

SEVENTH REGIONAL 3R FORUM IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Discussion Points of Plenary Session-1

1. With the current economy and technological development trends in the Asia-pacific, what are the prospects of 3R and resource efficiency in the various development sectors – urban development (buildings, infrastructure, construction), manufacturing and industries (including SMEs), agriculture, transport, and energy, etc. – under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?
2. Is it reality that the technology revolution may greatly help the economy, but may not solve the resource efficiency related problems in those development sectors? If so, what are the critical policy and institutional challenges?
3. In efforts to achieve the SDGs, what would be the effect of not effectively addressing the supply security of resources (natural resources, primary and secondary raw materials and minerals)? What valuable insights can we gain from some of the resource efficient economies of the world?

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4. Are there good examples of well-designed policies, programmes, well-functioning institutions and governance mechanisms that support circular economic development?
5. What are the possible impacts a shift to the circular economy would have on Asia-Pacific socially, economically and environmentally under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?
6. How can we develop institutional capacity and promote government and international collaborative research projects for strengthening basic statistics, material flow and waste accounting in support of whole-of-value chain approach and circular economic development?