

RETECH CIRCULAR ECONOMY GCC FORUM

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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Preliminary Agenda

09:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:30	High-Level Opening Session (Germany & GCC)
10:00	Signing of MoUs
10:15	Keynote Message From Ambition to Infrastructure – Circular Economy Opportunities in the GCC
10:35	Coffee Break & Networking
11:00	Panel Discussion: Beyond Landfills Building Integrated Waste Management Systems
11:50	Panel Discussion: Financing the Circular Economy Project & Infrastructure Finance, EPR, and Systemic Funding Mechanisms
12:45	Networking Lunch
13:45	Best Practice Technologies and Local Solution Approaches Adapting German Waste Management Technologies to Local GCC Conditions
14:45	Breakout Sessions • Packaging & Municipal Collection – Responsibilities, Financing and Implementation • E-Waste & Batteries – Building Effective Take-Back and Recycling Systems • Recycling Markets & Secondary Raw Materials – Creating the Right Framework for Functioning Markets • Municipal Circular Economy – From Strategy to Pilot Projects
15:55	Coffee Break & Networking
16:20	From Discussion to Project Pipeline Presentation of Results from the German-GCC Project on Circular Economy
16:50	Project Commitments & Next Steps Follow-up Process and Further Development of Identified Project Approaches
17:10	Road to Riyadh IFAT Saudi Arabia 2027
17:10	Closing Remarks
18:30	Evening Networking Event: RETech Christmas Market

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