

About State of the 3Rs in Asia and the Pacific Project

- Three objectives: 1) To develop synthesis and assessment report, 2) To compile data-relevant to monitor progress of the Hanoi 3R Declaration, 3) To contribute to the Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific
- Outcomes:
 - ✓ Developed a synthesis and status report to assess current status of 3R policy implementation in the region.
 - ✓ This project has developed 11 country reports and a regional report (Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, Pacific Island Countries) to inform the synthesis report.

About the report

- By utilizing comparable measures for waste prevention, recycling, biomass utilization, marine plastics prevention, and e-waste management, in line with SDG 12, the report presents an assessment of progress made on waste and resource efficiency throughout Asia and the Pacific
- It defines 9 concrete recommendations towards further promotion of the 3Rs and Circular Economy in the region.
- In addition, to addressing emerging waste issues such as marine pollution as well as E-waste as viewed through the lens of various policy responses,

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- The report offers a cross-country examination and comparison of different waste categories and criteria illustrated through data visualization.
- The report will be regularly updated with an aim to guide future policy discussions and monitoring on how 3R policies, strategies and actions aligned with SDG 12.

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- 1. The Regional 3R Forum's** contributions to the participation countries for facilitating 3R policy dialogues and consolidating 3R policies and strategies **need to be sustained.**
2. Continued **focus on resource productivity and waste reduction measures** are highly recommended.
- 3. New and emerging waste streams (E-waste, marine litter and coastal plastic waste, micro plastics and food waste and loss issues)** need to be addressed in the region

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4. Closing gaps between **institutional and investment needs (improved waste management) and opportunities (circular economy, sharing, ICT-use, re-use, product-service system, long-term goal of decarbonization and decoupling)** are strongly suggested.

5. Stakeholder engagement and **consensus-building-based policy making** need to be emphasized.

6. Special attention is required to address **specific challenges faced by small island countries and remote rural areas** in the region

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7. 3Rs need to **be highlighted as a part of the global sustainability agenda** (SDGs, SDG12, de-carbonization, planetary boundaries).

8. The Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific should be continued to **lead global policy debate on resource efficiency, circular economy, waste management and the 3Rs.**

9. **Capacities for data management and evidence-based policy making** need to be enhanced for continued progress on the 3Rs

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