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**Summary of Round Table 4: Local governments-NGO/CSO
Partnerships for Advancing 3Rs in Municipal Waste
Management**

Summary of Round Table 4 (1/2)

Topics Discussed

- The role that NGOs/CSOs can play in advancing 3Rs at local level
- How can local governments efficiently leverage NGOs/CSOs to empower communities for advancing 3R initiatives and activities at grassroots level
- How can local governments partner with NGOs/CSOs on 3R, and their respective roles
- Examples of successful local government-CSOs partnerships, and how can these be upscaled
- How to overcome the challenges of solid waste management in post-conflict cities and countries in transition

Summary of Round Table 4 (2/2)

Main conclusion points

- NGOs/CSOs play an important role on advancing 3Rs, particularly on community mobilization, awareness raising, capacity building, collection of waste, advocate for policies, and project implementation. While their important role is recognized, more should be done to further engage and empower NGOS/CSOs
- There is already a culture in developing countries to reuse and recycle waste, and not to throw away. This cultural aspect should be leveraged
- Participation of different stakeholders is crucial for effective implementation of 3R on the ground, and NGOs have a key role to reach out to these stakeholders, in particular schools, the youth, etc. who can be agents of change
- The informal sector plays a key role in the collection and recycling of waste, and their role should be further recognized and leveraged, and NGOs can help on this regard.
- Triangular cooperation involving local governments, the private sector and the society can be a means of leveraging additional resources at the local level
- There are many successful examples of local government/NGO partnership in the region, such as in Surabaya, Waste Concern in Bangladesh, the Genki Network in Japan, and in Cebu city (Philippines)