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Circular Economy and Sustainability

As natural resources become scarcer and social and environmental pressures rise, transitioning to a circular economy is no longer optional for emerging economies — it is strategic. Beyond recycling, circularity requires redesigning value chains, urban systems, public procurement and project management to minimise waste, retain material value, decouple growth from resource use and strengthen resilience. Donors and financiers increasingly expect integrated sustainability approaches and measurable outcomes.

This two-week executive seminar equips managers, policymakers and programme leads with theory, practical tools and operational pathways to design, implement and finance circular economy initiatives that deliver social and economic value in developing country contexts.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

- Directors of development projects
- Planning and Monitoring & Evaluation Officers
- Directors of public procurement and public finance
- Senior officials from line ministries (infrastructure, energy, environment, agriculture, water)
- Planning Specialists
- Managers of donor-funded programmes

DURATION: 2 weeks

PRACTICAL OBJECTIVES

- ✓ **Understand** the fundamentals of the circular economy and its connection to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- ✓ **Analyse** the economic, social and environmental impacts of projects integrating circularity.
- ✓ **Identify** concrete and replicable solutions to reduce waste, reuse resources and create shared value.
- ✓ **Integrate** circular approaches into planning, public procurement and infrastructure management.
- ✓ **Align** their projects and programmes with the priorities of international donors and financial institutions.

SEMINAR TOPICS

- **Foundations and Global Framework:** Principles of the circular economy, including reduce, reuse, recycle, and regenerate. Linkages with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Governance challenges and North-South equity in access to resources.
- **Tools and Operational Approaches:** Concepts of industrial ecology and inter-enterprise symbiosis. Integration of circular practices into public policy and project management. The role of sustainable and responsible procurement in advancing circularity.
- **Innovations and Enabling Technologies:** Emerging technologies for resource management such as rare earth recycling and renewable energy. Digitalisation, artificial intelligence, and blockchain for traceability and transparency. Smart and circular cities as pathways to sustainable infrastructure.
- **Perspectives and Trends:** Promising initiatives in emerging and developing countries. The role of international donors and financial institutions in promoting circular economy projects. New business models and financing opportunities that support sustainable development.

