

# Building Circular Futures

## *Capacity-Building & Circular Innovation in Action*

Cape Town | 5 November 2025 | 14:00 | Workshop17, V&A Waterfront

📄 Complimentary Entrance Pass & Program Download: [www.united-village.org/event-nov-5](http://www.united-village.org/event-nov-5)

In support of the Net Zero Future Conference and the DRASTIC Project

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## Invitation

United Village Global (UVG), chaired by **Mr. Rune Kongshaug**, invites you to **Building Circular Futures** — a dialogue and live showcase demonstrating *impact in action*: youth training, real prototypes, and collaboration between suppliers, researchers, and investors.

The event takes place in support of the **Net Zero Future (NZF) Conference** and the **EU-funded DRASTIC Project**, linking global research with regional innovation and capacity-building across EMEA.

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## Context

At NZF, **Raymond L. Sheen**, Chief Engineer at **Produktif Norway AS**, will present



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*“Construction Residual Value and the Circular Economy”*

**Thursday 6 November | 16:00 | Cape Town**

📄 Register for NZF Conference & Dinner: <https://netzfutur.com/submission/registration/>

A **founding member of UVG and DRASTIC**, **Produktif Norway AS** is developing an *international reuse value chain* that scales globally through local replication — linking design-for-reuse, localized manufacturing, and digital lifecycle data.

Its partnership with UVG demonstrates how industry participation, supplier engagement, and youth capacity-building coexist within one circular framework.

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## Purpose

Circular construction will advance only when **capacity-building and market incentives align**. This event highlights how **social inclusion, technical innovation, and commercial feasibility** converge to make circularity investable.

### Three focus activities:

1. **Commercializing Reuse-Ready Components** – Design for Assembly And Disassembly (DfAD) in practice.
  2. **Launching the TukaPOD MakerSpace (Johannesburg)** – with **Engage & Empower**, training youth in 3D printing and reuse manufacturing.
  3. **Expanding UVG Capacity-Building Programs** – linking students, suppliers, and investors to replicate circular competence across EMEA through vocational training and exchange.
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## Program Highlights

| Time          | Session                                                               | Focus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 14:00 – 14:05 | Welcome Address                                                       | Opening remarks by Rune Kongshaug, Chair, United Village Global (UVG)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 14:05 – 14:15 | <b>Opening Keynote</b> — <a href="#">Emmanuel Trinity</a> [confirmed] | <b>“Circular Economies and Capability Building: Creating Jobs for Africa’s Next Generation”</b><br>Founder & CEO, Era92 — Emmanuel explores how digital creativity, youth enterprise, and skills development can drive inclusive job creation and circular innovation across Africa.                                                              |
| 14:15 – 14:35 | <b>Keynote</b> — <a href="#">Rali Mampeule</a>                        | <b>“Building Inclusive Infrastructure: From Digital Access to Circular Economies”</b><br>Founder & CEO, South African Housing and Infrastructure Fund (SAHIF) — Rali examines how infrastructure investment, digital connectivity, and sustainability finance can generate long-term community and youth opportunities.                           |
| 14:35–15:55   | Panel 1 - <a href="#">Fabrizio Zucca</a> moderator                    | What is the link between design and International Relations? ( <a href="#">Rune Kongshaug</a> and <a href="#">Nobantuu A Mtimde</a> , Delicia Govendar CEO, <i>Push Local Venture</i> )                                                                                                                                                           |
| 15:55–16:40   | Panel 2 - <a href="#">Ray Sheen</a> moderator                         | Tools for DfAD & Circular Data Models ( <a href="#">Camille Vandervaeren</a> ), <a href="#">Carolyn Spirinckx</a> + <a href="#">Xavier Colin</a> Produktif                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 16:40–17:30   | Interactive Session - <a href="#">Zandi Mbethe</a> (moderator)        | <b>Learning through Play: Introducing the Future-Builders™</b><br>Launch of <b>TukaPOD™ Makerspace</b> by Engage & Empower Team. Supported by Sakhikamva Foundation CEO, Fatima Jakoet and students.,                                                                                                                                             |
| 17:30–18:30   | Panel 3 - <a href="#">Tebogo Mokgata</a> (moderator)                  | <b>Addressing the mismatch between current investment and where we should invest and the role of systems design.</b><br><b>Speakers:</b><br>• Delicia Govendar CEO, <i>Push Local Ventures</i><br>• Anik Hossain COO, <i>Learnio</i><br>• Emmanuel Trinity Founder & CEO, <i>Era92</i><br>• Nicole Langat - <i>Country Manager Univergy Solar</i> |
| 18:30–19:00   | Interactive Session - <b>Rune</b> moderator                           | Commitments & Next Steps – Scaling Through Replication<br>Rali Mampeule, Fabrizio Zucca, Liana Els-Bull                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 19:00–20:00   | Cocktail Reception                                                    | Networking with DRASTIC, NZF & Industry Partners                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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## Why Participate

- Experience live demonstrations of prototypes and material reuse systems.
  - Learn how DfAD and traceability create new business value.
  - Join **Produktif’s supplier network** for collaboration and co-development.
  - Engage with **UVG and DRASTIC partners** translating circular policy into implementation.
  - Support UVG’s mission by joining as a member, affiliate, or donor.
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## Contact & Access

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