

## Business Action for the Circular Economy in ASEAN<sup>1</sup>

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### Philippines Business Engagement Workshop

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2023

08:00 – 13:00

The Westin Manila

#### Provisional Agenda

Time	Topic	Lead
08:00	Arrival, registration with coffee/tea	
<b>Welcome and context setting</b>		
08:15 – 08:35	Welcome and overview of workshop objectives and agenda	Lisa ANTONIO, Senior Expert, (Philippines), SWITCH Asia PSC
08:35 – 08:45	Introduction to SWITCH Asia Policy Support Component	Loraine GATLABAYAN, key expert, SWITCH Asia PSC
08:45 – 08:55	Introduction to ASEAN CSR Network: responsible business conduct as foundation for circular economy	Thomas THOMAS, CEO ASEAN CSR Network and senior expert SWITCH Asia PSC
<b>Making circular economy work for the Philippines</b>		
08:55 – 09:15	Towards a unifying framework for action on circular economy in ASEAN <sup>2</sup>	Rene VAN BERKEL, senior expert (circular economy), SWITCH ASIA PSC
09:15 – 09:25	Fireside chat on business examples with circular economy in the Philippines	Thomas THOMAS, CEO ASEAN CSR Network and senior expert SWITCH Asia PSC
09:25 – 10:10	Moderated break out discussions – operational elements for circular economy in the Philippines (~ 4 tables)	<i>How can the operational framework be made most relevant to business and industry in the Philippines, whilst maintaining an ASEAN overall approach?</i>
10:10 – 10:30	Report back from break out discussion groups	Moderated by Rene VAN BERKEL, senior expert (circular economy), SWITCH ASIA PSC
10:30 – 10:45	Tea/coffee break	
<b>Mobilizing business action for circular economy in the Philippines</b>		
10:45 – 10:55	Business in action for circular economy – starting thoughts	Rene VAN BERKEL, senior expert (circular economy), SWITCH ASIA PSC
10:55 – 11:40	Break out brainstorm discussion on business commitment and action on circular economy	<i>What kind of a business-led collaborative initiative would be meaningful and achievable for mobilizing and catalysing circular economy in the Philippines?</i>
11:40 – 12:10	Report back from break out groups	Moderated by Thomas THOMAS, CEO ASEAN CSR Network and senior expert SWITCH Asia PSC
12:10 – 12:20	Closing reflections and next steps	Rene VAN BERKEL, senior expert (circular economy), SWITCH ASIA PSC Thomas THOMAS, CEO ASEAN CSR Network and senior expert SWITCH Asia PSC
12:20 – 12:30	Vote of thanks	Lisa ANTONIO, Senior Expert, (Philippines), SWITCH Asia PSC
12:30	Networking lunch	

<sup>1</sup> See also: [https://www.switch-asia.eu/site/assets/files/3888/business\\_action\\_asean\\_brief-1.pdf](https://www.switch-asia.eu/site/assets/files/3888/business_action_asean_brief-1.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> See also: [https://www.switch-asia.eu/site/assets/files/3911/working\\_paper\\_business\\_action\\_ce\\_asean\\_final.pdf](https://www.switch-asia.eu/site/assets/files/3911/working_paper_business_action_ce_asean_final.pdf)