



SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION FOR CIRCULARITY IN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

8th WORKSHOP

GLOBAL FORUM OF CITIES FOR CIRCULAR ECONOMY (GFCCE)

DATE: MARCH 10-12, 2026

VENUE: SWISS INN NEXUS HOTEL, BOLE, ANBESSA GARAGE, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



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AGENDA

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER / FACILITATOR
DAY 1: March 10, 2026 (Tuesday)		
08:30 – 09:00 AM	Registration	EPA-FDRE and CSE team
09:00 – 09:05 AM	Welcome address	Atin Biswas Program Director, CSE
09:05 – 09:15 AM	Inaugural address	Dr. Sunita Narain Director General, CSE
09:15 – 09:25 AM	Keynote address: Director General Environmental Protection Authority, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia	H.E. Eng. Lelise Neme
09:25 – 09:35 AM	Ambassador of India to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia	H.E. Mr. Anil Kumar Rai
09:35 – 09:45 AM	Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Urban and Infrastructure, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia	H.E. Hon'ble Mrs. Chaltu Sani
09:45 – 09:50 AM	Release of the Annual Progress Report of the Global Forum of Cities for Circular Economy (GFCCE)	All keynote speakers
9:50 – 09:55 AM	Signing of MoU Between EPA-FDRE and CSE for technical cooperation on solid waste Management	EPA-FDRE CSE
TEA BREAK: 09:55 – 10:15 AM		
10:15 – 10:25 AM	Progress reporting by regional working groups: Eastern, Southern, Western • Journey of GFCCE, Regional and Working Committee	Mou Sengupta, Program Manager, CSE
10:25 – 10:45 AM	• Highlights of progress made and good practices by Eastern Region	Geophrey E. Zenda Senior Environmental Health Officer, Dar es Salaam City Council, Tanzania
10:45 – 11:05 AM	• Highlights of progress made and good practices by Southern Region	Hombakazi Blou Director, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment, South Africa
11:05 – 11:15 AM	• Highlights of progress made and good practices by Western Region	Joy Hesse Ankomah Deputy Director, Environmental Protection Agency, Ghana
10:15 – 11:30 AM	• Q&A	
11:30 – 11:50 AM	Solid Waste Management in Ethiopia • Highlights of policy and implementations • Good practices • Q&A	Takele Desisa Deputy Director General Addis Ababa Cleansing Management Agency
11:50 – 01:00 PM	Key milestones for transition from linear to circular economy in cities of GFCCE Countries • Overview • Key Policy Considerations • Institutional Mechanisms • Q&A	Dr. Tribhuwan Singh Bisht Dy. Program Manager, CSE Atin Biswas Program Director, CSE
LUNCH BREAK: 01:00 – 02:00 PM		
02:00 – 3:40 PM	Key milestones for transition from linear to circular economy in cities of GFCCE Countries • Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) • Q&A	Mou Sengupta Program Manager, CSE
TEA BREAK: 03:40 – 04:00 PM		

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TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER / FACILITATOR
04:00 – 5:00 PM	Key milestones for transition from linear to circular economy in cities of GFCCE Countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrating the Informal Sector as micro entrepreneur Q&A 	Mou Sengupta Program Manager, CSE
DAY 2: March 11, 2026 (Wednesday)		
09:00 – 10:30 PM	Key milestones for transition from linear to circular economy in cities of GFCCE Countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How a sustainable public procurement (SPP) can be a catalyst for waste circularity Guidelines, policies and case studies of SPP Integrating circular economy criteria into public service contracts Q&A 	Dr. Tribhuwan Singh Bisht Dy. Program Manager, CSE
TEA BREAK: 10:30 – 10:50 AM		
10:50 – 12:00 PM	Key milestones for transition from linear to circular economy in cities of GFCCE Countries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation Considerations Q&A 	Atin Biswas Program Director, CSE
12:00 – 12:15 PM	Significance of data driven governance with examples from Kenya and Uganda – PART I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to the Solid Waste Management Information System (SWIMS) framework Implementation Roadmap 	Richard M. Mugambwa Environment Inspector and Project Manager, NEMA, Uganda
12:15 – 12:30 PM		Ibrahim Otieno County Chief Officer, Nairobi City County, Kenya
12:30 – 01:00 PM		Atin Biswas Program Director, CSE
LUNCH 01:00 – 02:00 PM		
02:00 – 03:00 PM	Significance of data driven governance with examples from Kenya and Uganda – PART II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstration of SWIMS software for Uganda and Kenya Q&A 	Kaifee Jawed Dy. Program Manager, CSE Atin Biswas, Program Director, CSE
TEA BREAK: 03:00 – 03:20 PM ONWARDS		
03:20 – 05:15 PM	GFCCE-8 commitments and the way forward (Round table discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and revision of the common agenda for action Finalizing the GFCCE-8 commitments Selection of regional and working committee members and workplan for the next year Q&A 	GFCCE Member States, EPA and CSE Team
05:15 – 5:30 PM	Closing and certificate distribution	
DAY 3: March 12, 2026 (Thursday)		
08:30 – 01:00 PM	Field visit to Plastic Recycling Facility in Addis Ababa	EPA-FDRE and CSE Team
WORKING LUNCH DURING THE VISIT: 01:00 – 02:00 PM		
02:00 – 05:00 PM	City Tour and Cultural Exchange	EPA-FDRE and CSE Team
End of the event		

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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