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Preface

Amidst the current period of fast urban growth and increased concern for the environment, the idea of smart cities combined with the concepts of a circular economy arises as a promising and innovative solution. The book *Smart Cities and Circular Economy: The Future of Sustainable Urban Development* provides a thorough collection of essays that explore the mutually beneficial connection between smart cities and circular economy. It presents valuable viewpoints and advanced research from a wide array of specialists in this domain.

This edited book showcases a diverse range of concepts, examining the potential for smart technology and circular economic models to bring about a radical transformation in urban surroundings. The individuals who contribute to our work include experienced academics, industry experts and forward-thinking policymakers, resulting in a comprehensive and diverse approach to the subject matter. Each chapter provides insight into the several elements that make up smart, sustainable cities, including energy-efficient infrastructures, waste reduction measures, intelligent transportation systems and sustainable urban design.

As editors, our goal has been to carefully choose and organize content that not only explains the fundamental principles of smart cities and circular economies but also presents real-world examples and case studies from various parts of the world. We want to provide readers with a comprehensive overview of the current situation and encourage creative thinking and proactive measures for the future cities.

In this book, we introduced a collection of 17 chapters that delve into the evolving landscape of urban sustainability. Each chapter, authored by renowned experts, presents a unique perspective on the integration of smart city technologies and circular economy principles. From exploring the human-centric aspects of Industry 4.0 to assessing the impact of smart technologies on urban mobility, the book encapsulates a diverse range of topics. It aims to provide a holistic understanding of how innovative technologies and sustainable practices can transform urban environments, making them more efficient, resilient and conducive to the well-being of their inhabitants. This book serves as a vital resource for academics, policymakers and urban planners, offering insights and strategies to navigate the challenges and opportunities of creating sustainable, smart cities in the circular economy era.

Chapter 1 focuses on the importance of creating work environments in the era of Industry 4.0 that prioritize employee well-being and engagement. It emphasizes the need for human-centric approaches in the technologically advanced

workplace to foster a more satisfied and productive workforce. Chapter 2 provides a comprehensive analysis of existing research at the intersection of smart cities and circular economy. It uses bibliometric methods to map and identify key trends, gaps and the evolution of this interdisciplinary field, highlighting how these two areas are increasingly being integrated in scholarly discourse. Chapter 3 examines the potential and challenges of implementing a circular economy in Ho Chi Minh City. It utilizes a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) analysis, grounded in content analysis, to provide a detailed understanding of the current state and future possibilities for sustainable urban development in this rapidly growing city. Chapter 4 explores how IoT technologies can be pivotal in advancing circular economy practices within smart cities. It discusses the potential of IoT to enhance resource efficiency, waste management and sustainable urban development, providing a critical analysis of the challenges and opportunities in leveraging IoT for circular economy solutions in urban environments. Chapter 5 focuses on identifying and analyzing the various challenges faced in implementing circular economy practices in the context of smart cities. It delves into the complexities and hurdles, such as technological, policy and societal barriers, that impact the successful integration of circular economy concepts in urban development strategies.

Chapter 6 discusses strategies for effectively incorporating circular economy models into smart cities. It addresses the various challenges in this integration and outlines potential pathways to overcome these obstacles, thereby facilitating sustainable urban development through innovative and efficient resource management within smart city frameworks. Chapter 7 examines the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) in managing circular economies within smart cities. It highlights the role of AI in optimizing resource use and waste reduction, providing an in-depth analysis of how AI technologies can enhance sustainability and efficiency in urban settings. Chapter 8 delves into how data analytics and AI can be leveraged to enhance resource efficiency in smart cities. It explores the potential of these technologies in optimizing the use of resources, thereby contributing to the sustainability and effectiveness of urban environments within the framework of smart city development. Chapter 9 focuses on the impact of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) performance disclosure by firms on sustainable development. It examines how transparency in ESG reporting can influence corporate strategies towards sustainability, particularly in the context of smart cities and the circular economy.

Chapter 10 investigates the capabilities and barriers associated with implementing IoT technologies for circular economy practices in smart cities. It provides insights into how IoT can facilitate sustainable urban development while also addressing the challenges that need to be overcome for its effective integration. Chapter 11 presents an in-depth analysis of the current research trends in the field of circular economy within smart cities. It focuses on identifying the barriers and challenges that impede the implementation of circular economy practices in urban settings, providing a critical overview of the existing research landscape in this area. Chapter 12 explores the relationship between the development of smart cities and the enhancement of sustainable mobility. It discusses how smart city

initiatives can improve the quality of life by fostering more sustainable, efficient and user-friendly transportation systems, thereby contributing significantly to the overall sustainability and livability of urban environments. Chapter 13 discusses the potential of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles as a sustainable solution for urban mobility. It explores the advantages and challenges of hydrogen-powered transportation and its role in reducing emissions and promoting sustainable urban mobility within the context of smart cities.

Chapter 14 examines how smart city technologies influence sustainable urban mobility in developing economies. It evaluates the effects of these technologies on transportation systems, addressing challenges and opportunities to enhance mobility while considering the unique contexts of developing nations. Chapter 15 delves into the difficulties and obstacles associated with integrating AI to enhance circular economy initiatives in smart urban environments. It scrutinizes the complexities and limitations in deploying AI for optimizing resource use and waste reduction within the circular economy framework, offering valuable insights into addressing these challenges. Chapter 16 delves into the difficulties and obstacles associated with integrating AI to enhance circular economy initiatives in smart urban environments. It scrutinizes the complexities and limitations in deploying AI for optimizing resource use and waste reduction within the circular economy framework, offering valuable insights into addressing these challenges. Chapter 17 discusses the intersection of the metaverse, urban living and sustainable mobility. It explores how technological advancements and sustainable transportation solutions can bridge the gap between virtual and physical worlds, enhancing urban living experiences within the context of smart cities and the metaverse.

In the current juncture of human existence, where critical issues such as climate change and limited resources pose imminent threats, the concepts and methodologies deliberated about in this book hold heightened significance. We aspire that *Smart Cities and Circular Economy: The Future of Sustainable Urban Development* would not only enhance scholarly discussions but also catalyze tangible transformations towards more sustainable, efficient and resilient urban ecosystems.

Join us as we explore the intersection of technology and sustainability, redefining urban landscapes through innovation and discovery.

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