



WUF 2018 Networking Event

# Circular Economy in Buildings and Construction

The objective of this Networking Event is to share good working and replicable practices and to have a facilitated discussion around the global impact and opportunities for circular economy in the built environment with the help of experts attending the session. Aspects relating with the value chain and funding mechanisms will be introduced and debated, and donors will be invited and connected to interesting initiatives. Demonstrated evidences of circular eco environment especially affordable housing of Asian and African countries at city and national level will be showcased.

Experiences of the interventions in Asia and Africa and experiences of circular approaches currently practiced in building and housing sectors would be shared, for example utilization of industrial by-products in production of building materials in South Asian and African contexts.

The Networking Event is organized by Sustainable Buildings and Construction Programme (SBC) which is one of the thematic programmes of the UN 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP). SBC is led by Finnish Ministry of the Environment. Co-organizers of the event are UN Environment, UN Habitat and Development Alternatives (India). The work in SBC aims at developing a common global framework and global report for circular economy in buildings and construction.

## Programme

**Chaired by Martina Otto, UN Environment**

- 09:00 – 09:10 **Opening: Christophe Lalande, UN-Habitat**  
Welcome, Representative from the Malaysian Ministry of Housing (tbc.)
- 09:10 – 09:20 **SBC approach to Circular Economy in Buildings and Construction**  
Pekka Huovila, SBC Coordinator  
SBC Circular Economy Video
- 09:20 – 09:40 **Keynote presentation**  
Setting the scene, focus on emerging markets 🇲🇵  
WUF9 delegate from the Ellen McArthur Foundation or World Resource Panel (tbc.)  
Immediate questions from the audience
- 09:40 – 09:50 **Circular Economy case examples from India and Malawi**  
Dr. Soumen Maity, Development Alternatives, India
- 09:50 – 10:50 **Panel discussion** facilitated by Harri Hakaste, Ministry of the Environment, Finland
- Panelists
- Keynote speaker
  - Dr. Soumen Maity, Development Alternatives, India
  - Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, India (tbc.)
  - Jesús Salcedo, UN-Habitat: Circularity in Affordable Housing and Cities
  - Circular economy expert from registered delegates
- 10:50 – 11:00 **Conclusions**  
Action points  
Next steps: SBC Global Status report on Circularity in the Built Environment

Further information

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