Roundtable 2: Agricultural biomass

- Introduction by the Chair
 - Need to enhance use of biomass
- Develop policy and cooperation in multilayer partnerships
- Bhutan-Nepal
 - Biomass is fully utilized
- India
 - Green revolution eventually became a pollution problems
 - Need for political will
 - PPP is essential. Viability depends on the government roles
- Japan
 - Demonstration on soil conditioner
- Myanmar
 - Waste to energy is welcome
- Indonesia
 - Need to pool resources and technologies
 - Policy on biomass usage is required
 - Open burning of crop residues are an issue that need political will
 - Need to improve 3R in agriculture

Fiji

Need for academia to be engaged in local and regional collaboration

Cambodia

Biodigester case study awareness raising

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- Should share lesson learnt among countries
- Should aware of depleting soil condition if waste to energy is promoted
- Awareness and capacity building on biomass use is required
- Economic instrument

Overall comments

- Recognised problems raised from agriculture biomass and livestocks but differ from country to country
- Recognised opportunities to have co-benefits in agricultural biomass and livestocks
- Need for a dedicated policy for 3R on biomass
- Multilayer partnership is essential depending on the actual situation in each country. It should be established based on the intensity of the problem.
- General lack of political will in harnessing the biomass use is recognised.