


Preliminary Agenda  
Towards a Circular Economy  
***A Workshop for Parliamentarians and Parliamentary Staff of Trinidad and Tobago***

 April 6, 2022 | 10:00 (Trinidad and Tobago Time)

The workshop will provide a space for parliamentarians and parliamentary staff to exchange with subject matter experts and among themselves on strategies for parliaments to inclusively support the integration of circular economic models in Trinidad and Tobago, and simultaneously contribute to a green and future focused economic recovery post-COVID-19. We invite you to read the [background document](#) on this topic.

10:00 – 10:15

**Welcoming remarks**

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

10:15 – 11:15

**Introduction to circular economy**

*This section will feature a series of circular economy specialists who will provide an introductory course on what circular economy is, and how it can be applied to a series of sectors such as, waste management, trade, energy, agriculture, tourism, transport, and community and youth development. It will also provide a snapshot of progress made in the Caribbean and specifically in Trinidad and Tobago on implementing a circular model.*

- **Moderator:** Senator **Anthony Vieira** (Trinidad and Tobago), Vice-President for the Caribbean of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change
- **Vanessa Esslinger**, Circular Economy Specialist & Coordination of the Circular Economy Coalition for Latin America and the Caribbean
- **David Oswald**, Founder and President, DE Design + Environment Inc., FRCGS (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
- **Sian Cuffy-Young**, Waste management Educator, Trainer and Founder of Siel Environmental Services Limited

11:15 – 11:35

### **Q&A and dialogue among participants**

*This dialogue space will allow parliamentarians and parliamentary staff to ask the panellists questions, as well as provide any personal reflections or experiences in addressing related issues from a legislative perspective.*

11:35 – 12:45

### **Words into Action: How can parliaments support a circular economy**

*This interactive section, “Words into Action”, will have participants separated into breakout groups to discuss the opportunities and challenges of integrating a circular economy in Trinidad and Tobago, by using a SWOT analysis to apply a legislative approach and intersectional lens. The moderator will explain and guide the exercise, and each breakout group will be joined by panellists from the introductory panel who will provide technical guidance. A fact sheet on circular economy which contextualizes the exercise will also be provided to help inform the discussion. Following the breakout group exercise, participants will reconvene to report back to plenary.*

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12:45 – 12:50

### **Evaluation**

12:50 – 13:00

### **Closing remarks**

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



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