



Workshop on Enabling and Engaging Private Sector through Public-Private Partnerships for Waste Management and Resource Recovery in Vietnam

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Vietnam is an emerging economy with significant economic growth within next few years. The challenge for Vietnam would be how to decouple this strong economic growth from resource consumption and waste production to avoid any adverse impacts on the environment and human health which could potentially jeopardise the benefits of such growth. Developing cities and local authorities in Vietnam face major challenges in promoting resource efficiency and zero waste policies and programs. Public sector in Vietnam needs to consider appropriate policies and programs to overcome these challenges and barriers in integrating resource efficiency and zero waste in the overall policy, planning, and development. Partnerships should be promoted through better waste management governance to take full advantage of the private sector dynamism in turning waste into useful resources. This workshop investigates the enabling factors will encourage private sector involvement to achieve sustainable waste management and resource recovery in Vietnam by addressing the question how do we encourage private sector (domestic as well as international including Australia) to invest in waste management facilities in Vietnam?

The workshop conducted by Dr. Sunil Herat, Senior Lecturer in Waste Management, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, is one of many such workshops on waste management delivered around the world by Dr. Herat. A knowledgeable practitioner, he provides training in Municipal Solid Waste Management, Hazardous Waste Management and Cleaner Production & Eco-efficiency, with a special emphasis on developing and emerging nations. Dr. Herat is a member of the Expert Subsidiary Group of United Nations Regional 3R Forum for Asia and Pacific providing his expertise on sustainable management of electronic waste (e-waste). Dr. Herat will be assisted by invited waste management experts from the public and private sector in Brisbane.

The workshop is a joint initiative between the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Australia Awards Fellowships (AAFs) Scheme 2017, the International Partnership for Expanding Waste Management Services for Local Authorities (IPLA) – a United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Partnership and Griffith University. DFAT offers Australian organisations, from all sectors, the opportunity to deepen and broaden their links with leaders and professionals in developing countries. Fellowships target current and future leaders and mid-career professionals who will be in a position to advance priority foreign affairs and development issues on their return home. Griffith University is a recipient of a 2017 AAF Award where 15 high-level officials from Vietnam's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE) will undergo a 2-week training program at Griffith University on developing the financing of waste management through private sector engagement in Vietnam. These officials will be actively participating in this workshop as part of their program.

IPLA- a SDG Partnership serves as a dynamic knowledge platform and a decentralized network to share knowledge, communicate across boundaries, working to spread best practices in waste management. Griffith University serves as a Sub-Regional Secretariat of IPLA for Australia and New Zealand, working with its partners to disseminate information and promote research in the areas of waste management and sustainable environments.

The workshop will provide an excellent platform for developing partnerships between Vietnam's public sector involved in waste management and resource recovery and the Australian public/private sector with interest and expertise on the transfer of waste management technologies into Vietnam.