

EIGHTH REGIONAL 3R FORUM IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Discussion Points of Plenary Session-4

1. To what extent 3R has been addressed as a preventive measure to arrest open dumping and burning of wastes including biomass?
2. Is biomass waste a grossly neglected area in Asia and the Pacific? How have current policies and regulatory frameworks at a national and city level been seen as supportive towards circular economic utilization of organic waste and biomass? What is the cost inaction? What circular economic opportunities can 3R offer in rural areas of Asia-Pacific?

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3. Is there any crucial lesson that we can learn from the transboundary air pollution resulting from biomass burning? What type of short or long-term sub-regional/regional cooperation countries could consider in areas of 3Rs?
4. What are the potential opportunities of implementing 3R and circular economic development strategies to achieve co-benefits – a reduction of both greenhouse gas emissions (including short-lived climate pollutants) and air pollution?
5. How can 3R and circular economy contribute to SDG 11 (sustainable cities and communities) and and SDG 13 (take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts)?