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## **Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)**

Capacity Building Workshop on Circular Economy in Agriculture and Water Sectors Amman, Jordan, 28-29 October 2024

## Agenda

Monday, 28 October 2024		
8.30 – 9.00	The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Amman Al Nabil Hotel, Amman, Jordan.	
	Sponsored participants are kindly asked to bring their passport, visa receipt and airline ticket stub to the meeting on the first day.	
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	Opening Session	
Moderator:	Ms. Sara Daniel, Research Assistant, Climate Change and Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster (CCNRSC), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)	
9.00 - 9.30	Opening Remarks	
	<ul> <li>Mr. Khalid Abu Hammour, Representative of H.E. the Minister of Agriculture, Director General, National Agricultural Research Center, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Mr. Raed Hattar, Director of Technical Programs Directorate, Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Ms. Maha Al Zu'bi, Regional Researcher, Sustainable &amp; Resilient Water Systems, Co-Lead Fragility to Resilience in CWANA, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Mr. Mohammad Mansour, Green and Circular Economy Public Policies Expert, Green Forward Programme, Expertise France</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Mr. Hamzeh Yasin, Regional Programme Manager, MENA Development Cooperation, Embassy of Sweden</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Ms. Reem Nejdawi, Chief, Food and Environment Policies Team, CCNRSC, ESCWA</li> </ul>	
9.30 – 10.00	Agenda Overview and Meeting Objectives	
	o Ms. Sara Daniel, Research Assistant, CCNRSC, ESCWA	

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Session 1	Introduction to Principles and Practices of Circular Economy
Moderator:	Mr. Hammou Laamrani, Economic Affairs Officer, CCNRSC, ESCWA
10.00 - 10.40	Introduction to Circular Economy: Principles, Drivers and Tools
	<ul> <li>Mr. Omar AlSaleh, Senior Circular Economy Expert &amp; Circular Economy Club (CEC) Amman Founder, Royal Scientific Society, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</li> </ul>
	Discussion
10.40 - 11.10	Coffee Break
11.10 – 13.00	Examples of Circular Applications in Tunisia
	<ul> <li>Mr. Nabil Hamdi, Director, Sustainable Development Department, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Tunisia</li> </ul>
	Organic Solid Waste Valorisation and Management in Morocco
	<ul> <li>Ms. Loubna Al Abed, Chief, Service of Non-Hazardous Waste Recovery, Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Kingdom of Morocco</li> </ul>
	Circular Economy for Climate Mitigation
	<ul> <li>Mr. Piotr Barczak, Circular Economy Program Manager, African Circular Economy Foundation Network (Online)</li> </ul>
	Discussion
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
Session 2	Circular Economy in the Water Sector
Moderator:	Ms. Maha Al Zu'bi, Regional Researcher, Sustainable & Resilient Water Systems, Co-Lead Fragility to Resilience in CWANA, IWMI
14.00 - 15.30	Circular Economy: Part of the Solution to Water Scarcity in the Region
	<ul> <li>Mr. Ziad Khayat, Senior Sustainable Development Officer (Water), CCNRSC, ESCWA</li> </ul>
	Wastewater Reuse in Circular Economy
	o Mr. Carlo Alberto Amadei, Water Specialist, World Bank (Online)
	Discussion
15.30 – 16.15	Water Reuse in Morocco: Challenges and Opportunities
	<ul> <li>Ms. Karima Bakkali, Researcher, University Mohamed VI Polytechnic, Kingdom of Morocco (Online)</li> </ul>
	Principles of the Circular Economy and Their Application in Water
	Mr. Mohammed Tawfiq, Consultant, IWMI
	Discussion
16.15 – 16.45	Exercise 1: Addressing Water Reuse Challenges to Accelerate Circularity in the Sector
16.45 – 17.00	Group discussion (15 minutes) and Plenary (15 minutes)
	Wrap-up of Day 1 by the Organizers

Tuesday, 29 October 2024		
Session 3	Circular Economy in the Agriculture Sector	
Moderator:	Ms. Maha Al Zu'bi, Regional Researcher, Sustainable & Resilient Water Systems, Co-Lead Fragility to Resilience in CWANA, IWMI	
9.15 - 10.15	Principles of the Circular Economy and Their Application in Agriculture	
	o Ms. Nisreen Lahham, Expert, Middle Regional Office, AOAD	
	Carbon Circular Economy in Agriculture	
	o Mr. Kamel Mostafa Elsayed, Head, Middle Regional Office, AOAD	
	Discussion	
10.15 - 11.00	Circularity in Conflict, Fragility and Recovery	
	<ul> <li>Mr. Hassan Katana, Agricultural Expert, Former Minister of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform, Syrian Arab Republic</li> </ul>	
	Circular Economy Solutions for Resilient Refugee and Host Communities in East Africa	
	<ul> <li>Ms. Solomie Gebrezgabher, Senior Researcher - Economics, IWMI, Accra, Ghana</li> </ul>	
	Discussion	
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break	
11.30 - 12.15	Circular Applications in Agriculture in Egypt	
	<ul> <li>Ms. Samah Saleh, Director General of Urban Development, Head of Sustainable Development Unit, Arab Republic of Egypt</li> </ul>	
	Circular Food Supply Chain in Jordan	
	<ul> <li>Mr. Omar Al Saleh, Senior Circular Economy Expert &amp; Circular Economy Club (CEC) Amman Founder, Royal Scientific Society</li> </ul>	
	Discussion	
12.15 - 13.00	Exercise 2: Designing a Circular Agriculture System	
	Group discussion (25 minutes) and Plenary (20 minutes)	
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch	
Session 4	Roadmap to Circular Economy in Water and Agriculture Sub-sectors	
Moderator	Mr. Hammou Laamrani, Economic Affairs Officer, CCNRSC, ESCWA	
14.00 - 14.50	Developing a Step-by-Step National Action Plan for Circular Economy	
	<ul> <li>Ms. Sarah Elsaid, Regional Coordinator, African Circular Economy Network Foundation (ACENF) (Online)</li> </ul>	
	Circular Economy Roadmap in Jordan: Process and Progress	
	<ul> <li>Mr. Omar AlSaleh, Senior Circular Economy Expert &amp; Circular Economy Club (CEC) Amman Founder, Royal Scientific Society, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</li> </ul>	
	Discussion	

14.50 - 15.35	Lessons Learnt from a Regional Analysis
	<ul> <li>Ms. Athari Al Sadud, Awareness Raising and Capacity Building Officer, Green Forward Programme, Expertise France</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Mr. Mohammad Mansour, Green and Circular Economy Public Policies Expert, Green Forward Programme, Expertise France</li> </ul>
	UAE experience in CE: From Evidence Generation to Policy Formulation
	o Ms. Sara Jackson, Technical Director, Circular Packaging Association (Online)
	Discussion
15.35 - 16.10	Exercise 3: Developing a Circular Economy Roadmap for a Selected Value Chain
	Group discussion (20 minutes) and Plenary (15 minutes)
16.10 - 16.40	Way Forward in Capacity Building on Circular Economy for the Arab Region
	Closing
16.40 – 17.00	Wrap-up of Day 2 and Closing Remarks by the Organizers