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- Significant progress in mainstreaming 3R and circular economy policies despite the challenges posed by the recent pandemic.
- Progress in waste management policy development and considerable improvement in projects related to recycling, composting, and waste to energy.
- Countries face several issues and challenges in moving forward
- Need for more capacity for officials and staff to understand, monitor, review, and document 3R-related projects
- Lack of technological know-how to promote effective 3R initiatives

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- Financial resources to encourage and manage 3R-related initiatives
- Lack of detailed guidelines for sorting waste at source and volume-based waste fee, low awareness of the public.
- Even if sorted, is still often stored, transported, and disposed of together because of lack of appropriate treatment facilities
- Weak enforcement due to lack of resources and political will at local levels
- Low domestic waste collection fee are among further challenges faced.

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- Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Kiribati, Cook Islands, Thailand, Australia, Lao PDR, Vietnam
- Bangladesh (New Clean Master Plan 2018-32, SWM Rules and E-waste Rules 2021, CE Supported National Industrial Policy, CE in 8th 5 Year Plan 2021-26)
- Indonesia (Database twice/yr, Presidential Decrees Marine Waste, Waste to Energy, Plastic waste reduce by 70% by 2025, Roadmap for EPR)

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- Kiribati (Container Deposit Legislation CDL for PET, cans, ULABs, No of community awareness programs, National WM and RR Strategy 20-30)
- Thailand (CE Economic model, Roadmap for plastic 2018-2030 +National Action Plan, progressive, plastic bans, drafting EPR for plastic)
- India (PM driven CE mission, No of CE projects around the country, 11 Sectors/waste streams identified, EPR Regulations for several waste streams, CE coordinated by 11 ministries)
- Cook Islands (National Environmental Policy 2022-32)

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- Lao PDR (Mainstreaming SCP and CE, National CE strategy 2017, SCP Roadmap 2022-25 vision 2030, National Plastic Action Plan)
- Australia(New waste management policy and action plan incorporating CE, Ministerial Advisory Council of CE)
- Vietnam(3R and CE related policies, New Law on Environmental Policy, waste separation compulsory by 2024, volume based charge, EPR for e-waste, packaging, ELVs, Roadmap for phasing out single use plastics from 2027, Eco-industrial parks)
- Discussion on Data, Technology transfer, Policy development