

Global Alliance on Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency (GACERE)

Launch event

22 February 2021 from 2 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

As convincingly demonstrated by the International Resource Panel , finding ways to make global resource extraction and processing more sustainable is essential for keeping humanity's footprint within planetary boundaries.

Bringing together governments and relevant networks and organisations, the Global Alliance on Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency (GACERE) aims to provide a global impetus for initiatives related to the circular economy transition, resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production, building on efforts being deployed internationally. GACERE is being established by the European Commission on behalf of the European Union (EU), and by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in coordination with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). Building on existing initiatives and cooperating with regional alliances (such as the African Circular Economy Alliance , and the Regional Coalition on Circular Economy of Latin America and the Caribbean), the objective of GACERE is to support the transition to a global circular economy for more efficient and equitable use of resources so as to achieve sustainable consumption and production and inclusive and sustainable industrialization. GACERE members will do so by working together and advocating at the political level and in multilateral fora.

GACERE will be launched on the occasion of the fifth United Nations Environment Assembly ([UNEA 5](#)) with a brief inaugural in the margins of the first segment of UNEA 5 on Monday 22 February from 14:00-15:00 UTC+3.

The side event will be hosted by Mr Viginus SINKEVIČIUS, EU Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, Ms Inger ANDERSEN, United Nations Under Secretary General and UNEP's Executive Director, and Mr LI Yong, UNIDO's Director-General.

Ministers of countries having joined GACERE and stakeholders will be invited to provide their perspectives as to the Alliance's intended role in supporting a global just transition to circular and resource efficient economies and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

More information is available [here](#). To register, please click [here](#).