

Intervention by **Mr. Upendra Tripathy**, IAS (Retd.), Adjunct Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, Former Founding Director General, International Solar Alliance, Former Secretary MNRE, Government of India

Mr. Upendra Tripathy, in his intervention, talked about the importance of Jaipur Declaration, and praised UN, UNCRD, DESA, India and Japan, for having got the declaration passed through a very inclusive and delicate process. Citing his experience as the Founding and first Director General of International Solar Alliance, he appreciated the proposed role of the Coalition of Cities for Circularity, (C3), as the organization to bring together actors, Ideas and institutions under a common platform to implement all goals and sub-goals enshrined in the Jaipur Declaration. Mr Tripathy highlighted that C3 could play an effective role in the preparation of bankable projects and promotion of waste and climate-friendly technologies, as well skill setting and capacity building measures. He also thanked UNCRD for having organized several events and programmes promoting 3R. One such example being the Life programme of Prime Minister Modi.

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He also thanked UNCRD for having organized the side event inviting so many focus countries, and in a conference venue full to its brim, (which is not the usual case) and appealed UNCRD to take the idea of 3C forward in an effective manner. Giving the example of Solar Road Maps drawn up by ISA, he expressed that 3C can put 3R roadmaps for member countries, as well as a National Circularity Strategy (NCS) that promotes circularity in all sectors across countries and cities.