

The role of trade in the circular economy transition

Virtual via Zoom and in Room W

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This event is being organized in the context of "Trade and Environment Week 2022".

Abstract:

A circular economy aims to transform the current linear economy into a circular model to reduce consumption of finite material resources by recovering materials from waste streams for recycling or reuse, using products longer, and exploiting the potential of the sharing and services economy. Circular economy policies and initiatives largely take place domestically at the national or regional level. However, they have important interlinkages with international trade.

The OECD ["Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy" \(RE-CIRCLE\) project](#) provides policy guidance on resource efficiency and the transition to a circular economy. It aims to identify and quantify the impact of resource-efficient, circular economy policies to guide a range of stakeholders in OECD member countries and emerging and other market economies through quantitative and qualitative analysis.

This session investigates the following questions:

- ▶ How can the circular economy transition be designed to have triple dividend for the economy, labour markets and the environment?
- ▶ How can trade contribute to a more resource-efficient and circular economy?

In what ways can we secure policy coherence to facilitate the circular economy transition?

Panel:

Speakers

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