

EIGHTH REGIONAL 3R FORUM IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Discussion Points of Mayors Session-5

1. As Asian countries and cities continue to grow economically and industrially, what are the main technological gaps the local and municipal authorities face with in addressing the complexity and diversification of waste streams, mainly new and emerging waste streams such as – e-waste, chemicals and hazardous waste, plastics in coastal and marine environment, etc.?
2. How do these emerging waste streams matter to local and municipal authorities? What serious challenges they pose for the Mayors/Municipal Commissioners in realizing 21st century cities?

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3. How could cities and municipalities benefit through public-private, city-city, industry-industry, country-country (North-South & South-South) cooperation in scaling up of application of sound and locally adaptable waste management technologies?
4. What is the current state of capacities of cities and municipalities in evaluating and selecting appropriate waste management technologies? Are there knowledge and institutional gaps? What support could national government authorities consider in bridging such gaps?