



Draft program track 3: Circular Construction & ATES

Saturday 20 September Osaka

Evening: Arrival in Osaka & check-in hotel

Sunday 21 September Osaka

Morning: Informal sectoral start Circular Construction & ATES

Afternoon: Visit World Expo, Osaka

Evening: Networking reception with the Dutch delegation of the economic mission with Minister of Climate Policy and Green Growth Sophie Hermans.

Monday 22 September Osaka

Morning: Kick-off Circular Construction and ATES program, including scene setting by the circular building practitioner in Japan.

Afternoon: Circular Construction and ATES Open Seminar & Panel Discussion with Japanese businesses and associations focused on methodologies to achieve carbon neutrality and circularity in the building sector, integrating resource circulation and aquifer thermal energy storage (ATES) with the expertise and the knowledge from the Netherlands.

Target audience: businesses, regional associations and municipality representatives

Evening: Networking reception with the Open Seminar participants

Tuesday 23 September Osaka

Morning: Talk Session at PLAT UMEKITA: [Tour Umekita Area & Grand Green Osaka Project](#)
The Grand Green Osaka is a large-scale mixed-use re-development project in the Umekita area, including an urban park spanning approximately 4.5 hectares.

Speakers from Mitsubishi Estate [Mitsubishi Estate | "A Love for People A Love for the City"](#) and ATES (TBC).

Target audience: general public

Afternoon: Event on circular entrepreneurship at Expo organized in light of the circular Europe days followed by free time to explore the Expo site and different pavilions.

Evening: Free time

Wednesday 24 September Osaka/Tokyo

Expo day Circular Building

Morning: Talk Session on circular building at the Dutch pavilion focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation between the Netherlands and Japan including the exchange of best practices and innovations.
Program elements include:

- Opening by Director-general Environment & International Afke van Rijnof from the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water management
- Keynote speech by the Japanese leading figure
- Presentation by leading figures from the Netherlands and Japan in the field of circular building
- Q&A
- Networking lunch

Afternoon: Visit to the Japan pavilion

Parallel morning and afternoon program for ATES focused companies:

Morning: *Site visit to ATES installation(s)*

Afternoon: *Lunch*

Pitching and networking event

Evening: Circular Building & ATES travel to Tokyo by train

Hotel check-in

Thursday 25 September Tokyo

Morning: Exchanges with Japanese governmental representatives and knowledge institutions on policy developments and public-private cooperation in the fields of sustainability, circular building and ATES

Afternoon: Networking event on circular building and ATES with Keidanren, the largest business federation in Japan. Program elements include:

- Keynote speeches on trends and innovations in the Dutch and Japanese market
- Pitches by Japanese and Dutch businesses
- Networking reception (food and drinks)

Early evening: Debriefing

End of mission

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