RETECH CIRCULAR ECONOMY GCC FORUM

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How to Create a Circular Economy Around Waste Management: A Dialogue with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries

Berlin, Germany

As the GCC accelerates its transition towards a more **sustainable and diversified economy**, the demand for advanced waste management and circular economy solutions continues to grow. **Germany offers proven expertise across the entire waste value chain**, from policy and planning to technology and project implementation.

The RETech Circular Economy GCC Forum brings together representatives from government, industry, finance, and academia to exchange perspectives, showcase innovative solutions, and foster new partnerships between Germany and the GCC.

The event is supported by the **German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN)** and will provide a platform for direct exchange between government representatives and leading stakeholders from across the waste management and circular economy sector.

Date:
15 December 2026

Time:
09:00 - 18:00 CET

Location:
VKU Forum
Invalidenstraße 91, 10115 Berlin

Why Attend?

- Gain insights into the latest developments in circular economy and waste management across Germany and the GCC.
- Hear directly from policymakers, industry leaders, investors, and international experts.
- Discover innovative technologies, financing approaches, and implementation models.
- Exchange knowledge and best practices with key stakeholders from both regions.
- Build strategic partnerships and explore future business and project opportunities.

Participation & Registration

Who Should Join?

- Government representatives and public authorities
- Industry and technology providers
- Investors and development partners
- Business and research stakeholders

Participation is **free of charge**.
Attendance is limited and registration is required.

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Programme Agenda

09:00 — **Registration & Welcome Coffee**

09:30 — **Official Opening Session (Germany & GCC)**
Opening remarks by Lucas Dörr (RETech), **Federal Minister Carsten Schneider (BMUKN)** and GCC representatives.

10:00 — **Signing of MoUs**

10:30 — **Keynote Message**
From Ambition to Infrastructure – Circular Economy Opportunities in the GCC

11:00 — **Panel Discussion 1: Beyond Landfills**
Building Smart and Integrated Waste Management Systems

11:45 — **Networking Lunch & Exchange**

12:45 — **Panel Discussion 2: Financing the Circular Economy**
New Models for Infrastructure Investment and Long-Term Viability

13:35 — **Coffee Break**

13:55 — **Technology and Innovation in Practice**
Adapting German Waste Management Solutions in the GCC

15:05 — **Breakout Sessions**
Held in two consecutive rounds, with a short coffee-to-go networking break in between.

- Plastic Packaging: A Full Lifecycle Approach from Design and Use to Collection and Recycling
- WEEE: Strengthening Take-Back, Smart Recycling and Critical Raw Materials Recovery
- Organic Waste Management: Scaling Treatment and Resource Recovery
- Financing the Circular Economy: From Innovative Pilots to Scalable Solutions
- Industrial Hazardous Waste Management: Specialized Treatment and Compliance

17:05 — **From Discussion to Project Pipeline**
Presentation of results from the breakout sessions.

17:35 — **Project Commitments & Next Steps**
Follow-up Process and Further Development of Identified Project Approaches

17:45 — **Road to Riyadh**
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17:55 — **Closing Remarks**

18:00 — **Evening Networking Event: RETech Winter Market**

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