



CIRCULAR ECONOMY

CONTEXT

The Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) is UNIDO's innovative multi-stakeholder partnership model for accelerating inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID). Led by the host government, the PCP builds synergies with ongoing government and partner interventions relevant to industrial development, and facilitates the mobilization of partners and resources to achieve larger development impact.

The model has gained international recognition and is hailed as a concrete model for achieving Sustainable Development Goals, in particular 9 and 17.

Following Ethiopia, Senegal, Peru, and Kyrgyz Republic, Cambodia is the first country in Southeast Asia adopting the PCP model. Tailored to the national development agenda, the Industrial Development Policy (IDP 2015-2025), the PCP Cambodia has two core components: Agro Value Chain Development, and Industrial Diversification, Innovation and Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Development. The core components are supported by five cross-cutting components: Industrial Policy and Statistics, Quality Infrastructure, Sustainable Energy, Circular Economy, Women Empowerment & Youth Employment.

Circular economy is an alternative to the traditional linear economic model where resources are kept in use for as long as possible, maximum value is extracted from them, and waste is relocated from the end of the supply chain to the beginning, giving the used materials a new life. Circular models of production entail resource efficiency and directly lead to increased productivity, and it can be promoted through cleaner production to contribute to a greener environment and green growth.

UNIDO PCP INTERVENTION

The aim of circular economy-related interventions is to mainstream circular economy into the Cambodian industry as a core tool to improve economic and social performance, which will further contribute to productivity improvements, competitiveness and reduce the environmental footprint of enterprises through efficient use of resources. UNIDO

will support Cambodia through its Resource Efficiency and Cleaner Production (RECP) methodology, a proven preventive environmental approach and productivity technique that - when combined with management tools such as Environmental Management Accounting (EMA), an Environmental Management System (EMS) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) - can transform the ways industries operate, offering both environmental and economic benefits and helping Cambodia in tackling climate change through improved efficiency in the use of raw materials, electricity, and water.

UNIDO interventions will focus on:

- Strengthening policy measures and technical guidelines to ensure industrial low carbon development and resource efficient operation;
- Supporting the Government in establishing incentives to encourage industry to adopt circular economy measures;
- Increasing awareness about the benefits of resource efficiency and sharing of the successful case studies and lesson learnt;
- Mainstreaming RECP application in Cambodian industry through support in trainings and demonstration in selected enterprises.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Partnership opportunities exist for multi- and bilateral donors, financial institutions, local and international business entities, industry associations and the civil society. For more information please contact: partnerships@unido.org or visit the [UNIDO PCP website](#).

