

EIGHTH REGIONAL 3R FORUM IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Discussion Points of Plenary Session-5

1. How can countries and cities promote 3R and circular economy to prevent marine and coastal pollution and degradation, including their contributions to SDG 14 (life below water)?
2. How can 3R be effectively integrated in existing platforms or frameworks of regional cooperation in coastal and marine protection, such as in regional sea bodies, major transboundary river basins and open fishing areas?

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3. What should be the defining features of – (a) inter-agency cooperation (among line Ministries and between national and city government); (b) institutional mechanism; and (c) public-private-partnerships (PPP), in implementation of 3R policies and programmes for prevention of land-based pollution and waste loads into the ocean?

4. What are the innovative 3R measures to prevent plastic littering in coastal and marine environment? How can these measures encourage changes in behavior in both the fishing and coastal tourism industry?

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5. To what extent have the modern IT technologies such as remote sensing and GIS been used in countries for monitoring plastics wastes and practices? Are there good examples?
6. What are the adverse economic impacts of plastic wastes in the tourism sector of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)? How can SIDS pursue 3R as an economic industry in protecting their tourism sector as well as the supporting natural ecosystem?