



#ParlAmericasCC #CircularEconomy

 **THEMES:** Circular economy

 **DATES:** April 6, 2022

 **LOCATION:** Virtual

 **PARTICIPANTS:** More than 40 parliamentarians and parliamentary staff from Trinidad and Tobago accompanied by experts representing academia, the private sector, and regional organizations

 **ORGANIZING PARTNER:** The Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago



This activity aligned with SDGs 5, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14 y 15.



Towards a Circular Economy: A Workshop for Parliamentarians and Parliamentary Staff of Trinidad and Tobago

Recognizing that parliaments can play a key role in supporting the integration of circular economic models through their legislative functions, this national level workshop, in follow-up to the 17th ParlAmericas Plenary Assembly: Towards a Circular Economy, discussed legislative strategies to support a national transition to circularity, such as the review of fiscal incentives or the creation of legal frameworks to promote a green growth, ensuring they respond to the needs of women and marginalized communities. As a framework that decouples economic activity from environmental degradation, a circular economy helps to support green post COVID-19 economic recovery efforts and improve human wellbeing.



AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Opening remarks by:

- The Honourable **Bridgid Annisette-George** (Trinidad and Tobago), Speaker of the House of Representatives and Vice-President of ParlAmericas

Panellists:

- Ms. **Vanessa Esslinger**, Circular Economy Specialist & Coordination of the Circular Economy Coalition for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Mr. **David Oswald**, Founder and President, DE Design + Environment Inc., Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographic Society, and Associate Faculty, Royal Roads University
- Dr. **Sherwyn Millette**, Sustainability Consultant at the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago
- Ms. **Sian Cuffy-Young**, Waste management Educator, Trainer and Founder of Siel Environmental Services Limited

Dialogues moderated by:

- Senator **Anthony Vieira** (Trinidad and Tobago), Vice-President for the Caribbean of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change

Facilitators of SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, and Threats) Analysis:

- Ms. **Terriann Baker**, Graduate Research Assistant
- Mr. **Johnson Greenidge**, Procedural Clerk Assistant

Closing remarks by:

- The Honourable **Christine Kangaloo** (Trinidad and Tobago), President of the Senate

MAIN TAKEAWAYS OF THE WORKSHOP

- Transitioning to a circular economy requires examination of the production and consumption models for goods and services across all sectors
- Parliament can advocate for an overarching national strategy on circular economy utilizing incentive mechanisms and standards
- The empowerment and substantive participation of communities, and especially of youth and women, supports behaviour change and can help to ensure that programs and policies are accessible to all
- Regional collaboration strengthens innovation and the opening of the circular economy value chain, which helps to address the challenges faced by small economies in the Caribbean



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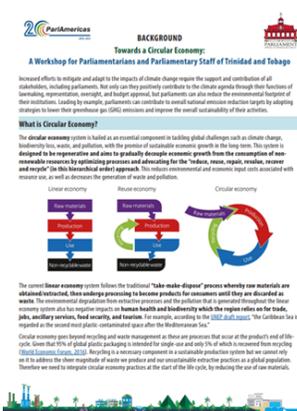
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