

POLITICAL SOLUTIONS FOR GLOBAL RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

Transitioning to a circular economy

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WHAT UNDERPINS POLITICAL DECISIONS?

- Vote Value
 - Poverty
 - Growing population of educated but unemployed youth
 - Excessive mining of natural capital
- Scientific evidence
- A national constitution, global conventions/regional protocols and agreements

WHY WE NEED POLITICAL SOLUTIONS

- Resources efficiency as an underpinning behavior change at all scales requires intensive education and this is a public sector responsibility globally
- High level political decisions: SDGs-2030 targets, 2°C target+INDCs, Bonn Challenge on forest and landscape restoration, , Africa's Agenda 2063, Rio+20 decision on Green Economy and poverty eradication, ...sustain and propel national actions
- Incentivizing private and public sector transition to resources efficiency require budgets, policies, institutions and laws all of which are political products

Examples of political solutions

- Fiscal policies: Tax rebates on environment friendly technologies like Biogas in Kenya
- Elimination of use of polythene bags (Rwanda)
- Development and financing of green growth strategies
- 6th Global Entrepreneurship summit impact in Africa
- Regional integration of drivers of economic and social development: Infrastructure, mobile phone technology, Energy, free movement of human resource capital in Eastern Africa,