



## **Initiatives, Achievements and Challenges in 3R and Circular Economy in Vanuatu**

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# Introduction

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- Brief overview of 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) and Circular Economy.
- Importance of these concepts for Vanuatu in addressing environmental challenges and promoting sustainability.
- Alignment with national and international frameworks (Paris Agreement, Sendai Framework, UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration).

# Vanuatu's Commitment to 3Rs and Circular Economy

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- ▣ Vanuatu's policy direction on waste management and circular economy.
- ▣ Integration of 3R principles in the National Waste Management and Pollution Control Strategy and Implementation Plan.
- ▣ Role of the Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC).

# Implementation of 3Rs in Vanuatu

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- ▣ Description of the 2018 ban on single-use plastics (plastic bags, straws, and polystyrene containers).
- ▣ Support Private sectors with recycling programs
- ▣ Establishment of the first composting site in Vanuatu in 2022.
- ▣ Community and stakeholder involvement.

# Implementation Outcome

Banned items



Enco friendly packaging bags



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# Implementation outcome

## Use refillable bottles



## Reusable bags



# Addressing Circular Economy Principles

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- ❑ Development of the **legal framework for Product Stewardship Scheme**.
- ❑ Introduction of the **Container Deposit Scheme** to encourage recycling of beverage containers.
- ❑ Partnerships with businesses to promote **recycling and sustainable practices**.
- ❑ Case Study: Vanuatu Environmental Science Society (VESS) recycling programs.
- ❑ Community-based recycling initiatives.
- ❑ Expected outcomes: Increased recycling rates, job creation, and reduced litter.

# Challenges and Opportunities

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Key challenges in implementing 3Rs and Circular Economy:

- ❑ Limited infrastructure.
- ❑ Public awareness and behavioral change.
- ❑ Financial constraints.

Opportunities for future improvement:

- ❑ Expanding the Product Stewardship Scheme.
- ❑ Promoting eco-friendly businesses.
- ❑ Capacity building and education programs.



# Way Forward

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- ▣ Strengthening legal frameworks and policies.
- ▣ Community education and engagement.
- ▣ Developing new waste management infrastructure.
- ▣ Partnerships with international organizations.

# Conclusion

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- ▣ Summary of Vanuatu's progress in 3Rs and Circular Economy.
- ▣ Importance of continued efforts for environmental sustainability.
- ▣ Call for collaboration between government, private sector, and communities