



Sustainable Development Forum 2026 Cambridge Edition (SDFCAM 2026)

Circularity: The New Reality – Sustainability for Growth

The Sustainable Development Forum (SDF) 2026 Cambridge Edition will take place on **21 May 2026** in **Cambridge, United Kingdom** (Trumpington St, Cambridge CB2 1AG). Building on the Forum's tradition of convening senior leaders from business, government, finance, and academia, SDFCAM 2026 will focus on one of the most critical transitions shaping the global economy today: the shift from linear to circular systems.

In an era defined by climate urgency, resource constraints, geopolitical fragmentation, and repeated supply-chain shocks, circularity is no longer a niche sustainability concept. It is rapidly becoming a foundational economic model for resilience, competitiveness, and long-term growth. The theme "*Circularity: The New Reality – Sustainability for Growth*" reflects the growing recognition that sustainable development and economic performance are no longer in tension, but increasingly interdependent.

SDFCAM 2026 will explore how circular approaches can strengthen resilience across key sectors and systems. Particular focus will be placed on **circularity for resilience**, examining how economies and institutions can better absorb shocks and adapt to structural change. The Forum will address the role of circular models in **energy systems**, including renewables, infrastructure, storage, and lifecycle planning, as well as in **food systems**, where circularity is essential for food security, climate adaptation, and waste reduction. Discussions will also cover **fashion and materials**, highlighting the transformation of global value chains through circular design, reuse, recycling, and regulatory frameworks. Finally, the Forum will examine **finance** as a critical enabler of circular transformation, focusing on capital allocation, risk management, and financial instruments that support sustainable and regenerative growth.

Hosted in Cambridge, one of the world's leading ecosystems for science, innovation, and policy thinking, SDFCAM 2026 will provide a platform for high-level dialogue, practical insights, and cross-sector collaboration. The Forum aims to move beyond ambition and rhetoric, offering real-world perspectives, case studies, and strategies that demonstrate how circularity can be implemented at scale.

SDFCAM 2026 is designed for senior decision-makers, policymakers, investors, sustainability leaders, and academics committed to shaping a more resilient and competitive global economy. By positioning circularity as an economic and strategic imperative, the Forum seeks to contribute to a shared understanding of how sustainability can act as a driver of growth rather than a constraint.

SDF 2026 affirms a simple message: circularity is no longer a future goal - it is the new reality for sustainable growth.

