

UNCRD - UN DESA Side Event at 2025 HLPF, UN HQ, New York

15 July 2025 / 13:15 -14:30 / Conference Room F, UN HQ Building

Panel Discussion /Open Discussion Questions:

1. What are the biggest challenges countries in the Asia-Pacific region face when trying to reduce marine pollution through 3R and circular economy practices? How can these be overcome?
2. What role do government policies and regulations play in promoting 3R strategies and circular economy initiatives for marine ecosystems? Can you provide examples of effective policies from the Asia-Pacific region?
3. How can international cooperation, particularly between Pacific Island Countries (PICs) and other Asia-Pacific countries, help advance circular economy practices in marine ecosystems?
4. What is the role of the private sector, particularly industries like fishing, tourism, and shipping, in embracing circular economy principles to reduce marine pollution and promote sustainability?
5. What opportunities exist for using frontier technologies such as artificial intelligence, or other advanced technologies in the reduction of marine pollution and the protection of coastal and marine ecosystems in the Asia-Pacific region?
6. How do we measure the success of circular economy initiatives in coastal and marine ecosystems? What metrics are important for tracking progress towards SDG 14 in the Asia-Pacific context?