Asia and the Pacific 3R White Paper:

Result of working session facilitated by Ministry of the Environment of Japan and UNCRD

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Background

- Proposal from Ministry of the Environment of Japan to launch the project to develop a synthesis and status report of 3R implementation in Asia and the Pacific with data and its periodical publications.
- Since the launch of the 3R Initiative in 2004, a lot of experience and information was shared among countries.
- Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific started to accumulate lots of information through the form of background papers and country reports.
- A group of experts gathered and discussed about the proposal of white paper during lunch today.

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- Synthesis and status report to assess current status of 3R policy implementation in the region based on country reports to Regional 3R Forum in AP.
- Status of 3R implementation will be summarized for each country.
- In the introduction, 20-30 page of synthesis of trend analysis (based on 3R Policy Indicator Factsheets) will be presented along 3R goals in Hanoi 3R Declaration.
- Drafting committee will be organized. About 2 years project to start.

Suggestions from discussion at working session

- Target audience would be **participants of Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific**, especially national governments of participating countries.
- Asia and the Pacific 3R White Paper will cover Asia and the Pacific region, and be synchronized with UNEP Global Waste management Outlook which focuses on the global scale.
- The work on core set of indicators for monitoring Hanoi 3R declaration and Asia and the Pacific 3R White Paper would be an integrated work.
- Consistent approach and guideline should be developed for data collection, and so reliable and credible data will be collected in standard way. Data compilation trials on waste generation and recycling rate of each country to evaluate information availability

Suggestions from discussion at working session

- Collaboration with experts such as 3R International Scientific Conference and working group of 3R policy indicator of Asia Resource Circulation Policy Research Group.
- Also, Asia and the Pacific 3R White Paper utilizes the existing documents, such as Country Report, Hanoi 3R Declaration, presentations given at 3R Forum etc.
- The report should **include successful case studies and good practices on collaborations** among various stakeholders.
- Asia and the Pacific 3R White Paper will be developed as **baseline** report, and it might be updated periodically.

Thank you!