Special Issue

Sustainability Through Circularity: Food Waste Challenges and Opportunities

Message from the Guest Editor

Food waste remains one of the most pressing global sustainability challenges. The Special Issue explores strategies aimed at reducing losses, optimizing resource use, promoting circular approaches that transform waste into valuable inputs. By integrating insights from food science, environmental management, supply-chain design and policy studies, manuscripts seeking to advance understanding of how circular economy principles can address inefficiencies from production to consumption will be considered. Key themes include food loss and waste prevention. valorization of by-products into high-value products, consumer behavior, role of institutions in enabling circular transitions. Contributions also examine intersections between food waste, climate change mitigation, public health and SDG, emphasizing need for systemic solutions supported by cross-sector collaboration. It highlights both challenges and transformative opportunities associated with rethinking food waste within a circular framework. The insights support people in accelerating sustainable practices that foster resilience, reduce environmental burdens and create more equitable and efficient food systems.

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