

ASIAN CIRCULAR ECONOMY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



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The Asian Circular Economy Leadership Academy aims to improve the knowledge of young professionals from public sector, private sector and civil society organizations who can contribute to the design and implementation of innovative solutions for policies, business models, technologies, financing mechanisms and practices that promote sustainable consumption and production for climate change, energy efficiency, waste management and poverty alleviation. It is supported under the EU funded SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component.

SWITCH-Asia II Regional Policy Advocacy aims to strengthen the dialogue at regional, sub-regional and national policies on Sustainable Consumption and Production in selected Asian countries, thereby contributing to green growth and poverty reduction. To bring together governments leaders, experts, private sector and civil society organizations in a series of events

Strategic objective

To improve the knowledge of young professionals from public sector, private sector and civil society organizations who can contribute to the design and implementation

of innovative solutions for policies, business models, technologies, financing mechanisms and practices that promote Circular Economy.

Specific Objectives

- Assist future decision-makers from developing countries and countries with economies in transition to respond better in the growing needs to mainstream Sustainable Consumption and Production and Circular Economy by raising their knowledge in this field.
- Enhance the capacity level of junior governmental professionals from developing countries to work with projects that promote Sustainable Consumption and Production and Circular Economy.
- To increase the understanding of the need for - and challenges to - implementation of Circular Economy in different sectors and thereby enable participants to effectively engage with and contribute to mainstreaming and upscaling of Sustainable Consumption and Production and Circular Economy through their daily management practices.
- Create networks of junior professionals from developing and industrialised countries and thus promoting North-South and South-South cooperation mechanisms in the field of Circular Economy.
- To provide credible knowledge on Circular Economy to post-graduate students and equip them with skills that can support their research and professional activities.

Learning Benefits

The programme offers practical knowledge based on experts' experience. Participants will explore the Circular Economy strategies and will have opportunities to create network among groups of people with shared interests. After the completion of the course participants will be able to:

- Clearly understand what Circular Economy is and how it contributes to sustainable development, poverty alleviation and sustainable livelihoods (and the relative contributions by different socio-economic sectors, geo-political countries, etc.)
- Know how to use alternative policy instruments, strategy options and institutional arrangements (including networks) for achieving resource efficiency and its subsequent development, climate and environmental conservation outcomes (e.g. regulatory, market based, information, etc. instruments in environment, industry, technology, education, training and other policy domains).
- Developing analytical, advocacy and implementation capabilities and skills as appropriate to the backgrounds and interests of participants

Have a better understanding and appreciation of the different perspectives and interests of various stakeholders as these are affected by, and could potentially contribute to, Circular Economy and its development.

SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy component

Programme funded by European Union (EU) and implemented by UN Environment to support the mainstreaming of sustainable consumption and production in countries of Asia through dialogue, policy instruments, and regulatory framework focusing on improving resource efficiency and managing environmental pollution in consumption and production for all the sectors.

Eligible participants and application process

In principle the following three groups of candidates could apply to participate in the Leadership for Circular Economy programme:

- Junior Government professionals
- Junior private sector professionals or development consultants
- Post graduate researchers and NGOs
- Candidates are required to have completed as a minimum a first university degree in environment, development, engineering, policy, economics or relevant discipline. Completion of postgraduate degree and/or professional training relevant to sustainable development would be considered favorably.

To apply for Leadership for Circular Economy programme, participants should:

- Complete online application form
- A short resume (one page)
- Copy of degrees obtained
- A motivation note (included in the Application Form)

Candidates should also indicate if they request a scholarship provided they are eligible as per the table below

Selection Criteria

- Participants will be selected on the basis of written application according to the following criteria:
- Young professionals from public sector, private sector and civil society organizations from eligible countries
- High level of understanding of written and spoken English language
- An advanced understanding of sustainable consumption and production and its relevance for own research or work
Demonstrated ability to work in a team environment and contribute to community service activities
- Eligible countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, DPKR, India, Indonesia, Lao, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

Topics

Leadership programme for Circular Economy in Asia will be conducted five days that will include courses and group work under 6 modules as follows (tentative outline):

- Module 1: Introduction to Circular Economy
- Module 2: Innovation and technology
- Module 3: Policies
- Module 4: Business models
- Module 5: Behavioural Change and Communication