

Enhancing countries' capacities for measuring progress on the transition towards a circular economy (2024-2026)

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Introductory information

- Period: 2024-2026
- Coverage
 - Global
 - Regional: Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean
 - National: Benin, Colombia, Jamaica, Kenya, Nepal, Thailand
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Background

- UNEA Resolution 5/11 on Enhancing circular economy as a contribution to achieving sustainable consumption and production, inviting Member States to integrate circular economy approaches into national and regional strategies and action plans (March 2022)
- Based on the Guidelines for Measuring Circular Economy, developed by UNECE Task Force on Measuring Circular Economy, formed of international, regional and national organizations.
- Multiple SDG indicators are part of the Circular Economy statistical framework
- Further capacity building is needed to assist Member States with measuring their countries shift to a CE

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Objectives

Build capacity to accelerate the transition towards a CE in the context of sustainable development at different levels through enhancing institutional technical capacities to regularly produce CE and waste datasets to inform and develop evidence-based policies, by focusing on:

1. Development or enhancing methodologies at the global level,
2. Regional capacity building and dialogue between data users and producers, and
3. Enhancing national statistical capacities.

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Outputs

Project Outputs are:

- A. Development of **tools and provision of training** to build capacity of countries to measure, monitor and report on the SDG indicators included in the core set of the framework for measuring circular economy
- B. Identification and **methodology** development for one selected waste stream

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Output A activities 2024-2026

Tools development and training for capacity building

- **Technical guidelines (2024)**
 - Guidelines for measuring circular economy
 - Focus on indicators from the “Material life cycle and value chain” and “Interactions with the Environment” categories
- **National capacity building (2024-2025)**
 - Tailored activities on SDG indicators related to SCP, waste, water stress and GHG emissions
 - In-person with virtual follow-up
- **Regional workshops (2026)**
 - 1 workshop per region
 - Virtual workshop
 - Enhance the dialogue between data producers and users

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Output B activities 2024-2026

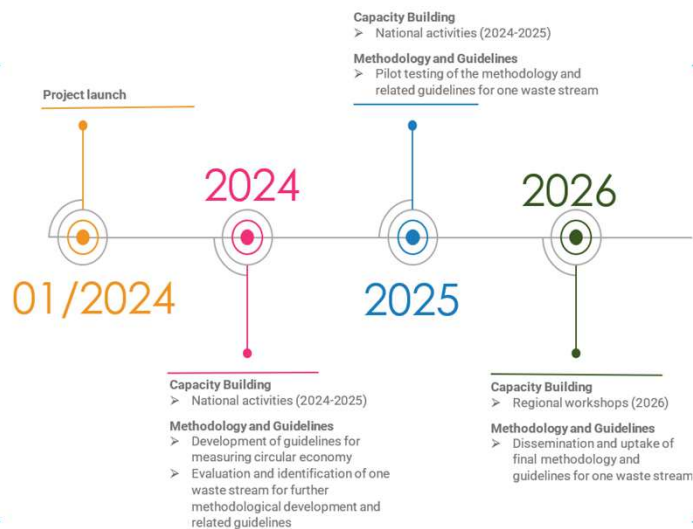
Methodology development for one selected waste stream

- **Development of methodology and guidelines (2024)**
 - Evaluation and identification of one waste stream for further methodological development.
 - E-waste was identified as the selected waste stream
- **Pilot testing (2025)**
 - The methodology and related guidelines for e-waste statistics will be piloted in 3 project countries.
- **Dissemination and uptake (2026)**
 - The final methodology and related guidelines for e-waste will be disseminated and taken up.

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Project in a nutshell



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Project Webpage

<https://sdgs.unep.org/circular-economy>

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Overview Output I Output II Resources

- ✓ Provides more visibility for the implemented activities
- ✓ Provides accessibility to technical material developed
- ✓ Includes donor, period and geographical coverage
- ✓ Includes background, workshops, technical material, other implemented activities

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