

Webinar Celebrating International Day of Zero-waste:
"Moving towards Zero-waste Cities through 3R and Circular Economy"
Saturday March 30, 2024 15:00 Hours (India Time)

The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution at its seventy-seventh session to proclaim 30th March as the International Day of Zero Waste with the objective of promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns, supporting the societal shift towards circularity and raising awareness about how zero-waste initiatives contribute to the advancement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Humanity generates an estimated 2.24 billion tons of municipal solid waste annually, of which only 55 per cent is managed in controlled facilities. Every year, around 931 million tons of food is lost or wasted and up to 14 million tons of plastic waste enters aquatic ecosystems. Zero-waste initiatives can foster sound waste management and minimize and prevent waste, helping to address the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity and nature loss, protect the environment, enhance food security and improve human health and well-being.

To celebrate International Day of Zero-waste, a webinar on "Moving towards Zero-waste Cities for Clean Environment through 3R and Circular Economy " is co-organised by UNCRD-DSDG/ UN DESA, 3R WASTE Foundation (India), UN-Global Compact Network India (UNGCNI) and All India Institute of Local Self Government (AILSG) on Saturday March 30, 2024 at 15:00 hours (IST).

The webinar shall focus on promoting 3R & circular economy for all forms of municipal waste (solid and dry waste, wet waste, wastewater and sewage sludge), reducing adverse environmental impacts of cities by paying special attention to land and air quality and municipal and other waste management and achieving significant improvement in water quality by reducing pollution and substantially increasing water-use efficiency across all sectors.

This Webinar is a pre-event of the upcoming UNCRD's Regional 3R and CE Forum 2024

Target Participants:

The webinar intends to bring together a diverse range of participants including government officials, urban local bodies, private sector stakeholders and entrepreneurs dealing with waste recycling and reuse and interested in sustainable development, civil society representatives and community leaders engaged in local and regional development initiatives.

Key Speakers / Panelists:

	Speaker's Name	Organisation	Presentation Title
1.	Mr. C R C Mohanty Environment Programme Coordinator	UNCRD, Japan	Keynote Address
2.	Mr. Ratnesh, ED	UN GCNI	Special Address
3.	Mr. Binay Jha, Director	Director, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Gol	Swachh Bharat Mission- Urban Phase-II
4.	Dr. Anupam Khajuria,	UN University, Japan	Empowering Zero Waste Cities through AI-driven CE Strategies.
5.	Dr. N. B. Mazumdar, Chairman	International Academy of Environmental Sanitation & Public Health,	Towards Zero-waste Cities through 3R and Circular Economy
6.	Prof. Sadhan K Ghosh, Chairman	IconSWM-CE	Sustainable Development & Circular Economy
7.	Professor Sunil Herat,	Griffith University, Australia	Managing E-waste to move towards zero waste
8.	Ms. Verele de Vreede	Waste Netherlands	Work in plastic waste free cities, FINILOOP
9.	Dr. Jayanarayan, Director	Bintix Waste Research Ltd. Hyderabad	Monetising, Recycling & Reuse of Waste
10.	Ms. Paramita Dey, Head Resources & Waste	National Institute of Urban Affairs, N Delhi	Circular Economy in Solid waste management in India
11.	Ms. Swati Sambyal, Waste Management Specialist	GRID-Arendal, a Norwegian environmental and research agency	<i>Enabling Zero Waste Management in Cities: Case studies and Practices</i>
12.	Dr. Ritu Raj Kaur	GNDU, Amritsar	Closing the Loop: Power Generation from Crop Residues
13.	Dr. Somnath Singh	Deputy Director UNGCNI	Corporate Action to Achieve Zero Waste Cities
14.	Dr. Kulwant Singh	3R WASTE Foundation	Session Moderator