



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** All Bureau Directors

**FROM :** The Undersecretary  
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

**SUBJECT :** GLOBAL CALL FOR CASE STUDIES ON "SOCIOECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY STRATEGIES"

**DATE :** AUG 05 2024

May we refer the herein electronic mail dated 31 July 2024 from the UNEP-IRP Secretariat, relative to the above-mentioned subject. The primary objective of the study is to document the socio-economic consequences (both positive and negative) from resource efficient and circular interventions across systems (food, forest, human- settlement and manufacturing) and explore factors that influence equitable distribution of benefits in different development contexts.

Relative thereto, the IRP is pleased to invite local, national and global for the submission of case studies that demonstrate resource efficient interventions and policies from a socio-economic impact perspective. These cases should provide evidence for how efforts to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation can impact human well-being and must belong to at least one of the following four systems (Food System, Forest System, Human Settlement System and Manufacturing, System).

Should your Office be interested in this initiative, kindly submit a case study through a mail confirmation at [policy@devalt.org](mailto:policy@devalt.org) with copy to [unep-irpsecretariat@un.org](mailto:unep-irpsecretariat@un.org) and [ouppia@denr.gov.ph](mailto:ouppia@denr.gov.ph) by 10 August 2024. Please note that full case studies, as per the prescribed format, are due by 20 August 2024. The Case study concept note and submission form is attached for your reference.

For your information and appropriate action.

  
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## Invitation - A Global Call for Case Studies on "Socioeconomic Implications of Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Strategies"

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Wed, Jul 31, 2024 at 8:44 PM

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### INVITATION

#### A Global Call for Case Studies on "Socioeconomic Implications of Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Strategies"

Dear Experts,

The scientific assessment on 'Socio-economic Implications of Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Strategies' by the International Resource Panel (IRP) and is led by Dr. Ashok Khosla (IRP Panel Member and Chairperson, Development Alternatives), and other IRP members and experts. The primary objective of this study is to document the socio-economic consequences (both positive and negative) from resource efficient and circular interventions across systems (food, forest, human- settlement and manufacturing) and explore factors that influence equitable distribution of benefits in different development contexts.

### ABOUT THE CALL

The IRP is pleased to invite local, national and global case studies that demonstrate resource efficient interventions and policies from a socio-economic impact perspective. These cases should provide evidence for how efforts to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation can impact human well-being. These must belong to at least one of the following four systems -

1. **Food System**, covering both production and consumption
2. **Forest System**, covering pastures, Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) and forest lands
3. **Human Settlement System**, covering built environment, mobility and waste
4. **Manufacturing System**, covering value chains, jobs and digital transition

### SUBMISSION

- The Case study concept note and submission form is attached for reference and use.
- Please express your interest in submission of a case study through a mail confirmation at policy@devalt.org with copy to unep-irpsecretariat@un.org by 10 August 2024.
- Full case studies, as per the prescribed format, are due by 20 August 2024. For submission, please send a filled copy of the form at the same mail addresses by deadline.
- Selected case studies will be featured in the global study, with due credits to the contributors.

In case of any query, reach out to Dr. Swayam Prabha Das (sdas@devalt.org) and/or Saundharaya Khanna (skhanna@devalt.org) with copy to the Secretariat of the International Resource Panel.

With best regards,

IRP Secretariat



**IRP Global Call for Case Studies\_Concept Note Application Form.docx**

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## GLOBAL CALL FOR CASE STUDIES SOCIOECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY

The scientific assessment on 'Socio-economic Implications of Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Strategies' by the International Resource Panel (IRP) is led by Dr. Ashok Khosla (IRP Panel Member and Chairperson, Development Alternatives) alongside IRP members and experts. The objective is to document the socio-economic consequences (both positive and negative) from resource efficient and circular interventions across systems (food, forest, human- settlement/mobility and manufacturing/energy) and explore factors that influence equitable distribution of benefits in different development contexts.

Natural capital and resources are finite. The present global economic model follows a take-make-waste system that puts extensive pressure on ecosystems and communities, reducing resilience and capacities to deal with the global challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution. By adopting resource efficiency, sustainable consumption and production and circular economy approaches that are systematically linked, an overall reduction (relative decoupling and absolute decoupling) in extraction of resources can be achieved while delivering on the SDGs for all within the planet's carrying capacity.

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) IRP report 'Global Resources Outlook 2024' offers new insights to consider for a just and fair transition to sustainable resource management and a circular economy. However, there is a need to study and document the trade-offs and unintended consequences such sustainable resource management and circular strategies (policies and practices) could have from a socio-economic perspective. There is also a need to verify whether the benefits of these practices are distributed equitably, and if so, through which policy measures.

IRP invites local, national and global case studies that demonstrate resource efficient/circular economy interventions and policies from a socio-economic impact perspective. These case studies should present evidence-based policy options linked to decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation while enhancing human well-being. They must belong to one of the four broad systems identified as critical for establishing this understanding:

1. **Food System**, covering both production and consumption
2. **Forest System**, covering pastures, Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) and forest lands
3. **Human Settlement System**, covering built environment, mobility and waste
4. **Manufacturing System**, covering value chains, jobs and digital transition

The deadline for expression of interest is **10 August 2024** and submission of full case study is **20 August 2024**.

### Guidelines for submission of case studies

- All submissions are to be made in the format provided (see Section 1 & 2 below).
- The case study and the supporting documents including photographs to be sent to [policy@devault.org](mailto:policy@devault.org), with a copy to [unep-irpsecretariat@un.org](mailto:unep-irpsecretariat@un.org) within the deadline.
- Please use **IRP Case Study Submission\_<System>\_<Name of the Case Study>** as the subject of the mail. The file must be in **docx** format only. Photographs should preferably be 600dpi or above in JPEG format with credits. All photographs and diagram should have open access and links provided.
- **More than one case study** can be submitted by an author. Each case study must be sent separately.

### PLEASE NOTE

- All submitted case studies must already be published in a peer reviewed journal/research paper/report.
- Case studies without proper citations and sources will not be accepted.
- Selected case studies will be featured in the global study, with due credits to the contributors.

I understand that if selected, my case study will be published under UNEP copyright. I agree to consult with UNEP regarding the Intellectual Property Rights as appropriate.

Name  
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Date



**Section 1 of 2**

**Details of Contributor**

**Email\***

Valid official email

**Your Name\***

Short answer text

**Designation and Organisation\***

Short answer text

**Contact Number**

Country Code <Number>

**Description of Case Study**

**1. Title of Case Study\***

Short answer text

**2. Geographical area of impact of the case study\***

Asia

North America

Central and South America

Africa

Europe

Oceania

Add option

**3. Please specify the country\***

Short answer text

**4. System the case study belongs to\***

Food System (Production and Consumption)

Forest System (Pastures, NTFPs, Forest Land)

Human Settlement (Built Environment, Mobility and Waste)

Manufacturing System (Green Energy and Textiles)

**5. Year the case study belongs to\***

Short answer text



**Section 2 of 2**

**Case Study Submission**

<p><b>Problem Statement / Context (200 words)</b></p>
<p><b>Intervention - Description of the Circular Economy Strategy (300 words)</b> Mention role of applicable drivers: - Governance (50 words) Market and Trade (50 words) Finance (50 words) Technology and Knowledge (50 words)</p>
<p><b>Intended and Unintended Consequences (250 words each)</b> Positive and/or Negative Trade-Offs</p>
<p><b>Lessons and Impact (500 words each)</b></p>
<p><b>Results from M&amp;E (250 words each)</b> In case there have been any evaluations of the study</p>
<p><b>References / URLs / Citations</b></p>
<p><b>Attachment / Photographs with due credits (if any applicable)</b></p>