

Development Alternatives participates at the World Circular Economy Forum



The Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GlobalABC) of the UN Environment Program organised their Annual Assembly in conjunction with the World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF) in Helsinki, Finland, on the 1st and 2nd of June, 2023.

Development Alternatives was invited to share their work at a seminar at the WCEF Accelerator Session on 'Building a Circular Environment' where Mohak Gupta, Assistant Program Director, Development Alternatives, presented on 'Transforming the Built Environment through Sustainable Materials'. This seminar on circular construction was organized as a cooperation between the Finnish Ministry of the Environment, City of Helsinki, UN Environment Programme, Green Building Council Finland, and Demos Helsinki.



Mohak shared the ongoing work on developing subnational roadmaps and conducting resource flow assessments for building materials to address embodied energy concerns in the affordable housing sector in Odisha and Maharashtra in India. He was part of a panel discussion moderated by Jonathan Duwyn, Programme Officer, UNEP with other presenters including Dr. Anna Dyson and Dr. Barbara Reck from Yale University and Åshild Wangensteen of MAD Architects in Oslo.

In addition to the WCEF Accelerator Session, Mohak was also invited to participate in the Planning Workshop of the 'Global Circular Economy Roadmap Initiative' by the Chatham House on the 29th of May, held at the Sitra Finnish Innovation Fund. The objective of the workshop was to plan and organize roadmap activities for 2023 while also conducting joint planning with UNEP OPN and 10YFP Secretariat

for the Global SCP Dialogues series. The workshop was led by Jack Barrie and Patrick Schröder from Chatham House and featured about 50 circular economy practitioners from around the world in person, in addition to many online participants as well.

Online News Story: [Building a Circular Environment - a WCEF2023 Accelerator Session \(nordiccircularconstruction.com\)](https://nordiccircularconstruction.com)