

SWITCH to Circular Economy in Eastern and Southern Africa (SWITCH-2-CE in ESA)

Fostering an inclusive transition to a circular economy

In the context of the EU's Global Gateway, the SWITCH to Circular Economy in East and Southern Africa (SWITCH-2-CE in ESA) programme aims to foster an inclusive transition to a circular economy in the region. This initiative promotes green and circular business models to mitigate climate change, improve resource efficiency, and create economic opportunities. SWITCH-2-CE focuses on two key value chains: plastics and electronic waste.

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Political partner: COMESA (*The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa*)

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Three Objectives:

Establish an enabling and inclusive policy framework for circular economy across the ESA region.

Enhance the participation of formal and informal workers and SMEs, including women and youth, in circular economy models.

Improve access to and use of financing by circular economy businesses, including a special focus on women owned and women led businesses.

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