

# RECIRCULATE Update

## December Newsletter

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As 2021 draws to a close, like many we're in a reflective mood here and have taken the opportunity to look back over the last 12 months. When we launched the newsletter in January we said we planned to give you *"some insights into the great work being carried out by our research teams in Ghana, Nigeria and the UK, as well as news from the wider RECIRCULATE community as it continues to grow"*. Hopefully we've fulfilled that objective, made you aware of upcoming events and provided links to some useful resources along the way.

We'll be back in January and wish all of you a safe, happy and peaceful break over the festive holiday season.

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### Research Highlights



#### 2021: A year to remember

As we prepare for the holidays we've put together a two part summary of some aspects of RECIRCULATE's year. In [Part 1](#) we look back on [The FLOW](#) and news

stories from our project and across our network. In [Part 2](#) we reflect on the capacity building activities through our online engagement programme [PARTICIPATE](#) that have continued in a digital space during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## Capacity Building



[Spotlight interview with Joyce Tuakly](#) - To mark [Ghana Farmers' Day](#), a day which celebrates the country's farmers and fishermen, we recently interviewed Joyce to find out a little more about her, her experience with RECIRCULATE and her thoughts on farming in Ghana.



[Spotlight interview with Mary Mwangi](#) - To mark [Jamhuri Day](#), which celebrates when the country was formally admitted into the Commonwealth as a republic, we recently interviewed Mary Mwangi to find

out a little more about her, her experience with RECIRCULATE and how she planned to spend the day.



[Spotlight interviews with ACCELERATE Students](#) - The ACCELERATE Circular Economy programme which was held under the [ACTUATE](#) banner recently concluded. The programme supported education and capacity building to enhance understanding and acceptance of the aims of the wider circular economy. In [part one](#) and [two](#) we asked the students about their experience on the programme.

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## Meet the team



**Samuel Brocklebank** is an Administrative Assistant on the RECIRCULATE Project at Lancaster University. As an administrative assistant Samuel has been responsible for travel coordination, event coordination, social media engagement and website management.

His role currently focuses on digital engagement, running RECIRCULATE's social media accounts, holding spotlight interviews and creating articles for the website. Further to this he is heavily involved with the media creation for the PARTICIPATE programme, creating webinar flyers, event pages and certificates for attendees at the webinars.

Samuel was previously focusing on logistics coordination, responsible for organising flights, hotels and airport transfer for project members and partners. The COVID-19 Pandemic had largely restricted this work, however in September 2021 he was again able to arrange travel for the Annual Meeting held in Ghana and Nigeria.

**"The experience I've gained working on the project can not be understated; my learning and development from the last 3 years that I've been on the project measure more than my combined work history. The project has given me great insight into the Circular Water Economy in West Africa, with enthusiastic partners, work package members and members of the wider network always keen to share their knowledge and stories."**

**"The RECIRCULATE project has had to adapt it's capacity building plans in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and as a result my role changed significantly. I'm very fortunate to be part of a great team as following travel restrictions my role was adapted into focusing on the creation and delivery of digital content and engagement. I feel we've been successful in delivering the goals of the project in a digital space and capitalised on the opportunity to expand our network."**

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## Upcoming events

- 20th January 2022 - Post COP activists connect in this webinar, where young climate and water voices move beyond the "blah". How can those campaigning for climate justice and the human right to safe water join hands to move beyond the

words to create action? Registration [HERE](#), please note the webinar will require a free Zoom account.

- **20th January 2022** - Innovate UK, Energy and AgriFood Leads will be exploring innovation for sustainable processing and manufacturing in African AgriFood at this online event. They are hoping to support businesses to find solutions, and technology providers to find new markets. By learning about the challenges businesses are facing and having conversations with innovators, they look to accelerate the development and adoption of solutions. Registration [HERE](#).

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### Useful resources



[Africa Renewal](#) - The Africa Renewal information programme provides up-to-date information and analysis of the major economic and development challenges facing Africa today. It has recently highlighted a multitude of renewable energy stories across Africa following COP26.



[A World In Your Ear: The Power of Podcasts](#) - Podcasts are a way of communicating research in an engaging and creative way, Research to Action recently covered this topic highlighting the benefits of podcasts and offering tips for creating engaging content.



[New mobile app launches drive action sustainable development goals](#) - The United Nations launched the Sustainable Development Goals in Action mobile application, which provides a global forum through which industry, governments and individual citizens can collectively realise the promise of the SDGs.

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## The last drop...

Looking forward, did you know that the UN has proclaimed the year 2022 the [International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development](#)? The UN is inviting all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other global, regional and subregional organizations, as well as other relevant stakeholders, including academia, civil society, international and national non-governmental

organizations, individuals and the private sector, to observe and raise awareness of the importance of basic sciences for sustainable development. I'm sure we'll all be hearing more about that in 2022.



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