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The Role of Circular Economy in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): An Integrative Framework

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ABSTRACT

Circular Economy (CE) offers a comprehensive approach to address the growing environmental, economic and social challenges posed by traditional linear economic systems, especially in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). about the ho. This study aims to examine the role of the circular economy in advancing specific SDGs, including SDG 12 (Responsible Management and Action), SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), there is SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean) Energy) , SDG 8 (Decent Infrastructure and Economic Growth), and SDG 9 (Infrastructure, Innovation and Infrastructure Effective). By applying CE principles to these goals, the study identifies key areas where circular practices can contribute to global sustainability efforts. Findings suggest that, despite substantial benefits, several barriers—such as policy and regulatory barriers, financial and market challenges, and technological infrastructure gaps—impede the realization of circular economic potential completely The study concludes that structural changes, innovations to address these challenges , and emphasize the importance of intersectoral collaboration to facilitate the transition to a more sustainable and circular economy plant.

1. INTRODUCTION

Sustainability has become one of the most important global challenges of the 21st century, spurring concerted efforts to ensure that development meets current needs, without squandering birth potential future generations can handle their own. Against this backdrop, the United Nations introduced the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as part of its strategy in 2015. These 17 overlapping goals provide a framework for managing the world's social, economic and environmental conditions addressing our most pressing
environmental issues management. [1] The global significance of the SDGs in areas such as ensuring, and tackling, climate change lies in their universal application; Designed to cover both developed and developing countries, sustainability challenges affect every country, albeit in different ways. Despite the progress made since their adoption, the world continues to face serious challenges of environmental degradation, waste, climate change and social inequality [2]. Thus these challenges require the development of innovative solutions that not only address these issues but also provide long-term, scalable models for sustainable product growth for the concept of sustainable development is increasingly recognized as needing to be extended beyond environmental protection to embrace a comprehensive approach that integrates economic, social and environmental considerations the atomic Sustainable Economy (CE) has emerged as a promising policy to address many of the environmental challenges outlined in the SDGs[3]. Unlike traditional linear economics, which follows a "take-make-dispose" model of resource consumption, circular economics seeks to redefine development by focusing on the positive benefits to society as a whole Core principle of the circular economy Design of waste and pollution, products and things for as long as possible [4]. This model, which includes using and recycling natural systems, builds on efficient use of resources emphasizes and requires closed systems where waste is reduced and materials are continuously reused or recycled. The linear model leads to environmental degradation, resource scarcity and economic instability due to ever-increasing demand for inputs and waste collection [5]. In contrast, a circular economy reduces strain on natural resources, reduces waste, and builds economic resilience by encouraging innovation and sustainable development is encouraged by Figure 1 illustrates the concept of a circular economy, a closed system with a focus on waste reduction and resource efficiency By

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eliminating raw materials , preferably sustainable sourcing, with an emphasis on renewable and recyclable materials followed by production in the system with a view to sustainability , easy to clean and easy to disassemble for reuse or future recycling [6]. This design method helps to extend the life of the product and ensures that fewer resources are used. On the manufacturing and remanufacturing side, manufacturing gives priority to recycled materials and materials efficiency, while remanufacturing recycles used materials new, nearly new conditions, reducing the need for additional raw materials. During the maintenance phase, consumers also play an important role by extending the life of products, through actions such as recycling and repair, reducing the overall demand for new products [7]. When a product reaches the end of its useful life, it goes to a collection point, where it is collected for recycling. An effective collection system ensures that materials are properly sorted and prepared for recycling, which is the next step. In the recycling process, materials are processed and returned to the manufacturing process as raw materials, thereby reducing the need for virgin materials Although circular economy aims to reduce waste although there is still a residual waste which cannot be recycled or recycled Continuous circulation of materials, as opposed to a significantly reducing waste and emissions while promoting sustainability [8].

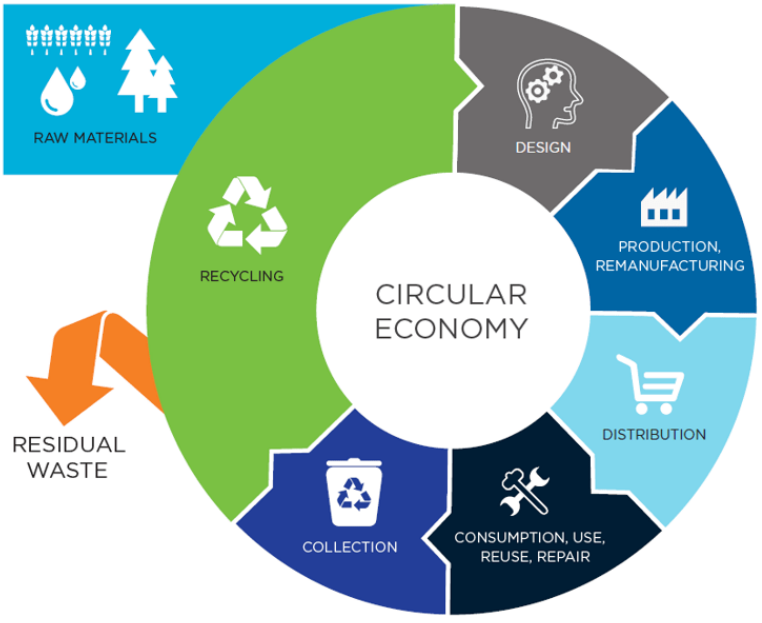

Fig .1. The Circular Economy Cycle: A Closed-Loop Approach to Sustainable Resource Management

A circular model also supports sustainability by prioritizing reuse, recycling and sustainable manufacturing and creating new opportunities for businesses and businesses. The circular economy is seen as a key driver of transition towards a more sustainable future The role of the circular economy is explored through an integrated framework that integrates environmental, social and economic development deliver on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) [9]. In particular, the paper examines how the principles of the circular economy are compatible with the goals of the SDGs and how circular models can be used to accelerate progress towards these goals. Circular economy strategies—such as reducing consumption, promoting sustainable production and consumption, and on the use of renewable resources encouragement could contribute to achieving specific SDGs on responsible manufacturing, consumption, climate action, clean energy and sustainable cities [10]. By providing a comprehensive analysis of the interplay between the circular economy and the SDGs, the paper seeks to contribute to the global discourse on sustainable development [11]. The integrated approach taken in this study emphasizes that sustainable development cannot be achieved in isolation; It requires coordinated multidisciplinary efforts to address the environmental, social and economic pillars of sustainability. In doing so, this paper will highlight the important role that new circular economic practices can play in creating a sustainable and resilient future for all, by providing practical recommendations for policymakers, businesses and on the community [12].

2. RELATED WORK

It is based on principles aimed at promoting sustainable development through efficiency, reduction of waste, and sustainability of goods, materials and commodity prices for any length of time it will be possible A fundamental principle of circular economy is resource efficiency . This means using fewer raw materials and energy to achieve the same or higher output, reducing the environmental impact of production and consumption in This concept challenges the traditional linear economy model, where resources are extracted, used, and then discarded as waste. In a circular economy, waste is reduced by developing policies that treat waste not as an end product but as a resource that can be returned to the economy [13]. This is typically done through closed systems, where materials are constantly being used through various stages of consumption—

production, consumption, and recycling without removal in Here recycling plays an important role in the recycling and recycling of materials such as metals, plastics and paper no instead of ending up in landfills, it prioritized the longevity of products by encouraging activities such as circular system maintenance, repair and refurbishment. These processes ensure longer resource use, reducing the need for recycling and extraction [14]. For example, companies are developing products that are easy to repair or upgrade, expanding their usefulness and reducing the frequency of disposal. The linear economy operates on a "take-make-dispose" model, where raw materials are extracted, used to manufacture products, and then disposed of as waste after use Not that this approach is unsustainable not only accelerate the depletion of natural resources and contribute to environmental degradation [15]. In contrast, the circular economy represents a transformative change, offering a more sustainable and flexible alternative. The circular economy reduces inputs and reduces waste by using materials for as long as possible. They are achieved by closing the loop through recycling and recycling, and by making products more sustainable and easier to disassemble. The main advantage of spherical models is that they reduce environmental impact by reducing carbon emissions and waste [16]. For example, circular principles in electronics encourage the recycling of precious metals from old equipment, reducing the demand for new, energy-intensive and wasteful mining processes on the environment The circular model of the fashion industry encourages the recycling of fabrics and the use of biodegradable materials. Strategies: Limited-resource- Economic resilience is also enhanced by reducing dependency, creating new business opportunities and supporting work in areas such as repair, recycling production and recycling [17]. Innovation and technology are important enablers of the circular economy, providing new tools and methods for increasing resource efficiency, recycling methods and waste management the role increases A key area of innovation is digital tools to improve transparency and traceability in the supply chain. For example, block chain technology is being used to create an immutable record of goods and things happening in the financial sector. This allows companies to track the origin, composition and life cycle of their products, ensuring sustainable sourcing and efficient recycling at end-of-life Further technological advances are providing the application of artificial intelligence (AI) in waste management has been round[18]. AI systems are increasingly being used to efficiently and sequentially manage waste, enabling increased recycling rates and reduced pollution in recycling streams. In addition, green technologies such as renewable energy systems, energy-efficient manufacturing, and recycling technologies are key to implementing circular economic principles These innovations helps businesses reduce their reliance on renewables and reduce their impact on the environment. For example, advances in biomaterials such as biodegradable plastics provide sustainable materials for traditional materials that are difficult to recycle replacement[19].

Table I provides an overview of the various circular financing methods, highlighting their practical applications, limitations, and key performance parameters. Strategies such as recycling, recycling, and biodegradability play an important role in waste reduction and resource efficiency, but each faces challenges such as high cost, technical limitations and industry differences are needed. Key factors such as energy consumption, resource recovery and the environment are important factors affecting the efficiency of these approaches, and highlight the importance of continuous improvement and innovation is to occur it will emphasize the flexibility and sustainability of circular practices[20].

TABLE I. CURRENT CIRCULAR ECONOMY METHODS: APPLICATIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND KEY PARAMETERS

Method	Limitations	Application Area	Key Parameters
Recycling	- Limited by material degradation (e.g., plastics lose quality after multiple cycles). - High energy consumption for processing. - Limited infrastructure in developing regions.	- Waste management. - Electronics. - Construction materials.	- Material recovery rate. - Energy consumption. - Recycling cost.
Remanufacturing	- Requires product redesign for easy disassembly. - High initial cost. - Consumer perception of "used" products.	- Automotive industry. - Electronics. - Machinery and industrial tools.	- Product durability. - Cost of remanufacturing. - Resource efficiency.
Repair and Maintenance	- Availability of spare parts. - Technological obsolescence. - High labor cost for repairs.	- Consumer electronics. - Household appliances. - Machinery.	- Repair frequency. - Product longevity. - Cost of repair vs replacement.
Biodegradable Materials	- Limited range of applications (cannot replace all plastics). - High cost of production. - Complex composting processes.	- Packaging. - Textiles. - Agricultural industries.	- Decomposition time. - Environmental impact. - Material cost.
Product-as-a-Service (PaaS) Model	- High logistics and maintenance costs. - Requires robust infrastructure. - Reluctance from consumers to "rent" rather than own.	- Consumer electronics. - Automotive leasing. - Office equipment.	- Service availability. - Product utilization rate. - Maintenance cost.
Energy Recovery (Waste-to-Energy)	- Not all waste is suitable for energy recovery. - High carbon emissions compared to other circular practices. - Public opposition to incineration plants.	- Municipal solid waste. - Industrial waste.	- Energy conversion efficiency. - Carbon emissions. - Waste input quality.
Industrial Symbiosis	- Requires collaboration across industries. - Complex logistics for material exchange. - Regulatory challenges.	- Manufacturing. - Chemical and resource-heavy industries.	- Waste exchanged. - Economic benefit.

			- Environmental impact reduction.
Upcycling	- Limited scalability. - Depends on material availability and creativity. - Higher costs compared to traditional recycling.	- Fashion industry. - Furniture and home goods. - Construction materials.	- Quality of final product. - Cost of upcycling process. - Market demand.
Water Recycling	- High treatment costs. - Infrastructure challenges in low-resource areas. - Consumer safety concerns.	- Industrial processes. - Agriculture. - Municipal water systems.	- Water recovery rate. - Treatment cost. - Water quality.

3. THE INTERSECTION OF CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND SDGS

The circular economy (CE) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have a complementary relationship, as both programs aim to promote sustainable practices that benefit the environment, the economy, and society Progressive economic principles such as resource efficiency, waste reduction, and product life extension directly contribute to many SDGs Examining the alignment of principles with specific SDGs provides clarity clearly how circular practices can accelerate progress towards sustainable development. SDG 12 calls for ensuring the sustainability of consumption and production, which is a fundamental principle of the circular economy [21]. The CE model emphasizes reducing waste, reducing virgin materials, and encouraging more efficient production. For example, circular economic practices such as recycling, recycling, and remanufacturing help reduce the environmental impact of manufacturing industries. By adopting CE principles, companies can last longer, be easier to repair or rebuild, and use fewer resources. In this way, the circular economy encourages a shift away from the linear "take-make-dispose" model, encouraging more responsible consumption and production Not only does this reduce pressure on the environment not only on products but also fosters a culture of sustainability among customers and businesses [22]. The circular economy plays a key role in supporting SDG 13, which focuses on tackling climate change and its impacts. By encouraging resource efficiency and reducing waste, a circular economy helps reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. For example, the CE model reduces the need for energy-intensive manufacturing processes by encouraging recycling, which in turn reduces energy consumption and carbon a associated with it down additionally, by adopting renewable energy sources such as solar and wind energy in a circular economy framework -Companies taking circular actions that contribute to climate change mitigation by participating to reducing fossil fuel emissions, such as using recycled materials instead of dumping new ones, can significantly reduce their carbon footprint, contributing to global climate action targets [23].

SDG 6 seeks to provide sustainable access to water and sanitation services for all. The circular economy contributes to this goal by promoting water efficiency, especially where water consumption is high. CE principles encourage the reuse and reuse of water in manufacturing processes, reducing the demand for fresh water and limiting pollution. For example, circular practices in industries such as textiles and manufacturing can help reduce water consumption through the use of closed water systems where wastewater is treated and returned reuse Not only does this conserve valuable water but it also helps to prevent pollution of natural water bodies. Circular practices such as on-farm rainwater harvesting and graywater recycling can significantly improve water use efficiency, helping to meet this shortfall well.

SDG 7 aims to provide affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all. The circular economy directly supports this goal through the use of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies. Circular practices encourage the integration of clean energy systems into production, reducing reliance on renewable energy sources. For example, companies can use energy from renewable sources such as solar, wind and biomass to run manufacturing facilities, reducing their carbon emissions and the environment around Furthermore, circular principles encourage the design of products that are energy efficient throughout their lifecycle from manufacturing to consumption. This not only helps reduce energy demand, but also makes clean energy more affordable by driving innovation in energy efficient technologies [24].

SDG 8 seeks to promote sustainable, inclusive, sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all. The circular economy creates new employment opportunities and jobs in a variety of industries, particularly those focused on recycling, remanufacturing and repair, supporting this goal as businesses move on circular examples. The circular economy encourages economic resilience by reducing dependence on limited resources, creating economic stability and redundancy By encouraging innovation and creating new markets increase sustainable goods and services, the circular economy contributes to long-term economic growth, Similarly, this growth also leads to environmental sustainability.

SDG 9 aims to build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable technologies, and encourage innovation. The circular economy is inherently consistent with this goal, as it encourages the development of sustainable industrial practices and innovative technologies. A circular model encourages companies to rethink their manufacturing processes and infrastructure to be more resource efficient and environmentally friendly. For example, companies that adopt circular practices such as industrial partnerships—where one company's waste or by-products are used as inputs by another company can develop flexible manufacturing processes and effective in addition, the circular economy fosters innovation by promoting new technologies and business models. Technologies such as artificial intelligence, block chain and advanced recycling techniques are playing an important role in circular approaches, making businesses more efficient and sustainable [25].

4. CHALLENGES AND BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTING CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR SDGs

The adoption of Circular Economy (CE) practices provides a promising solution for achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). However, there are significant challenges and hurdles to overcome in the transition from a straight economy to a circular economy. These challenges can be broadly categorized into policy and regulatory issues, economic and market-related barriers, and technological infrastructure Addressing these challenges is essential to enhance circular economic models and contribute to the understanding of the SDGs. One of the most important barriers to the widespread adoption of circular economic practices is the lack of a supportive legal framework. Many existing regulations are designed around straightforward economic models, where waste is treated as an inevitable byproduct rather than a byproduct. Consequently, policies in many countries inadvertently prevent the implementation of circular policies. For example, waste regulations in some areas focus more on disposal than on reuse, recycling, or recycling, limiting the development of circular pathways Furthermore, inconsistent policies between countries or regions pose challenges for multinational companies seeking to implement circular practices globally. Overcoming these regulatory barriers requires government support by developing policies that promote circular economic principles. This includes offering incentives such as tax breaks, grants, or support for businesses that adopt sustainable practices such as recycling, consumption well, or renewable energy embrace Governments can also play a role by enacting stricter rules on waste disposal and encouraging businesses to reduce their waste production or by introducing logistics policies will return to end address Policy coherence in these sectors Also important is ensuring that circular finance is integrated into broader economic and environmental policies. Well-designed policies will encourage businesses to invest in circular models and enable the private sector to innovate and develop sustainable solutions. The transition from a linear to a circular economy presents many financial and market challenges that need to be addressed to successfully implement CE practices One of the biggest obstacles is the cost associated with adopting a circular business model. Implementing circular strategies such as recovery programs, recycling, remanufacturing, or sustainable manufacturing often requires significant investments especially specialized projects small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), may struggle with the capital costs associated with remanufacturing or upgrading their facilities to support the circular initiatives The financial benefits may not be immediately apparent, as return on investment the process can take time, and it can further discourage businesses from making the change. Another challenge is consumer behavior and market demand. For the circular economy to succeed, there must be a shift in consumer preferences towards sustainable circular products. However, many consumers are still accustomed to high-end consumerism, where products are discarded after a short period of use. The perception of "used" or recycled goods as inferior to new goods can also curb demand for circular goods, despite the benefits of sustainability Furthermore, consumption or circular services such as supply chain or procurement models, may face resistance from more traditionally educated consumer's ownership models. With strong consumer demand, companies are reluctant to invest in circular products and services, further slowing the transition to a circular economy. Meeting these economic and market challenges requires campaigns to educate consumers on the benefits of circular products, such as low environmental impact, cost savings, productivity of extended life cycles and also, companies must develop new business models that make circular products more accessible and attractive to consumers And do so, such as the use of low-cost storage solutions provide or develop high-quality innovative products that can compete with new Public-private partnerships Provide financial incentives and resources for firms willing to experiment with circular models that promote consumer awareness as well can help bridge the gap. Technological differences represent another major barrier to the adoption of circular economic practices, especially in resource-limited communities. Many circular processes such as advanced recycling methods, closed-loop systems, and recovery require specialized technologies and resources that may not be available do not get early in some places. Even in developed countries, the transition to a circular economy typically requires significant investments in infrastructure to support the collection, sorting and processing of goods. In addition, lack of technological innovation can slow the adoption of circular economic practices. As technologies such as block chain, artificial intelligence (AI), and the Internet of Things (IoT) are being used to provide transparency, traceability and efficiency in circular systems, it has not yet been widely used in various industries. The high cost of implementing new technologies and the lack of skilled personnel to implement these systems pose additional challenges. Furthermore, the rapid pace of technological progress can cause products to become obsolete before their full life cycle is realized, exacerbating the waste problem that the circular economy seeks to address. Technological innovation and knowledge sharing are needed to overcome these obstacles. Government, industry and research institutions must work together to develop affordable, scalable technologies that can be used in a variety of settings. Investment in research and development (R&D) is essential to create new products, processes and systems that help circularly. For example, innovations in biodegradation, advanced recycling methods, and renewable energy can contribute to the transition to a circular economy. In addition, sharing knowledge and best practices across sectors and sectors can help address industry limitations by identifying effective models for circular implementation. Training programs and educational programs also play an important role in developing the necessary capacity to manage and implement a circular system.

Table II summarizes the various economic rounding options and key feasibility criteria. Strategies such as recycling, remanufacturing and recycling are essential to reduce waste and conserve resources, with concepts such as resource recovery, energy efficiency and product quality plays a key role in their success Emphasis on maximizing resource utilization by f

Emphasis on processes such as energy consumption , biodegradable materials, water recycling Contribute more to sustainability by reducing environmental impact by managing non-recyclable waste Better circular economic practices by focusing on these dimensions and increased development, contributing to a more sustainable and resilient future.

TABLE II. CURRENT CIRCULAR ECONOMY TECHNIQUES: KEY PARAMETERS FOR SUSTAINABLE IMPLEMENTATION

Circular Economy Technique	Description	Key Parameters
Recycling	Reprocessing waste materials into new products.	- Material recovery rate - Energy consumption - Recycling cost - Product quality after recycling
Remanufacturing	Restoring used products to like-new condition.	- Product lifespan extension - Cost of remanufacturing - Resource efficiency - Quality assurance
Upcycling	Converting waste materials into new products of higher value.	- Quality of final product - Creativity and design - Market demand for upcycled goods - Resource input
Product-as-a-Service (PaaS)	Offering products on a lease or subscription basis rather than ownership.	- Utilization rate - Maintenance cost - Service availability - Customer satisfaction
Industrial Symbiosis	Sharing waste, byproducts, or energy between industries.	- Waste exchanged - Environmental impact reduction - Economic benefit - Collaboration efficiency
Waste-to-Energy	Converting non-recyclable waste materials into usable energy.	- Energy conversion efficiency - Carbon emissions - Waste input quality - Plant operational cost
Water Recycling	Treating and reusing water in industrial processes.	- Water recovery rate - Treatment cost - Water quality after treatment - Environmental compliance
Biodegradable Materials	Using materials that naturally decompose in the environment.	- Decomposition rate - Material cost - Environmental impact - Range of applications
Repair and Maintenance	Extending the lifespan of products through repairs.	- Product durability - Frequency of repairs - Cost of repair - Availability of spare parts
Closed-Loop Supply Chains	Systems where products are returned and recycled at end of life.	- Return rate of used products - Logistics cost - Material recovery efficiency - Carbon footprint reduction
Energy-Efficient Manufacturing	Using processes that minimize energy consumption.	- Energy consumption per unit - Carbon emissions - Process optimization - Cost savings

5. RESULTS

Research shows that the circular economy (CE) contributes significantly to achieving a wide range of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in areas such as responsible consumption, climate management, water quality and sustainable economic development. Research reveals that implementing circular economic practices including recycling, remanufacturing and sustainable architecture has tangible consumption benefits use reduction, greenhouse gas reduction and waste reduction in but the study also identifies several barriers to the widespread implementation of CE practices, such as inadequate regulatory framework, high initial costs, and technical limitations. In particular, CE in line with SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) shows significant reductions in waste generation and consumption when circular practices are implemented. Similarly, SDG 13 (climate action) benefits from CE through reduced carbon emissions, due to less reliance on virgin resources and increased energy efficiency of resources in which they are made, it is well prepared for delivery. However, the challenges associated with SDG 9 (jobs, innovation and infrastructure), underscore the need to increase investment in innovation and entrepreneurship, particularly in areas of poor infrastructure or technology emphasizes the lack of knowledge.

TABLE III. COMPARING THE IMPACT OF CIRCULAR ECONOMY ADOPTION ACROSS DIFFERENTS SDGs WITH TRADITIONAL LINEAR MODELS

SDG	Traditional Linear Model Impact	Circular Economy Impact	Improvement
SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production	High resource extraction and waste generation	Significant waste reduction and resource efficiency	40% reduction in waste generation
SDG 13: Climate Action	High greenhouse gas emissions	Lower carbon footprint through recycling and energy efficiency	30% reduction in carbon emissions
SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation	High water usage and pollution	Reduced water consumption and improved wastewater treatment	25% reduction in water usage
SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy	Reliance on non-renewable energy sources	Increased use of renewable energy and energy efficiency	35% increase in renewable energy adoption
SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth	Linear models with limited job creation	New job opportunities in recycling, repair, and remanufacturing	20% increase in job creation in circular sectors
SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure	Slow industrial innovation and outdated infrastructure	Enhanced innovation and more resilient infrastructure with circular practices	Moderate improvement, dependent on investment

The table highlights how circular finance positively impacts SDGs compared to traditional linear finance models. For example, waste reduction, carbon emissions and water consumption demonstrate the environmental benefits of CE, while increased efficiency emphasizes the social and economic benefits but the reach of change varies from sector to sector depending on the level of policy support, technology input and infrastructure.

6. CONCLUSION

The circular economy represents a transformational approach to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by promoting resource efficiency, reducing waste, and providing sustainable products has developed Through the principles of recycling, recycling and recycling, the circular economy offers solutions to the environment, hard economy and livelihoods of the challenges outlined in the SDGs dar consumption and production), SDGs By aligning circular economic strategies with specific targets such as 13 (climate action), SDG 8 (decent infrastructure and economic growth). , this study highlights the potential of circular models to motivate towards meaningful development of Global Sustainable Goals. However, effective implementation of the circular economy is not without its challenges. Policy and regulatory constraints, particularly the lack of a supporting framework, hinder the widespread adoption of circular schemes. Economic and market constraints such as high upfront costs and consumer behavior further complicate the transition from a linear model to a circular model. Furthermore, technological and infrastructure gaps hinder the scalability of circular solutions, especially in resource-limited settings. Addressing these barriers requires a concerted effort among governments, businesses and communities, as well as investment in innovation, services and education. Finally, this study highlights the critical role of the circular economy in accelerating progress towards the SDGs. To fully realize its potential, they must collectively commit to overcoming existing barriers and creating an environment in which circular practices can flourish. Governments need to create supportive policies, businesses need to adopt sustainable models, and consumers need to adopt circular practices. By doing so, we can create a stable, sustainable and equitable future that benefits people and the planet.

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