



GACERE
Global Alliance on
Circular Economy and
Resource Efficiency



Connecting regions to achieve global impetus for policy action: lessons learnt from four years of GACERE and sharing Japan's experience

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GACERE in a nutshell

An **alliance of governments** at the global level willing to work together on and advocate for a global just **circular economy transition** and more sustainable management of natural resources at the political level and in **multilateral fora**.

GACERE is committed to demonstrate the benefits of the circular economy to address the **triple planetary crisis** of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.



Current GACERE members and partners

16 Member States + the EU



Canada



Chile



Colombia



Ecuador



India



Japan



Kenya



Rep. of Korea



Morocco



New Zealand



Nigeria



Norway



Peru



Rwanda



South Africa



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Strategic Partners



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Regional Networks



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Latin America and the Caribbean



Circular STEP

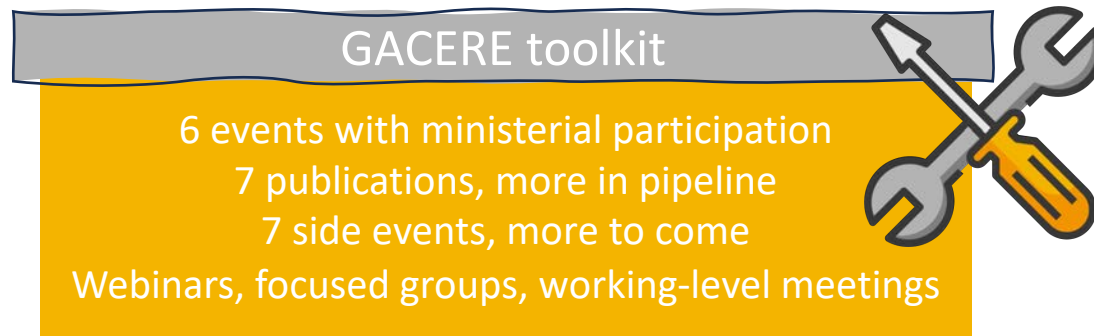
Stakeholder Engagement Platform
to accelerate the circular economy transition in the UNECE region

Expectations and objectives

- GACERE was created on the margins of **UNEA-5.1** in February 2021
- **High ambition:** contribute to a global just transition to more climate neutral, resource efficient and circular economies
- **Space:** working at the connection of existing initiatives and regional alliances, bringing circular economy to multilateral discussions and making it part of its members' policies

Achievements in four years

- ❖ Circular economy has become a relevant part of many multilateral discussions:
 - UNEA Resolution 5/11 on enhancing circular economy
 - UNEA Resolution 5/14 on ending plastic pollution
 - Pact for the Future
- ❖ 62 countries have a circular economy roadmap/strategy and 16 are developing one
- ❖ Regional commitments or declarations have been made (UNECE, 3R Forum, ECO, etc.)



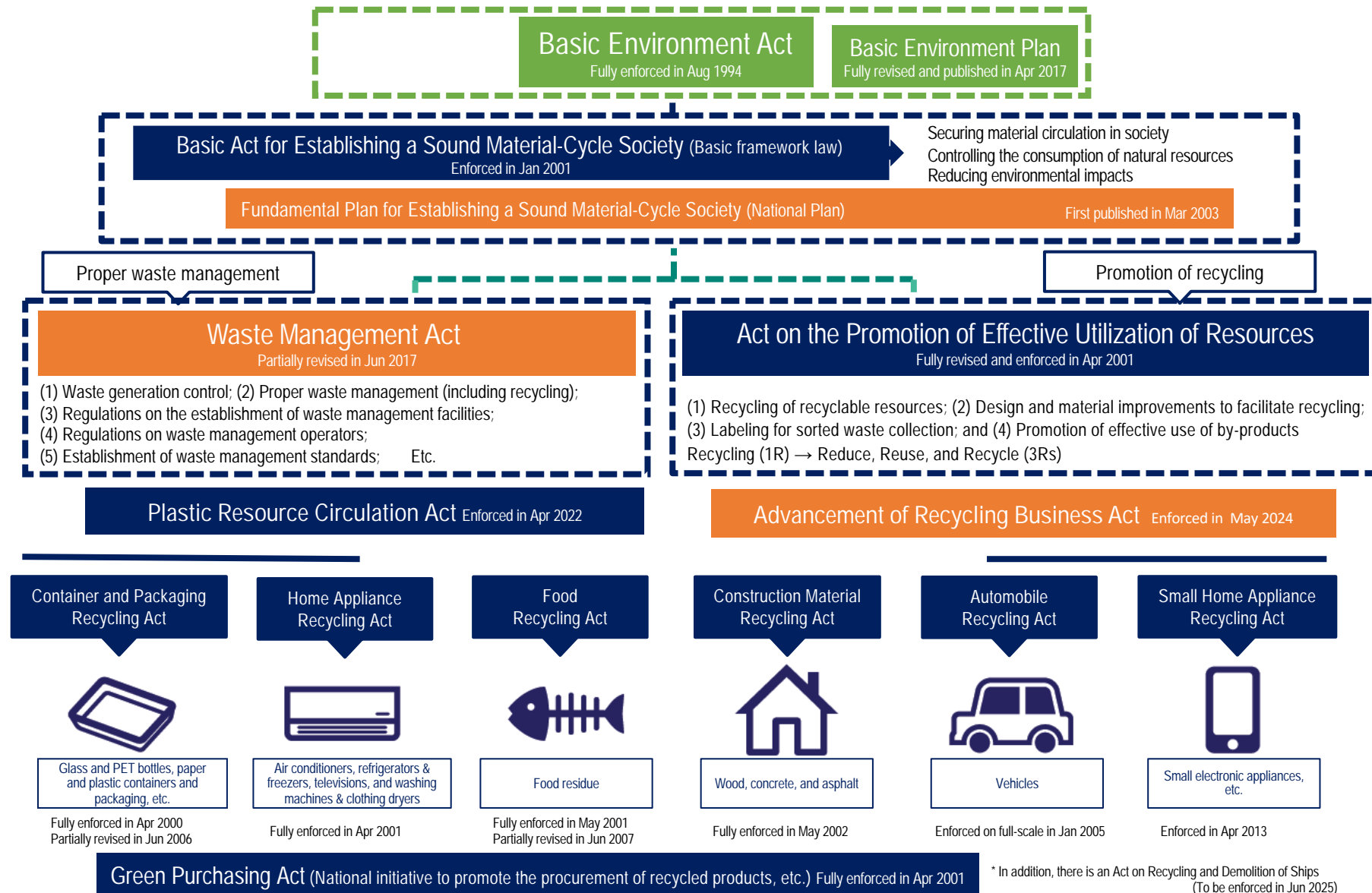


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Deep dive on Japan's experience

Legislative and Regulatory frameworks on Waste & Circular Economy



- The Ministerial Council on Circular Economy was established on July 30th, 2024 for the realization of the circular economy as a national strategy and ensuring that the government carries out the strategy in a strategic and integrated manner.
- “The Policy Package for Accelerating the Transition to a Circular Economy” was compile and approved by the Ministerial Council on December 27th, 2024

The Prime Minister's Instruction

- ◆ The Prime Minister instructed the ministries and agencies to promptly implement the policy package.
- ◆ PM also stated that this Ministerial Council will continue to serve as a command center to promote the transition to a circular economy as a national strategy.

Member

Chair : Chief Cabinet Secretary

Vice Chair : Minister of the Environment, Minister of Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry

Member : Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs and Food Safety, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Minister of State for the Promotion of Overcoming Population Decline and Vitalizing Local Economy、 and others



The National Plan towards Circular Economy



- **The National Plan towards Circular Economy** (The 5th Fundamental Plan for Establishing a Sound Material-Cycle Society) was approved **by the cabinet on August 2, 2024**. This plan sets the direction of resource circulation and waste management **over the next five years** for Japan.
- The 5th plan will drive **the transition to a circular economy**, which contributes to achieving a net-zero and nature positive economy, strengthening industrial competitiveness, promoting circular business, local revitalization, and economic security.



Basic outlines

1. **Transition to a circular economy** with a view to realizing **a net zero** and **nature positive economy**
2. **Resource circulation throughout the life cycle** with enhanced collaboration among stakeholders, including manufactures and recyclers
3. Realizing diverse **local/regional** resource circulation systems
4. Strengthening **infrastructure** for resource circulation and environmentally-sound waste management
5. **International resource circulation** and promotion of development of recycling and waste management infrastructure



The plan indicates the basis of policies to enhance circularity both domestically and internationally.



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Thank you!

Please join us on 5th March at the **roundtable on plastics**

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