



## A webinar to launch a series of policy dialogue on sustainable lifestyles in Asia and an offline course on Circular Economy

September 2, 2020, 10.00 AM to 11.30 AM ICT  
UNCC and Online via Zoom

Register here: <https://forms.gle/FjZSsRVVPhgiBJQ7>

### Background Information:

**SWITCH-Asia Regional Policy Advocacy Component** (SWITCH-Asia RPAC) funded by European Union (EU), implemented by UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, and the **Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)** are organizing a **Dialogue on Sustainable Lifestyle for SCP** (sustainable patterns of consumption and production) with an Additional Focus on Covid-19. This initiative aims to create an enabling environment (policies, financing, technologies, business models, and stakeholder engagement) to replicate and scale up good practices on sustainable lifestyles.

Under SWITCH-Asia RPAC, two leadership academies for Asia were organized in 2018 and 2019 respectively in different regions inviting participants from all over the Asia. To make these modules available for longer-term to support technical capacity building of youth including young policymakers and practitioners, these modules will be transformed into **an off-line course on circular economy** and made available through AIT platform with periodic support on feedback and Q&A.

### Objective:

- 1.To enhance understanding of sustainable lifestyle concept through discussion of good practices in Asia with relevant examples from European countries;
- 2.To analyze/propose the enabling environment (policies, financing, business models, technologies and stakeholders' engagement) and promote knowledge transfer through networking.

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### Agenda

- 10.00** Introductory Remarks  
**Dr. Mushtaq Memon**, Regional Coordinator  
Resource Efficiency UNEP Asia Pacific Office  
SWITCH-Asia RPAC Project Manager
- 10.05** Welcome Remarks  
**Dr. Eden Woon**, AIT President
- 10.10** Opening Remarks  
**Dr. Dechen Tsering**, Regional Director  
and Representative for Asia and the Pacific,  
UN Environment Programme (tbc)
- 10.15** Keynote speaker on EU Green Deal  
**H.E. Mr Pirkka Tapiola**, Ambassador of the  
European Union to the Kingdom of Thailand
- 10.30** Concept of dialogue on sustainable lifestyles  
focusing on Tourism, Food, Consumer Packaging  
Announcement of Schedule  
**Assoc. Prof. Vilas Nitivattananon**,  
Associate Professor of Urban Environmental  
Management Program, Development, AIT  
**Prof. Anil Kumar Anal**, Department Head,  
Department of Food, Agriculture & Bio resources, AIT  
**Assoc. Prof. Erik L.J. Bohez**, Associate Professor  
of Industrial System Engineering Program,  
School of Engineering and Technology, AIT
- 11.00** Concept of offline course on circular economy  
Announcement of the schedule (3 weeks)  
**Prof. Chettiyappan Visvanathan**,  
Professor of the Environmental Engineering  
and Management Program, School of Environment,  
Resources and Development, AIT
- 11.20** Q & A
- 11.25** Closing  
**Tunnie Srisakulchairak**, SWITCH-Asia RPAC

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