

EIGHTH REGIONAL 3R FORUM IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Discussion Points of Plenary Session-6

1. What are the critical enablers that the Governments should consider for greening the SMEs? Why should this matter for national productivity and waste minimization? What impact would a strategic shift to the circular economy have in terms of greening the SMEs and in achieving SDG 9?
2. Required financial and technical capacity and high upfront costs are critical challenges for SMEs. Taking into account these constraints, how can governments assist the SMEs to integrate 3R and resource efficiency in their operations and supply chain? What could be the policy, institutional, financial and partnership aspects of greening the SMEs towards sustainable industrialization, fostering innovation and pollution reduction?

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3. What type of information-based instruments can governments facilitate in raising the awareness of both consumers and SMEs on the needs and benefits of greening the supply chain?
4. What are the best examples and experiences where environmental regulations have encouraged SMEs and firms to pursue green strategies towards cost savings, market competitiveness and better public image?

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5. What are the key enablers to promote government-to-business, business-to-business, and industry-to-industry interactions in greening the operations and supply chain? What could various technologies offer in this regard?
6. What critical lessons does Chinese circular economic development approach provide in terms greening SMEs?