

INVITATION

THE ECONOMICS OF THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY TRANSITION

5 December 2022, online – register [here](#)

Chile has progressed in several areas to advance towards a circular economy. In the last years, Chile approved laws on extended producer responsibility, banning plastic bags and regulating single-use plastics. Chile recently published the National Strategy for Organic Waste and the Roadmap for a Circular Chile by 2040. These and other initiatives have set the stage for rapid progress towards a circular economy. These efforts benefit from exchanges on international experiences and joint learning with international organisations, such as the OECD. In this context, this workshop investigates:

- How will socioeconomic trends affect materials use and the challenge to transition to a resource-efficient, circular economy?
- How can the circular economy transition be designed to have double dividends for the economy and the environment?
- How can the extractive industry adapt to a global circular economy transition?

Monday, 5 December 2022, 9:30-12:30 (Santiago time)

OPENING

- **Remarks** by Raúl O’Ryan, Chile’s Center for Energy Transition (CENTRA)
- **Presentation** by Rob Dellink, OECD Environment Directorate

1. AMBITIOUS POLICIES TO FOSTER THE TRANSITION TO A RESOURCE-EFFICIENT AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY

This session discusses the policy mix needed for achieving progress towards the circular economy transition, such as extended producer responsibility and labelling and information schemes. The presentation will be complemented by a presentation from Chile’s Ministry of Environment on Chile’s Circular Economy Roadmap and an assessment of the impact of an increase in copper demand on Chile’s economy.

2. KEY LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES OF TRANSITIONING TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

This session highlights long-term socioeconomic trends that influence the circular economy transition and are affected by it, focusing on extractive sectors and macroeconomic consequences identified by the OECD, such as the jobs potential and the role of trade in facilitating the transition. A regional perspective zoom-in by ECLAC will complement the session. A presentation on the OECD Global Plastics Outlook will complete the session.

CLOSING REMARKS

- Eduardo Bitran, Chile’s Center for Energy Transition (CENTRA) and Chile’s ex-Minister of Public Works
- José Luis Samaniego, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Peter Börkey / Rob Dellink, OECD Environment Directorate
- Tomás Saieg Páez, Chile’s Ministry of Environment