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A Newsletter of the Office of  
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Climate Change and  
Circular Economy (OCCE)

## Special Feature

**Victor Boyle-  
Komolafe**

CEO and Founder of GIVO

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Towards a sustainable, greater Lagos.



A portrait of Titilayo Oshodi, a Black woman with short dark hair, wearing glasses and a light blue blazer. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is blurred, showing some greenery and a red flower.

## *Address* FROM THE DESK OF THE SPECIAL ADVISER

Welcome to the second edition of the ECoNomy Newsletter. As we continue to champion the shift towards a circular economy, our focus remains on turning waste into wealth and promoting sustainable economic practices.

In recent months, the importance of circular economy principles has become increasingly clear. Circular practices not only help mitigate environmental impacts but also drive economic growth and innovation. Our commitment to this transformative shift is embodied in our initiatives, especially the launch of the ECoNomy Business Network. Through this initiative, we aim to create a vibrant community of businesses and professionals dedicated to promoting circular economy principles.

At OCCE, we are providing a platform for sharing insights and exploring opportunities for advancing circular economy businesses and projects. By promoting education, advocacy, and capacity building, we are equipping members with the knowledge and skills needed to integrate circular practices into their business models. Additionally, we advocate for policy support to create an enabling environment for sustainable development, fostering innovation and entrepreneurship in the circular economy space.

Together, through collaborative efforts and knowledge sharing, we can accelerate the transition to a circular economy, ensuring a sustainable and prosperous future for all. Thank you for being part of this journey.

**Titilayo Oshodi**

Special Adviser to the Lagos State Governor on  
Climate Change and Circular Economy



# MY CIRCULARITY *Diary*

I'm back, and oh, what an exhilarating journey it has been! I am grateful for the opportunity to share my experiences, not just to inspire change altruistically but to actively champion governance-driven transformations.

And of course, what's a return without a diary entry? So, here we go!

Let me take you on a whirlwind adventure through **#Circularity24**, the premier circular economy conference that brought together nearly 2,000 trailblazers and practitioners from diverse industries and value chains. The event has blossomed over the years, mirroring the growing acceptance of circular economy principles by governments, NGOs, and corporations worldwide.

This year, the vibrant city of Chicago played host to the event, and let me tell you, I embraced the city life with gusto. Opting for a daily carpool to the venue, a mere 8-minute drive, was a conscious choice—my small yet impactful contribution to carbon abatement. And hey, who knew air fresheners could be a lifesaver on certain days? \*winks\*

The absence of plastic bottles at the water stations was a refreshing change. Armed with my trusty water flask, I felt right at home among fellow climate change advocates. The subtle nudge towards deeper compliance, with plastic cups and designated bins, spoke volumes about the event's commitment to sustainability.

The stage, the backdrops, and even the setting itself—crafted from recycled plastic—epitomised the ethos of Circular Economy 24. No conference bags? A bold move indeed, and one that left me pondering the norm back home. But hey, who needs another branded pencil or notepad cluttering up the place, right?





My badge, a feather-light creation from recycled plastic, bore a scannable code that promised post-event incentives. Naturally, I made sure to follow through.

And those six bins for waste segregation? A tad tedious, perhaps, but a testament to the event's advanced waste management practices.

The discussions ranged from scaling plastic reuse to enhancing packaging infrastructure, all underpinned by the core tenets of a circular economy. The wealth of knowledge and insights gleaned made my time at **#Circularity24** truly enriching and fulfilling.

Returning to a wave of birthday love and warmth from all of you—what more can I say? I am deeply touched by your affection, and I reciprocate that love wholeheartedly. Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey with me.





# ECO-SYSTEM *Update*



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## **GIVO IS CONNECTING CIRCULARITY WITH TECHNOLOGY.**

**Check out how they're supporting circular businesses.**

Victor Boyle-Komolafe's startup, GIVO, is one of the few startups dedicated to eradicating plastic waste and recycling it into a sustainable material. GIVO currently operates both in Nigeria and Liberia.

He spoke about how the urgency of climate change and environmental degradation motivated him to focus on supporting eco-friendly businesses through technology.

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## FROM BARIGA TO AMERICA:

**How Amidu's Passion for Sustainability is Now Paying 7 figures and More.**

Amidu's journey to making money from what most of us consider waste is not paved with gold. From growing up in the back town of Bariga, a subhub in Lagos, to being served breakfast by his girlfriend, who thought his unconventional business acumen was questionable, 10 years after starting his business, Amidu now has five sustainable businesses where he is not just making our earth a better place; he is making money and employing more people.

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