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Circular Cities, Improving Liveability & Economic Climate in Amsterdam: An Example to the World

“Circular economy is
the key to continued
successful city life.”
— Mr Kees Slingerland

Cities and city regions are the hubs for essential flows: of people, information, currency, water, materials, energy, food, and waste. As urban areas constantly change in size, density, and activities, they must find ways to make their resource systems and infrastructures responsive to the opportunities of new technology and to the challenges posed by climate change and resource scarcity. It is thus high time for a new, regenerative approach to resource use in the city. Such an approach implies radical changes in the way we plan, design, and use cities. In this lecture, Dutch and local experts will share about their experiences and challenges in making our cities more sustainable.



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Panellist

Kees Slingerland
Business Director,
Amsterdam Institute for
Advanced Metropolitan
Solutions (AMS Institute)

Kees Slingerland was Director General of the Environmental Sciences Group (ESG), Wageningen University and Research. Prior to this role, he has worked as advisor for the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV), as well as project manager for Nehem Intl., a leading consultancy promoting international development. He was the managing director of ARCADIS Netherlands, a leading engineering firm in environment, buildings and infrastructure.



Panellist

Bob Geldermans
Program Manager,
Amsterdam Institute for
Advanced Metropolitan
Solutions (AMS Institute)

Bob Geldermans leads the Circular City research program at AMS and is a researcher at the Delft University of Technology. In Delft, he was head of the section Climate Design and coordinated the trans-disciplinary Cradle-to-Cradle Lab, culminating in the first symposium on “Circularity in the Built Environment”. Bob has worked as a freelancer and as a consultant for Except Integrated Sustainability (Rotterdam) and the Ministry of Economic Affairs (The Hague).



Panellist

Dr Lee Hui Mien
Head of Sustainability,
IKEA Southeast Asia,
Ikano Pte Ltd, Singapore

Dr Lee heads the sustainability department to strategize on integrating sustainability into everyday business. Prior to this, she was a research scientist working in the area of Sustainable Manufacturing. Trained in Circular Economy, she has been active in the environmental scene in Singapore. Currently, she serves as a member of the NEA Singapore Packaging Agreement governing board and the PUB Water Network Panel.



Moderator

Ms Jessica Cheam
Managing Editor
Eco-Business;
Adjunct Research
Associate,
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Jessica is the Managing Editor of Eco-Business, an award-winning journalist, TV presenter, director, producer and a social entrepreneur. She was formerly the political and environment correspondent for The Straits Times and is also an adjunct research associate for the Centre for Liveable Cities.

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