



Sustainable Tourism and Circular Economy in SIDs



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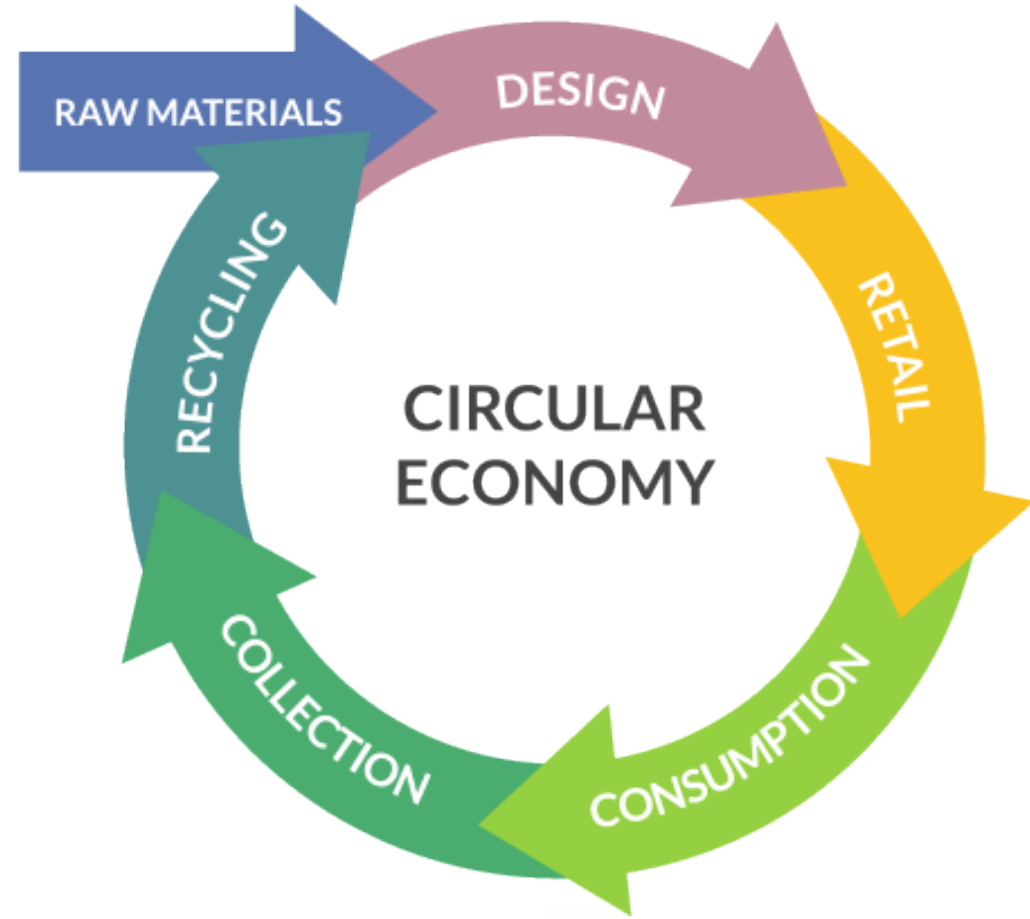
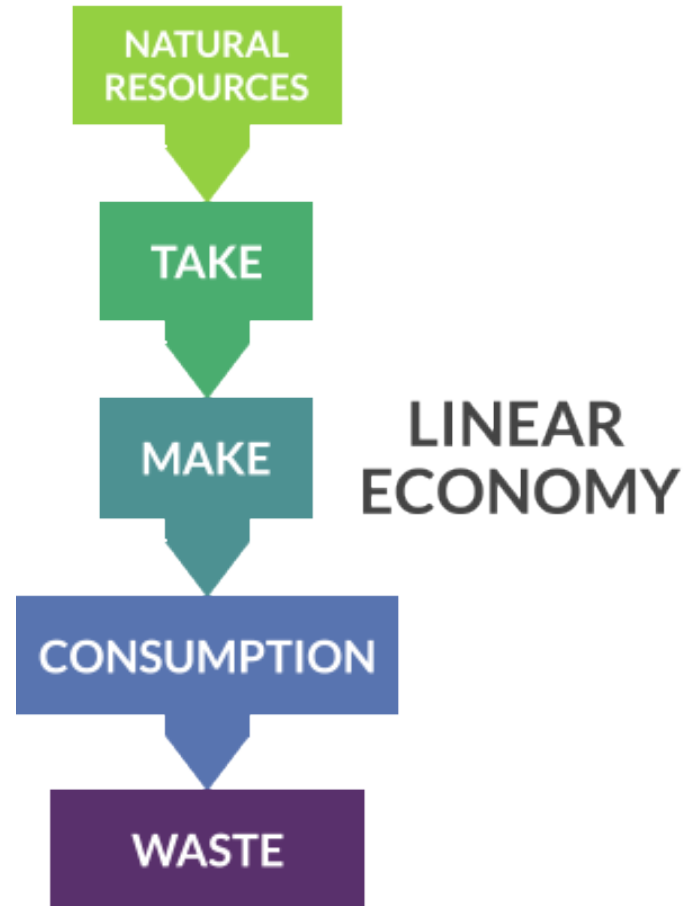
- ▶ Established in 1993 in Samoa
- ▶ Promotes cooperation and provides assistance in environmental protection and improvement in the Pacific Islands Region
- ▶ 26 Member governments
 - ▶ 21 Pacific island countries and territories
 - ▶ 5 metropolitan countries (Australia, France, NZ, UK, USA)
- ▶ www.sprep.org

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Circular Economy



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Challenges of Circular Economy in SIDs

- Lack of capacity
- Lack of awareness
- Lack of financial mechanisms to implement and sustain circular economy
- Lack of proper equipment and technology
- Behavioural change
- Institutional Arrangements
- Lack Policies and Legislation
- Remoteness and the issue of exporting recyclable wastes and other material wastes for recycling

Opportunities of Circular Economy in SIDs

- ▶ Enhance the sustainability development impacts of tourism
- ▶ Business Opportunities
- ▶ Generating wellbeing for the local population through the creation of new jobs
- ▶ More inclusive of local value chains
- ▶ Improved waste management
- ▶ Reduce pollution and impacts to the environment
- ▶ Cleaner and healthier environment

Benefits of Circular Economy in SIDs

Economic

- Economic Growth
- Job creation
- Business Resilience
- Increased Customer Loyalty

Environment

- Reduce the use of non-renewable resources
- Reduce GHG Emission
- Reduce Waste
- Reduce Resource Consumption

Sustainable Tourism

- ▶ Takes full account of its current and future economic, social and environmental impacts, addressing the needs of visitors, the industry, the environment and host communities.
- ▶ Major contributor to economic development, underscoring the need for environmentally responsible, socially equitable and culturally acceptable development.

Sustainable Tourism in SIDs

- ▶ **Samoa** – Sinaiei Reef Resort, Saletoga Sands Resort, Sheraton Samoa Beach Resort, Aga Reef Resort And Spa, etc.
- ▶ **Fiji** – Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort, Palmlea Farms Eco Lodge, Koro Sun Resort and Rainforest Spa, Six Senses Fiji Malolo Island, Namale Resort and Spa, etc.
- ▶ **Cook Islands** – Crown Beach Resort and Spa, Pacific Resort Rarotonga, Rumours Luxury Villas, Manea On Muri, Aitutaki Escape Villa, etc.
- ▶ **Solomon** – Heritage Park Hotel.
- ▶ **Kiribati** – Abemama Green Eco Hotel, Tabon Te Keekee Lodge.

Conclusion

**Linear Economy
Unsustainable Tourism**



**Circular Economy
Sustainable Tourism**



SIDs needs to consider Circular Economy and Sustainable Tourism to protect the limited resources available while contributing to a cleaner and healthier environment for the future generations.