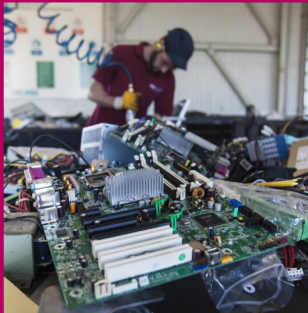




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## CHARTING AFRICA'S PATH TO CIRCULARITY



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## ABOUT US

The African Circular Economy Alliance (ACEA) is a government-led coalition of African countries, with a mission to spur Africa's transformation to a circular economy that delivers economic growth, jobs, and positive environmental outcomes.

The Alliance was conceived during the World Circular Economy Forum in 2016 and serves as a platform that supports the transition to a circular economy at the national, regional, and continental levels.

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African Circular Economy Alliance is a platform to:

- **Catalyze Change:** Amplify the country's voice and influence to drive impactful circular economy transformations.
- **Leverage Authority:** Benefit from ACEA's government-led, credible platform to shape policies and regulations.
- **Expand Reach:** Utilize ACEA's extensive network to mainstream circular practices across multiple sectors.
- **Strengthen Advocacy:** Join forces with ACEA to advocate for the circular economy, leveraging knowledge and expertise.

through :



POLICY  
DEVELOPMENT



LEADERSHIP  
& ADVOCACY



SCALING OF CIRCULAR  
BUSINESS & PROJECTS

By joining, countries can expect:

- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with visionary leaders and propel their circular economy projects forward
- **Knowledge Sharing:** Access to pivotal Circular Economy Insights
- **Strategic Partnerships:** Forge global stakeholder collaborations to amplify their impacts
- **Funding Opportunities:** Discover paths to fuel their initiatives, turning vision into reality
- **Implementation Acceleration:** Gain support to apply circular principles effectively with tailored support





JOIN ACEA TO UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL  
FOR CIRCULARITY IN YOUR COUNTRY

# 13 COUNTRY MEMBERS

*Founding  
country  
members*



**Nigeria**



**Rwanda**



**South Africa**



Benin



Burkina Faso



Cameroon



Côte d'Ivoire



Chad



Ghana



Mauritius



Morocco



Senegal



Sudan







Join ACEA in pioneering transformation across Africa. Become a strategic partner of the African Circular Economy Alliance (ACEA), where your institution's voice will be amplified to drive impactful change.

#### **Private sector organizations**

seeking to embed circular economic principles into their operations, infrastructure, and culture

#### **Knowledge partners**

Organizations providing a platform for research, policy guidance, best practices, and data sharing necessary to support the Circular Economy

#### **Institutional organizations**

Foundations, multilaterals, and NGOs working at a global scale to address system-level challenges across the circular economy

#### **Non-regional country members:**

Countries outside of the African continent working with a specific regional government or partner to achieve CE objectives

### THE ALLIANCE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERS





## ACEA'S ACTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL CIRCULAR ECONOMY CONVERSATION

### RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION OF KNOWLEDGE PIECES

Leveraging its role at the intersection of policy-making and innovation, the Alliance actively promotes knowledge exchange and cooperative efforts to forge a sustainable future for Africa.

The Alliance's mission extends beyond advocacy, focusing on generating critical research and cultivating strategic alliances.

As ACEA amplifies African perspectives in the global conversation, its contributions pave the way for transformative change, ensuring the continent's voice is heard in the circular economy space.

### VOICING AFRICA'S CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN MAJOR EVENTS

ACEA amplifies its reach through strategic event participation, fueling vital dialogues and spotlighting Africa's circularity contributions. Its engagement underscores a steadfast commitment to sustainability and advocacy for a circular African future.

ACEA's collaborative efforts are raising the profile of circular solutions, sparking progress, and forging transformative partnerships.

## THE 5 BIG BETS

### HARNESSING THE CIRCULARITY OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA

ACEA's report identifies five pivotal sectors as the bedrock of Africa's circular economy—each a strategic "big bet" that promises substantial value to the continent's sustainable development. The focus on these sectors is a direct investment in Africa's future: **bolstering economic growth, enriching job markets, and ensuring environmental resilience.**

#### ACEA'S WORKING GROUPS

ACEA has activated five specialized working groups to propel its member countries into the circular economy forefront.

Each group is concentrated on one of the thematic areas that promise to unlock Africa's circular potential, enhancing their capability to cultivate a sustainable, resource-efficient, and economically vibrant continent



FOOD SYSTEMS



PACKAGING



ELECTRONICS



FASHION & TEXTILES



BUILT ENVIRONMENT



Given Africa's crucial role in producing and supplying **critical minerals**, ACEA is also increasingly focused on promoting circularity within this sector.



## CONTINENTAL ENGAGEMENT

*ACEA is aligned with the African Union Commission's Circular Economy Action Plan, focusing on guiding principles and priorities to transition Africa to a circular model.*

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*Africa is making steady progress in implementing Agenda 2063 – The Africa We Want and achieving its aspirations. However, Africa's current consumption and production practices pose a clear challenge to the sustainability agenda. The resource-intensive linear economy approach of 'take, make and waste' intensifies the continent's environmental challenges, including waste, pollution, and biodiversity loss, among others. Adopting a circular economy approach in Africa entails taking a much broader approach in addressing these crises beyond waste management, focusing instead on transforming entire value chains, thereby supporting the achievement of Africa's inclusive and sustainable economic growth and development, as outlined in Agenda 2063.*

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African Union Commission (AUC)

The African Circular Economy Alliance plays a crucial role in bringing the African Union Commission's (AUC) vision to fruition by embedding circular economy principles into the very fabric of Africa's developmental agenda.





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