



Africa Circular Economy Research and Policy Network (ACERPIN)



in collaboration with

Faculty of Agronomic Sciences, University of Abomey-Calavi, Cotonou, Benin Republic

Organises



Annual CIRCULARITY AFRICA CONFERENCE

Keynote & Plenary

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THEME: WASTING, WANTING, AND WEALTH CREATION IN AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS

Date: 13 – 16 May 2025 **Time:** 9:00 am – 5:00 pm daily (GMT)

Venue (Hybrid): Faculty of Agronomic Sciences, University of Abomey-Calavi, Cotonou, Benin Republic & Online (Zoom)

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH & FRENCH

Participation: Participation at the conference is free of charge

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PREAMBLE

The annual Circularity Africa Conference is organised to keep track of the progress of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals 2030 (particularly, Goal 12), the Africa Agenda 2063, and the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme. The 6th edition of the conference will focus on wasting, wanting, and wealth creation in agri-food systems in Africa.

REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS:

Please register and submit your abstract via this link <http://imagesinitiatives.org/circularity-africa-conference-2025>. Abstract (200 to 300 words in length) should draw on empirical research with clear implications for policy design and implementations relating to reduction of wastes, improved availability of productive resources, and wealth creation in agri-food systems in Africa.

The conference will explore issues around the following sub-themes:

1. Food waste and agri-food systems
2. Hunger, food security and nutrition
3. Food safety and biofortification
4. Healthy diet and over-nutrition
5. Regenerative agriculture
6. Agroecological agriculture
7. Food packaging and environmental sustainability
8. Food aid and social protection
9. Poverty and agri-food systems
10. Women and youth in agri-food systems

11. Methane, carbon footprints, and deep decarbonisation
12. Industrial ecology and agri-food systems
13. Trade and competitiveness in agri-food systems
14. Oceans and blue economy
15. Emerging technologies and precision agriculture
16. Postharvest loss
17. Climate smart agriculture
18. Climate change and resilient agri-food systems
19. Weather based index insurance
20. Policy issues in agri-food systems

Timelines:

Abstract submission opens	01 September 2024
Abstract submission closes	28 February 2025
Notification of acceptance of abstract	15 March 2025
Submission of short manuscript (10 pages) for <i>Circularity Letters</i> (Optional)	15 April 2025
Conference*	13 – 16 May 2025

*Full agenda will be available by 15 April 2025

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION:

- Membership of Africa Circular Economy Research and Policy Network (ACERPiN)
- Access to all sessions
- Idea pitching and mentorship sessions
- Exhibitions
- Circularity tour
- Conference Book of Abstracts
- Selected papers will be published in *Circularity Letters*
- Certificate of participation

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