

CIRCULAR ECONOMY G2G ROUNDTABLE

Advancing Collaboration on the Circular Economy in Canada

Circular Economy Leadership Canada (CELC) and Circular Innovation Council (CIC) in collaboration with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)

Objectives

Taking place on June 20, 2023 (timing to be confirmed), the Circular Economy Government-to-Government (G2G) Roundtable will allow participants to engage in an open dialogue on the status of circular economy efforts in Canada across jurisdictions. The invite-only Roundtable will encourage diverse perspectives, seeking to understand common and divergent priorities to inform future collaborative efforts. The agenda will facilitate these discussions by focusing on one overarching question: ***What does a made-in-Canada approach to the circular economy look like?***

Informed by a recent Scoping Study conducted by Circular Economy Leadership Canada, in collaboration with Smart Prosperity Institute (SPI), for Environment and Climate Change Canada, the Roundtable aims to:

1. Bring together policy-makers engaged on the circular economy to initiate a dialogue on how to advance the circular economy in Canada;
2. Engage in an open dialogue on the desirability of the circular economy, the quality of the available evidence, validate barriers and benefits identified by stakeholders, and discuss the roles and perspectives of different levels of government; and
3. Discuss various governance models and collaborative efforts based on the expertise of participants and the Scoping Study.

Policy Context

Based on current trends, global material resource demand could double by 2050, outpacing the supply of constrained natural resources (e.g. water, arable land, biomass, fossil fuels) and generating significant negative impacts (e.g. greenhouse gas emissions, pollution, ecosystem degradation)¹. Globally, as the awareness for the circular economy model and its solutions has grown and its benefits become better understood, so has the momentum for its adoption amongst businesses, investors, and policy-makers.

Canada is one of the only G7 countries without a national strategy for advancing the circular economy. There is a growing need for a common vision, national perspective, and coordinated national approach to address the benefits and barriers to circularity facing Canadian practitioners.

Anticipated Outcomes

In addition to establishing networks between and amongst government policy-makers, information gathered through the G2G Roundtable will inform collective policy development efforts in this space. A summary report of discussions and a contact list will be circulated to all participants for their use.

¹ [1] See [Environment at a Glance 2015: OECD Indicators](#) and [Accenture Strategies. Waste to Wealth](#)