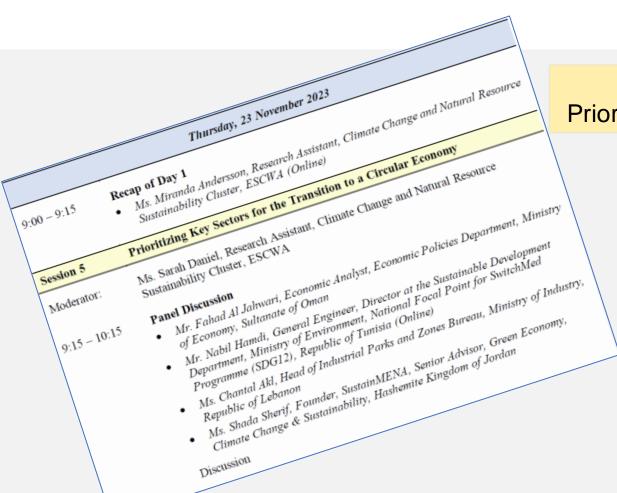


Session 4:

Countries Experience and Lessons Learnt in the Transition

- > Exploring countries and private sectors' experiences in transitioning to a circular economy across various sectors.
- > Extracting valuable lessons form various case studies
- Identifying crucial steps for scaling up these efforts.
- ➤ Highlighting the **potential role of NGOs** in driving circular economy initiatives parallel to governmental efforts.

Session Duration: 1 hour (15:30-16:30)

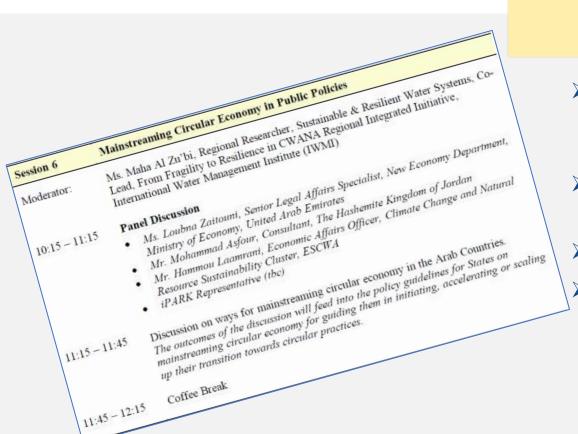


Session 5:

Prioritizing Key Sectors for the Transition to a Circular Economy

- Identifying main criteria for prioritizing key sectors in the transition to circular economy.
- Factors considered include policy availability, economic viability, transition costs, return on investment, revenue generation, environmental impact, among others.

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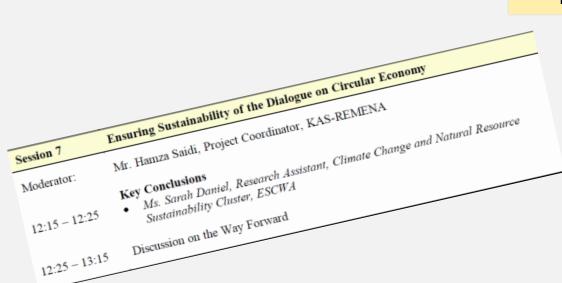


Session 6:

Mainstreaming Circular Economy in Public Policies

- Examining the essential approaches and steps required to integrate the principles of a circular economy across government and society.
- Assessing the importance of policies, collaboration, and coordination mechanisms in this integration within the region.
- Exploring the **challenges** hindering this mainstream
- Investigating the **role of the private sector and SMEs** in accelerating this shift and facilitating the transition towards a circular economy.

Session Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes (10:15-11:45)



Session 7:

Ensuring Sustainability of the Dialogue on Circular Economy

- Sharing key conclusions from the meeting
- Discussing ways to ensure sustainability of the dialogue and setting a framework for promoting the transition to circularity in the Arab Region.

Session Duration: 1 hour (12:15-13:15)

	Closing Session
13:15 – 13:30	 Closing Remarks Ms. Veronika Ertl, KAS-REMENA Ms. Reem Nejdawi, ESCWA
	End of meeting
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch

Session Duration: 30 minutes (13:15-13:30)



Thank you