

**First High-Level Meeting
of the
Global Alliance on Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency
(GACERE)
on the occasion of the
World Circular Economy Forum 2021
hosted by Canada**

Tuesday, 14 September, 12.00-14.00 CEST (UTC+2)
Online platform: Zoom

Final Draft Agenda

11:45	Log-on
12:00-12:05	<p>Welcome and housekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator of the event: Mr. Stephan Sicars, Managing Director, Environment and Energy Directorate, UNIDO
12.05-12.15	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Virginijus Sinkevičius, Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, European Union • Mr. Li Yong, Director General, UNIDO
12.15-12.30	<p>Keynote: Circular economy as a solution to the triple planetary crises and the potential role of GACERE <i>To provide high-level remarks about circular economy and resource efficiency and the link to solutions for climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss, and the potential role of GACERE in related multilateral processes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Janez Potočnik, Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel and Partner of Systemiq
12.30 – 12.50	<p>Discussion 1: Circular Economy and Biodiversity <i>To discuss the importance of circular economy to biodiversity, including examples from speakers' countries and organizations.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Jeanne d'Arc Mujawamariya, Minister of Environment, Rwanda • Mr. Virginijus Sinkevičius, Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, European Union • Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP • Mr. Jocelyn Blériot, Executive Lead Institutions, Governments & Cities, Ellen MacArthur Foundation

12.50 – 13.05	<p>Discussion 2: Circular Economy and the Green Recovery <i>To discuss the importance of circular economy to the green recovery including examples from speakers' countries and organizations.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ruben Ramirez Mateo, Minister of Environment, Peru (recorded video-message – tbc) • Ms. Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State for Sustainability and Environment, Singapore • Mr. Jyrki Katainen, President of Sitra (Finnish Innovation Fund)
13.05 – 13.40	<p>Discussion 3: Circular Economy and Climate Change <i>To discuss the importance of circular economy to addressing climate change, including examples from speakers' countries and organizations.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Carolina Schmidt, Environment Minister, Chile • Mr. Bhupender Yadav, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India • Mr. Shinjiro Koizumi, Minister of Environment, Japan • Mr. Aziz Rabbah, Minister of Energy, Mines and Environment, Morocco • Ms. Jeoung-ae Han, Minister of Environment, Republic of Korea (recorded video-message) • Ms. Stientje van Veldhoven, Vice President and Regional Director, Europe, World Resources Institute
13.40 – 13.55	<p>Keynote: Circular Economy and the Future <i>To provide an overview of the importance of circular economy to future policy making, innovation, digitalization, finance, etc from an African perspective.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Al-Hamdou Dorsouma, Acting Director for Climate Change & Green Growth, African Development Bank
13.55 – 14.00	<p>Presentation of future plans of GACERE, summary and event close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP