



Kiribati Country Presentation

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Achievements in 3R initiatives

- Container Deposit Legislation (CDL) or Waste Recycling – PET bottles, Aluminum cans, Acid lead battery
- PACWASTE national pilot projects:
 - i. E-waste – establishing a self financing mechanism for e-waste
 - ii. Healthcare Waste Management – provision of incinerator, drafting of HCWM Policy and Standard Operational Procedure
- NZ-funded Urban Development Program
 - Green Bag Collection system
 - Improvement of three landfills
 - Segregation of organic waste
- Revision of Tarawa Teinainano Control (TUC) Control of Rubbish byelaw – ECD was involved in the drafting of the byelaw
- Establishment of Joint Enforcement Team comprising members of Environmental Health, Kiribati Police Service, Island Councils, environment inspectors



Achievements in 3R initiatives

- Working with Temwaiku Farmers Association on Organic Farming
- Increase of government budget by 3% for supporting the operational cost for the Environment including waste management activities
- Voluntary Cleanup activities and demarcation of cleaning up areas
- Ongoing enforcement of the Environment Act.
- Passing of legislations related to environment protection: the Maritime Act 2017-(marine pollution prevention), ODS regulation, OHS Act 2015, national park regulation 2017



Challenges

- Lack of national capacity in waste and chemical management
- Limited Financial and Human Resources
- Scattering of data on waste/chemical management
- Small size of private sector on the island thus lack appetite in investing in waste management business
- Absence of proper solid waste management technologies at national level
- Island Remoteness & Dependent on overseas companies to accept recyclable materials i.e. PET bottles/ewastes/ferrous materials(end of life vehicles) low price in international market thus accumulated on the island
- Segregation of waste in the waste stream
- Limited land for proper landfilling

Future plans

- Establishing National body with mandate to oversee solid waste mgmt.
- Reviewing and Finalization of National Solid Waste Management Strategy
- Collection of Data and information on waste and chemicals management
- Explore best solid waste management technologies suitable to small islands including waste minimization/sustainable financing mechanisms, self-financing waste management initiatives etc
- Expanding Scope of Waste Recycling to include *End of Life vehicle* and *e-waste (thus establishing a sustainable financing to deal with the two wastes)*
- Impose levy on imported used cars (work with line Ministries and development partners)
- Consideration of Extended Producer Responsibility(e-wastes)
- Promotion/Integration of 3Rs into existing national plans/policies etc.
- Strengthening national capacity in protecting land/marine resources from human pollution activities
 - Banning of plastics (single use shopping bags and ice block bags)

Future projects

- Minamata Initial Assessment Regional project
- GEFPAS UPOPS Awareness
- POP NIPS UPDATING
- Strengthening legal systems, institutions and data collection infrastructure in Kiribati (UNEP special programme)



Thank you for your
attention