



The Interconnections for Making Africa Great, Empowered and Sustainable (IMAGES) Initiative

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Circularity Africa 2020

* Conference * Exhibition * Tour * Awards * Networking

Theme:

Enabling Green Businesses and Circular Economy in Africa

Date: 13-15 May 2020

Venue: International Conference Centre, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria

Preamble

Circularity is a paradigm shift in sustainable development practice. It offers a great opportunity for enabling green businesses and circular economy by ensuring sustainable transformation pathways and closing the loop as against linear models of development. Circularity Africa 2020 will bring together over 1,000 thought leaders and practitioners, including governments, politicians, policymakers, researchers, manufacturers, business owners and entrepreneurs to explore opportunities for enabling circular economy in Africa

through the instruments of the African Continental Free Trade Area, Sustainable Development Goals, Africa Agenda 2063 and other Multilateral Agreements.

Circularity Africa 2020 is organised by the Interconnections for Making Africa Great, Empowered and Sustainable (IMAGES) Initiative in collaboration with recognised green businesses and networks in Africa as well as partners from Europe, Americas, Asia and Australia. It promises to be the largest science-policy-practice event in 2020 which aims at catalysing green

businesses and circular economy for sustainable development in Africa. The event will inform and empower participants to turn circular economy concept into profitable opportunities through inspirational plenaries, interactive breakout sessions, high-level political discourses, policy roundtables, professional networking, mentoring sessions for start-ups, awards of recognition, solutions-focused exhibitions as well as opportunity for publication of research and policy-oriented papers.

Sub-themes

- * Policies and multilateral agreements
- * Green business models and inclusivity
- * Extended producers' responsibility
- * Material recovery, recycling and repair
- * Digital revolution and supply chain management
- * Responsible production and consumption
- * Eco-settlements and eco-industrial parks
- * African Continental Free Trade Area
- * Public-private partnerships and trans-boundary trade flows
- * Corporate social responsibility and corporate sustainability

Submission of abstracts and full papers

Abstract (200 to 300 words in length) should draw on empirical research with clear implications for policy design and implementations relating to the circular economy. Case studies are encouraged.

Submit your abstract via this link: www.imagesintiaitives.org/CircularityAfrica2020.

Selected papers will be processed for publication as Special Issue in **Business**

Timelines

Abstract submission opens (for oral, poster or exhibition)	15 October 2019
Abstract submission closes	31 January 2020
Notification of acceptance	05 February 2020
Submission of full paper for Business & Strategy Development Journal (optional)	15 February 2020
Early bird registration opens	15 February 2020
Early bird registration closes	28 February 2020
Conference*	13-15 May 2020

*Full agenda will be available by 15 April 2020

Strategy and Development

(<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/25723170>) which will be released in December 2020.

Registration

Registration fee is USD 250 for regular participant while student registration is USD 150 (student must show evidence of current registration and letter of support endorsed by academic supervisor).

Participants from Nigeria may pay local equivalence of the rates.

Benefits

- * Access to all sessions
- * Meals and refreshments
- * Certificate of participation
- * Circularity tour
- * Internet access
- * Publication of abstracts with ISBN (hardcopy and online)
- * Nomination for the Africa Green Business Award (AGBA) 2020 (different categories)
- * Bestpaper, poster or exhibition award
- * Journal publication (**Business Strategy and Development**)
- * Idea pitching and mentorship sessions

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