



WEBINAR: CONTEXTUALIZING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR ACTION

A FEW PERSPECTIVES FROM ASIAN COUNTRIES

4 February 2021, Thursday | 14.00 hrs

Bangkok Time ICT (Indochina time) UTC/GMT +7 hours

BACKGROUND

The basic aim of the webinar is to understand the concept of a “Circular Economy” from the context of developing economies in Asia. It explores the dimensions of a circular economy as the nexus of four key issues – Food, Energy, Water and Waste, the the “FEWW Nexus”. It is targeted at national and local government officials (and their stakeholders) responsible for developing circular economy policies and action.

The webinar presents the “GET Matrix” as a concrete multi-stakeholder policy tool, bringing together three policy patterns – the Global-National-Local pattern; the Governments-Business-Civil Society pattern; and the Governance-Education and Technology pattern.

The webinar and its subsequent outputs are being presented by graduates of the now-subsumed Human Settlements Development Division of the Asian Institute of Technology, who graduated in 1991. Each presenter will take up one element of the circular economy, and will present examples and priorities for the specific country of their residence.



More Information Here

<http://www.gdrc.org/circular-economy/>

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PROGRAM

2:00 – 2:10

Welcome Remarks

Mushtaq Memon

*Regional Coordinator Resource Efficiency in Asia Pacific
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)*

2:10 – 2:20

Concept Presentation: Understanding the Circular Economy

Hari Srinivas

*Professor of Global Environmental Policy
Kwansei Gakuin University, Kobe, Japan*

2:20-2:30

Addressing the Circular Economy in the Housing Sector

Madeline Schneider

*Senior Manager
Berlin und Umgebung, Deutschland and one of its lead authors
and NKE to SWITCH-Asia SCP*

2:30-2:38

Circular Economy from the Perspective of High-End Housing in the Real Estate Sector: An Overview from Dhaka, Bangladesh

Nurunnahar Mili

*Senior Architect ADB TA (Grant) 9879 BAN
Dhaka, Bangladesh*

2:38-2:46

Circular economy in view of local architecture with lifestyle: Case study from the North of Viet Nam

Pham Khanh Toan

*Director General of International Cooperation Department
Ministry of Construction of Viet Nam
Hanoi, Vietnam*

2:46-2:54

Achieving a Circular Economy Through Urban Heritage Conservation

Moe Moe Lwin

Director, Yangon Heritage Trust, Yangon, Myanmar

2:54-3:02

Decent work as a basis for circular economy: Perspective from garment factories in the Mekong region

Kyoko Kusakabe

*Professor of Gender and Development Studies
Asian Institute of Technology
Bangkok, Thailand*

3:02-3:10

Circular economy through environmental education and action: Learning from the economy of the poor to rebuild community, case study from the grassroots in India

Indira Dasgupta

Director, People's Institute for Development and Training

3:10-3:30

Q&A Session

3:30-3:35

Closing Remarks

Ms. Tunnies Srisakulchairak

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PROFILES OF THE SPEAKERS



Mushtaq Ahmed Memon

Regional Coordinator Resource Efficiency in Asia Pacific United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Dr. Memon is working with UN Environment (United Nations Environment Programme) as a

Regional Coordinator for Resource Efficiency in Asia Pacific Office located in Bangkok. He is supporting resource efficiency, sustainable consumption and production, green economy, green financing, sustainable public procurement, sustainable tourism, sustainable industries and various areas for Asia and the Pacific. He is also implementing EU funded SWITCH-Asia Phase 2 component by UN Environment to support Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially SDG 12 on sustainable consumption and production in the region. He got his Masters in Project Management and National Development from University of Bradford in UK, and Doctorate in Environmental and Resource Economics and Management at Hiroshima University in Japan.



Hari Srinivas

Professor of Global Environmental Policy Kwansei Gakuin University, Kobe, Japan

Trained as an architect and urban planner, **Hari Srinivas** is currently Professor of Global Environmental Policy at Kwansei Gakuin University in Kobe, Japan. Before taking up his

current post, he worked in the UN System for 20 years as Programme Officer at the United Environment Programme (UNEP) in Osaka; Programme Associate at the United Nations University (UNU) in Tokyo, and other UN assignments.

He has a Masters degree in Urban Development and Management (1991) from the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok Thailand, and a Ph.D. (1996) from the Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan.

In 2015, he was appointed as a Distinguished Adjunct Professor of the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok, Thailand. He also coordinates the policy think-tank, Global Development Research Center (GDRC).



Kyoko Kusakabe

Professor, Department Head Department of Development and Sustainability

Kyoko Kusakabe is a professor of Gender and Development Studies at Department of Development and Sustainability, School of Environment, Resources and Development, Asian Institute of Technology in Thailand.

She has over 20 years of experience in research and teaching gender and development in Asia especially focusing on the Mekong Subregion. Aside from her academic work, she has experience in working with NGOs and government organizations for gender mainstreaming and integration of gender issues. Her research focus is on gender issues in labor/ work, especially on labor migration, garment factory workers, informal employment, and agriculture and fisheries. She was a gender expert on regional urban environmental management project supported by the Canadian government and also currently leads a research project on gender mainstreaming guidelines for regional marine plastic management of the World Bank. She has published/edited 5 books, over 50 journal papers, over 20 chapters in books, over 20 monographs, and managed over 40 projects as PI/ co-PI. She is a co-author of Thailand's Hidden Workforce: Burmese Migrant Women Factory Workers (Zed Books, 2012, co-authored with Ruth Pearson) and co-edited Fisherfolk in Cambodia, India and Sri Lanka: Migration, gender and well-being, (Routledge, 2020).



Madeline Schneider

Senior Manager Berlin und Umgebung, Deutschland and one of its lead authors and NKE to SWITCH-Asia SCP

Madeline Schneider works as a Senior Manager in the field of energy at adelphi since 2016, with a particular focus on sustainable

buildings and energy efficiency finance in developing and emerging economies. For instance, she supports the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) in strengthening the institutional and operational capacities of selected Indian smart cities in the field of sustainable urban development and advised the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) on the development of an energy conservation building code for residential buildings in India. Moreover, she prepared a scoping study on the current state and trends of sustainable consumption and production in sustainable housing in Asia to identify key topics with the need for action. Prior to joining adelphi, she supported the development of innovative climate finance instruments and suitable measures for efficient emissions reduction at GIZ in New Delhi, India. While working as a research assistant at the Chair of Industry, Energy and Environment at the University of Vienna, she enhanced her expertise on energy and environmental management. Madeline holds a master's degree in International Business Administration with a specialization in international energy and environmental management from the University of Vienna.

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Director, Yangon Heritage Trust, Yangon, Myanmar

Moe Moe Lwin is the Director of the Yangon Heritage Trust (YHT) since its founding in 2012. YHT is an independent non-profit organization working to promote and integrate Yangon's unique heritage into the

vision of Yangon as one of Asia's most livable cities, and it mainly advocates for urban heritage protection within broader urban development planning, and provides technical assistance for building conservation projects and public realm improvement projects by closely engaging with city and regional government.

Moe Moe was trained in architecture and settlement planning and design at the Rangoon Institute of Technology and received an M.Sc in Urban Planning from the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok in 1991. She brings over 22 years in architectural practice and has been recognized in the ASEAN Architect Register by the ASEAN Architect Council since 2015. Moe Moe has been serving as executive member of the Association of Myanmar Architects since 2001 and of the Myanmar Architect Council since 2015. She regularly writes articles related to architecture and heritage conservation for local journals and newspapers.



Nurunnahar Mili

Senior Architect ADB TA (Grant) 9879 BAN Dhaka, Bangladesh

Nurunnahar Mili completed her Master's of Science in Urban Planning, Land and Housing development from AIT, Bangkok in 1991. She has done post graduation in Urban and Regional Planning from AIT-BUET joint program under UNESCO in 1989. She did Bachelors in architecture from BUET, Dhaka, Bangladesh in 1978. Ms. Mili is in profession as architect and urban planner. As architect she is associated and designing projects of distinguished real estate and consultancy companies. She is a name in designing big residential projects of 100 plus apartment-complexes. As Urban Planner she is doing master plans and urban designs of institutional buildings like Rajshahi University and Chittagong University. She has vast knowledge of working with national and international companies like BCEOM (France), Mott MacDonald (UK), Larsen Engineers Inc.(USA), PSC (Japan), Ms. Mili has done detailed area plans (DAP) for Dhaka under DMDP/DAP.

Ms. Mili participated in number of Round table conferences, Seminars, Symposiums. She was actively involved in academic fields with BUET and other private universities. She is life member of AITAA, BUETAA and Fellow of BIP and IAB. Ms.Mili has received awards for her professional and social accomplishments. Ms. Mili has received AITAA DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD in professional category, during 45th Governing Board Meeting, 2016. She is working as the National Consultant with K S Consultants Ltd. Currently K S Consultants has engaged her as Senior Architect for ADB TA Grant 9879 BAN (KS-DLR International joint venture).



Indira Dasgupta

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Prof. C Indira Dasgupta, is the CEO of the Peoples Institute for Development and Training (PIDT), a non-profit organization mainstreaming the marginalized.. An architect from CEPT

Ahmedabad and post-graduate from the Asian Institute of Technology . She has been the honorary Asia Pacific Director on the Board of International Association for Volunteer Effort and has been the Asia Coordinator of the Global Youth Service Day of Youth Service America. She has organized numerous youth dialogues in Asia and also Peace conferences at the Global level. She is well travelled and has extensive experience at the grassroots with poor communities, both in India and abroad. She has a number of publications to her credit. She has also taught architecture and designed and constructed housing in post-disaster situations, hospitals, training campuses etc. with a deep interest in traditional and vernacular architecture.



Pham Khanh Toan

Director General of International Cooperation Department Ministry of Construction of Viet Nam Hanoi, Vietnam

Dr. Pham Khanh Toan is currently Director General of the International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Construction, Government of Vietnam. A fluent speaker of

German, he studied Town Planning at the Hochschule fuer Architektur und Bauwesen in Weimar and practised at the Institute of Urban Planning of Magdeburg. After a stint at the Hanoi Architectural University, he obtained his master's degree from the Asian Institute of Technology in 1991. His doctoral dissertation was on the topic, "Land Development in the Urban Fringe of Ha Noi in the Urbanization Process" From 2003 to 2011, he has been working as Deputy Director General, and since 2011 as Director General of the International Cooperation Department, at the Ministry of Construction, in Hanoi, Vietnam.

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