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AFRICA'S PATH TO CIRCULAR ECONOMY

THE TRIPLE PLANETARY CRISIS

Africa suffers from the triple crisis of **climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss** with a direct impact on growth potential and the ability to protect its ecological balance.

110 million
of Africans bearing the brunt of climate change
Source : World Meteorological Organization

Up to $ 440 billion
of loss and damages due to climate change
Source : UNECA's African Climate Policy Centre

- 34 %
of agricultural production since 1961 due to climate change
Source : World Meteorological Organization

- 66%
of mammals, fish, amphibians and reptiles in Africa since 1970
Source: :WWF's Living Planet Report (LPR)

1.1 million
deaths per year across Africa due to air pollution
Source : World Meteorological Organization

230 million
of Africans suffer from water scarcity due to climate change
Source : African Development Bank , 2023

Linear consumption and production patterns are not in line with Africa's low-carbon and climate-resilient development pathway.

6.6 million km2
of land's surface faces degradation due to human-driven activities
Source : Africa Center for Strategic studies

83%
of African countries heavily rely on their natural resources
Source : UNCTAD
Economic Development in Africa Report 2022

4 million Ha
of forests cut down each year mainly due to agricultural production
Source: Food and Agriculture Organization

CIRCULAR ECONOMY: A Transformative Solution for Africa's Sustainable Development

The Circular Economy aligns with:

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

AFRICAN UNION'S AGENDA 2063 THE AFRICA WE WANT GOALS

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK'S HIGH 5S AGENDA

The 17 SDGs, especially



- A high standard of living, quality of life and well-being for all
- Well educated citizens and skills revolutions underpinned by science, technology and innovation
- Healthy and well-nourished citizens
- Transformed economies and jobs
- Modern agriculture for increased proactivity and production
- Blue/Ocean Economy for accelerated economic growth
- Environmentally sustainable climate, resilient economies and communities

- Feed Africa
- Light up & power Africa
- Industrialize Africa
- Integrate Africa
- Improve the quality of life for people of Africa

THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFRICA

+ $ 66 BILLION IN AFRICA's GDP
Source: United Nations Environment Programme.. CTCN Knowledge Brief Series.

-60% IN GHG EMISSIONS by 2060
Source: African Development Bank

Access to the
$ 546 BILLION-WORTH CIRCULARITY MARKET
Source: Circular Economy Market" Report [2023-2030]

Potential to generate
11 MILLION NEW JOBS in Africa
Source: United Nations Environment Programme.. CTCN Knowledge Brief Series.

AFRICA CIRCULAR ECONOMY FACILITY

ACEF is the sole multi-donor trust fund dedicated to f**ostering Africa's transformation through the adoption of circular economy (CE) as an inclusive and green growth strategy, established by the African Development Bank with the support of the Government of Finland and the Nordic Development Fund.**

FOUNDATIONAL PHASE (2022 - 2024)

CAPACITY BUILDING & POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- **5 COUNTRIES**
  supported to develop CE roadmap
- **13 COUNTRIES**
  members of the African Circular Economy Alliance empowered to advance circularity
- **2 WEBINARS**
  on policy design for governments and other stakeholders responsible for CE

CIRCULAR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

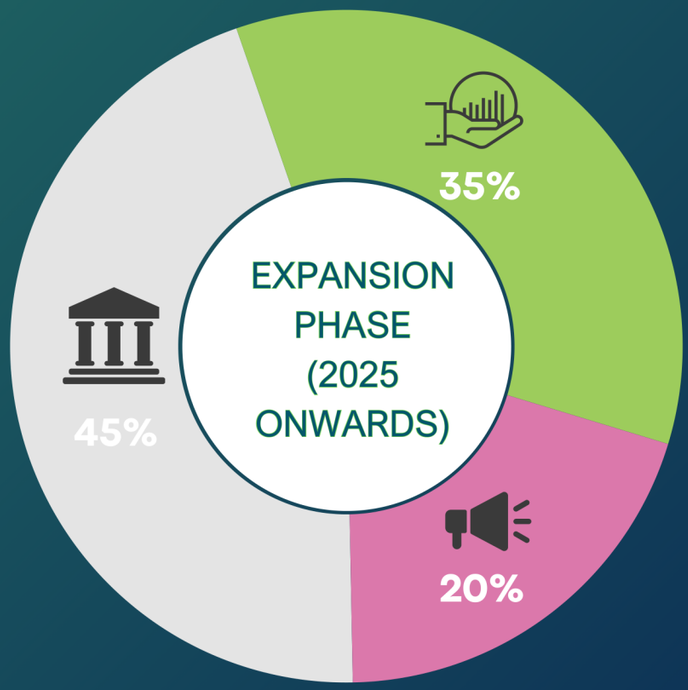
- **30 MSMEs**
  supported through the AfriCircular Innovator Programme
- **3 HUBS**
  set up in 3 countries to incentivize circular micro, small and medium enterprises

ADVOCACY & KNOWLEDGE SHARING

- **15 STUDIES & ARTICLES**
  disseminated to share insights on Africa's circular economy
- **3000 PEOPLE**
  directly reached through events and outreach

MAINSTREAMING CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR ECONOMY-WIDE TRANSFORMATION

As the Facility transitions into its next growth stage, it is crucial to secure an **additional € 16 million for ACEF's expansion phase**



Scale up private sector engagement and business opportunities to empower the private sector to drive the transition through innovation and scalable solutions

Integrate circular economy into the national policy-making including NDC revisions, and align the Bank's portfolio, Country Strategy Papers and existing trust funds*

*including the Urban Municipal Development Fund, the Fund for African Private Sector Assistance and the Youth Entrepreneurship Innovation Trust Fund, etc.)

Further strengthen ACEA to more effectively champion the circular economy in Africa, ensuring metrics and support are tailored to the continent's unique context and a just transition to Circular Economy

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