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Country 3R Progress Report

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*Progress and achievements towards implementation of the Ha Noi 3R Declaration
-Sustainable 3R Goals for Asia and the Pacific (2013-2023)-*

With the objective of demonstrating renewed interest and commitment of Asia-Pacific countries towards realizing a resource efficient society, the Fourth Regional 3R Forum in Asia-Pacific in 2013 adopted the good-will and legally non-binding “*Ha Noi 3R Declaration – Sustainable 3R Goals for Asia and the Pacific 2013-23.*” The objective of the Country Reporting is to share among international community various initiatives launched and efforts made (such as new policy instruments, legislations, regulations, institutional arrangements, investments or financing, technological innovation or intervention, partnership mechanisms, such as PPPs, etc.) by the member countries of the Forum in addressing each of the underlined goals of the Ha Noi 3R Declaration. This would not only help the member countries to learn various 3R best practices in place across the region, but it would also help bi-lateral and multi-lateral development agencies, donors, development banks in assessing the sustainable needs and challenges to better devise their existing as well as future capacity building programmes and technical assistance in the areas of 3Rs and sustainable waste management.

We request you to kindly fill in the below table as much as possible with relevant data/information. If additional spaces are required, separate sheets could be attached.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

**Voluntary Progress/Achievements/Initiatives in
Implementing Ha Noi 3R Declaration (2013~2023)**

Country Name [Vanuatu](#)

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I. 3R Goals in Urban/Industrial Areas (3Rs in municipal solid waste)

Goal 1 Significant **reduction** in the quantity of **municipal solid waste** generated, by instituting policies, programmes, and projects at national and local levels, encouraging both producers and consumers to reduce the waste through greening production, greening lifestyle, and sustainable consumption.

Q-1 What specific 3R policies, programmes and projects, are implemented to reduce the quantity of municipal solid waste?

There are no specific 3R policies. But the Vanuatu government had passed the Waste Management Act which also provides for development of regulations for 3R and reduction of municipal solid waste. Additionally, Vanuatu's current National Waste Management and Pollution Control Strategy 2016 – 2020 is currently undergoing review. The strategy outlines actions relative to municipal solid waste minimization.

Q-2 What is the level of participation of households in “source” segregation of municipal waste streams? (Please check the appropriate box)

- Very High (> 90%)
- High (>70%)
- Average (50-~70%)
- Low or not satisfactory (< 50%)
- Does not exist

Q-3 Total annual government expenditure per capita (US\$ per capita) in municipal solid waste management in 2013-2014

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Policy: Low coordination between stakeholders for Waste Management

Institutional: Low human resource capacity.

Technological: Lack of experts for waste management

Financial: No governmental budget for waste management

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

Pilot projects for cans separations were established in Port Vila and Luganville. One company, the Recycle Corp Vanuatu collects the cans for storage and then exports to overseas for further process. There are also pilot projects for market waste and household organic wastes composting.

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

The government through the Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation has developed its National Waste Management Strategy and is also working on developing a National Waste Minimization Policy.

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

I. 3R Goals in Urban/Industrial Areas (3Rs in municipal solid waste)

Goal 2 Full-scale utilization of the organic component of municipal waste, including food waste, as a valuable resource, thereby achieving multiple benefits such as the reduction of waste flows to final disposal sites, reduction of GHG emission, improvement in resource efficiency, energy recovery, and employment creation.

Q-1 Does the central government have policies or support to utilize or reduce the organic waste such as composting, energy recovery and improving efficiency in food processing?

Yes. The Vanuatu Government has its National Waste Management Strategy and is now currently under review for 2016 to 2020. But under the strategy it has action plans for organic waste reduction through practice of backyard home composting and gardening. Market organic wastes are also composted.

Q-2 What is happening to country's organic waste? (Please check the appropriate box)

- mostly landfilled
- mostly incinerated
- both landfilled and incinerated
- mostly open dumped or open burned

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

The main challenges for implementing a full scale utilization of the organic component of municipal waste is the lack of human resource and the appropriate technological capacity to effectively coordinate and implement the policy.

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

Pilot projects were established for home composting and market composting. Currently only Luganville municipality is implementing the full scale market composting. The Port Vila's Municipality organic waste is being transported to a private company known as the Vanuatu Direct for mulching and composting purposes. But this has stopped for a while due to lack of continuous coordination by the municipality council.

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

I. 3R Goals in Urban/Industrial Areas (3Rs in municipal solid waste)

Goal 3 Achieve significant **increase in recycling rate** of recyclables (e.g., plastic, paper, metal, etc.), by introducing policies and measures, and by setting up financial mechanisms and institutional frameworks involving relevant stakeholders (e.g., producers, consumers, recycling industry, users of recycled materials, etc.) and development of modern recycling industry.

Q-1 What is the recycling rate of various recyclables? (Please check the appropriate cell & add more waste streams as relevant for the country)

Rate Type	Very High (>90%)	High (>70%)	Average (50~60%)	Poor (<50%)	Recycling does not exist	Definition of recycling rate*
Paper					✓	
Plastic					✓	
Metal				✓	✓	✓
Construction waste					✓	
e-waste				✓	✓	✓
others						

*Note: Please specify in the cell which of the following definitions (ie., 1 or 2 or 3) is followed for recycling rate

Definition 1: (collected recyclable waste)/(estimated generation of waste)

Definition 2: (volume of utilized recyclable waste)/(volume of raw material)

Definition 3: (volume of utilized recyclable waste)/(volume of collected waste for recycling)

Q-2 What specific policies are introduced at local and national level for prevention or reduction of waste streams – paper, plastic, metal, construction waste, e-waste?

National Waste Management Strategy and Waste Management Act.

Q-3 What is the rate of resource recovery from various waste streams?

Rate Type	Very High (>90%)	High (>70%)	Average (50~60%)	Poor (<50%)	Recycling does not exist
Paper					✓
Plastic					✓
Metal					✓
Construction waste					✓
e-waste					✓

(Please check the appropriate cell & add more waste streams as relevant for the country)

Q-4 What is the level of existence of resource recovery facilities/ infrastructures in cities?

Level Type	Every Major City	Few Major Cities only	Does not exist	Supportive policy or programmes exists	No supportive policy or programmes
Paper			✓	✓	
Plastic			✓	✓	
Metal			✓	✓	
Construction waste			✓	✓	
e-waste			✓	✓	

**Voluntary Progress/Achievements/Initiatives in
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Country Name **Vanuatu**

I. 3R Goals in Urban/Industrial Areas (3Rs in municipal solid waste)

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Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

No recycling industry in Vanuatu to recycle all recyclable wastes in the main towns or municipality areas.

Financial mechanisms to also support the recycling industry does not exist.

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

No current pilot projects to increase recycling rate of recyclables.

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Management Strategy 2016 -2020, the National Waste Minimization Policy and the Waste Management Act.

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

I. 3R Goals in Urban/Industrial Areas (3Rs in municipal solid waste)

Goal 4 Build **sustainable cities /green cities** by encouraging “**zero waste**” through sound policies, strategies, institutional mechanisms, and multi - stakeholder partnerships (giving specific importance to private sector involvement) with a primary goal of **waste minimization**

Q-1 What specific waste management policies and programmes are introduced to encourage private sector participation in municipal waste management?

National Waste Management Strategy and the Waste Management Act

Q-2 What are the major waste management areas that have strong involvement of private and business sector? (Please check appropriate boxes and add other areas if not listed below)

- waste collection
- resource recovery
- waste recycling
- waste to energy, composting, etc.
- PPP projects in waste sector

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Lack of human and financial resource capacity at institutional level.

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

Organic waste composting practice for Luganville and Port Vila town markets.

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? **Highly** **Partially** **Not at all**

I. 3R Goals in Urban/Industrial Areas (3Rs in Industrial waste)

Goal 5 Encourage the **private sector**, including small - and medium - sized enterprises (SMEs) to implement measures to increase **resource efficiency and productivity**, creation of decent work and to improve environmentally-friendly practices through applying environmental standards, clean technologies, and cleaner production.

Q-1 What are the major clean technology related policies aiming to increase energy and resource efficiency of SMEs?

This is very limited to the existence of the Vanuatu Energy Roadmap which encourages the utilization of renewable energy and energy efficiency by all in Vanuatu. There is however no specific targeted clean technologies policy to address this aspect within SMEs.

Q-2 What are the capacity building programmes currently in place to build the technical capacity of SMEs in 3R areas?

None

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional capacity for policy implementation

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? **Highly** **Partially** **Not at all**

I. 3R Goals in Urban/Industrial Areas (3Rs in Industrial waste)

Goal 6 Promote the **greening of the value chain** by encouraging industries and associated suppliers and vendors in socially responsible and inclusive ways.

Q-1 What percent of companies and industries have introduced green accounting and voluntary environmental performance evaluation (Ref: ISO 14000)?

- Very High (> 90%)
- High (>70%)
- Average (50~~70%)
- Low or not satisfactory (< 50%)
- None

Q-2 What percent of companies and industries have introduced social accounting (Ref: SA 8000) in consultation with their workers?

- Very High (> 90%)
- High (>70%)
- Average (50~~70%)
- Low or not satisfactory (< 50%)
- None

Q 3 Does government have a programme for promoting greening of the value chain? What specific policies, programmes and incentives are introduced to promote greening of value chain?

None.

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:
Institutional capacity in terms of human resources and finance.

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? **Highly** **Partially** **Not at all**

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I. 3R Goals in Urban/Industrial Areas (3Rs in Industrial waste)

Goal 7 Promote **industrial symbiosis** (i.e., recycling of waste from one industry as a resource for another), by providing relevant incentives and support.

Q-1 Does your government have policies and programmes promoting industrial symbiosis in industrial parks or zones? What specific policies, programmes and incentives are introduced to promote industrial symbiosis?

None

Q-2 How many eco-industrial parks or zones or the like, which is supported by the government, are there in the country?

None

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional capacity in terms of human resources, technology and finance

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

Development of the National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

I. 3R Goals in Urban/Industrial Areas (3Rs in Industrial waste)

Goal 8 Build **local capacity** of both current and future practitioners, to enable the private sector (including SMEs) to obtain the necessary knowledge and technical skills to foster green industry and create decent, productive work.

Q-1 How many dedicated training facilities or centers are there to cater the needs of SMEs and practitioners in the areas of cleaner production, resource efficiency and environment-friendly technologies, etc.?

One – Chamber of Commerce

Q-2 Please provide an indicative figure on annual government (US \$) expenditure on building technical capacity of SMEs and practitioners in the areas of cleaner production, resource efficiency and environment-friendly technologies, etc.?

1000USD

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional capacity in terms of human resource and finance

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

Development of the National Waste Minimization policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

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I. 3R Goals in Urban/Industrial Areas (3Rs in Industrial waste)

Goal 9 Develop proper **classification and inventory of hazardous waste** as a prerequisite towards sound management of such waste.

Q-1 Is there a systematic classification of hazardous waste? If so, please attach.

Yes No

Q-2 What specific rules and regulations are introduced to separate, store, treat, transportation and disposal of hazardous waste?

None. But regulations will be developed under the Waste Management Act regarding hazardous waste

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Main challenge will be institutional in terms of human resources and finance

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None yet

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

II. 3R Goals in Rural Areas

Goal 10 **Reduce losses in the overall food supply chain** (production, post harvesting and storage, processing and packaging, distribution), leading to reduction of waste while increasing the quantity and improving the quality of products reaching consumers.

Q-1 What specific policies, rules and regulations, including awareness programmes, are introduced to minimize food or crop waste?

None

Q-2 Is there any continuing education services or awareness programmes for the farmers or agricultural marketing associations on reduction of crop wastes for increased food security?

Yes. Agriculture department have conducted training and awareness programmes for backyard home composting and gardening to minimize food wastes into the landfill.

Q-3 What is the average wastage of crops or agricultural produce between farms to consumers, if there is a study in your country?

Very High (> 20~ 30%)

High (10~20%)

Medium (5~10%)

Low (< 5%)

Negligible (<1%)

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional challenges

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

II. 3R Goals in Rural Areas

Goal 11 Promote full scale **use of agricultural biomass waste and livestock waste** through reuse and/or recycle measures as appropriate, to achieve a number of co - benefits including GHG emission reduction, energy security, sustainable livelihoods in rural areas and poverty reduction, among others.

Q-1 How much amount of – (a) agricultural biomass waste and (b) livestock waste are grossly generated per annum?

[No or very limited data available](#)

Q-2 How are most of the agricultural biomass wastes utilized or treated? (Please check all appropriate boxes)

- as secondary raw material input (for paper, bioplastic, furniture, etc.)
- biogas/electricity generation
- [composts/fertilizers](#)
- [mostly left unutilized or open dumped](#)
- mostly open burned

Q-3 What specific policies, guidelines, and technologies are introduced for efficient utilization of agricultural biomass waste and livestock waste as a secondary material inputs towards full scale economic benefits? Relevant websites could be shared for additional information.

[Vanuatu National Energy Road map and Agriculture policy](#)

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

[Institutional and financial capacity to implement](#)

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

[None](#)

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

[Implementation of the Vanuatu National Energy Road map and Agriculture policy](#)

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

III. 3R Goals for New and Emerging Wastes

Goal 12 Strengthen regional, national, and local efforts to address the issue of **waste, in particular plastics** in the marine and coastal environment.

Q-1 What specific policies and regulations are in place to address the issue of plastic wastes in coastal and marine environment?

Waste Management Act, Pollution Control Act and the National Waste Management Strategy

Q-2 What extent issue of plastic waste is considered in integrated coastal zone management (ICZM)? (Please check the appropriate box)

Very much Somehow Not at all

Q-3 Please provide a list of centre of excellences or dedicated scientific and research programmes established to address the impacts of micro-plastic particulates (<5 mm) on coastal and marine species? If yes, please provide relevant websites.

None

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

III. 3R Goals for New and Emerging Wastes

Goal 13 Ensure **environmentally-sound management of e-waste** at all stages, including collection, storage, transportation, recovery, recycling, treatment, and disposal with appropriate consideration for working conditions, including **health and safety aspects** of those involved.

Q-1 How do people usually recycle their e-waste (waste electrical and electronic equipment)?
(Please check the appropriate box in order of priority by filling in numbers like 1, 2, 3, 4,...etc., for example 1 => Highest priority)

Check if applicable	Number in priority order	
		Take to recycling center / resource recovery facilities
	1	Take to landfill
		Take to the retailer
		Take to local charity for re-use
		Take to second-hand shop for re-use
		Ship back to the manufacturer
		Ship back to the manufacturer
	3	Recycle in another country
		Do not know how people dispose

Q-2 What specific policies and regulations are in place to ensure health and safety aspects of those involved in e-waste management (handling/sorting/resource recovery/recycling)?

Waste Management Act, National Waste Management Strategy

Q-3 How much amount of e-waste is generated and recycled per year?

Type of e-waste	Estimated total volume generated (ton/year)	% of collected by permitted recycler	% of volume recycled in collected
Television		None	None
Computer		None	None
Mobile phone		None	None
Refrigerators		None	None
Washing machines		None	None
Air conditioners		None	None
Others...		None	None

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

III. 3R Goals for New and Emerging Wastes

Goal 14 Effective enforcement of established mechanisms for preventing illegal and inappropriate export and import of waste, including transit trade, especially of hazardous waste and e-waste.

Q-1 *What specific policies and regulations are introduced to prevent illegal import and export of e-waste?*

No specific policies but Vanuatu has rectified the Waigani Convention for the trans-boundary movement for hazardous waste materials for implementation.

Q-2 *Do you have required number of well-trained custom or other officials (for airport, sea-port, land border control, etc.) to track illegal export and import of e-waste?*

Yes No

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional capacity in terms of human resource for land border control, airport and sea-port

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

Ratification of the Basel Convention and also development of the National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

III. 3R Goals for New and Emerging Wastes

Goal 15 Progressive implementation of “**extended producer responsibility (EPR)**” by encouraging producers, importers, and retailers and other relevant stakeholders to fulfill their responsibilities for collecting, recycling, and disposal of new and emerging waste streams, in particular e-waste.

Q-1 What specific Extended Product Responsibility (EPR) policies are enacted or introduced? (If there is none, then skip Q-2 below)

None

Q-2 Please provide a list of products and product groups targeted by EPR nationally?

None

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

III. 3R Goals for New and Emerging Wastes

Goal 16 Promote the 3R concept in health-care waste management.

Q-1 What specific policies and regulations are in place for healthcare waste management?

None

Q-2 What is the total annual government expenditure towards healthcare waste management (US\$ per year)?

None

Q-3 List the agencies or authorities responsible for healthcare waste management.

Ministry of Health

Q-4 What is the common practice for disposal of healthcare wastes?

(Please check the appropriate box and add if any other practice followed)

- open dumping (untreated)
- open burning (untreated)
- ordinary landfilling (untreated)
- sanitary landfilling (treated)
- Low cost small scale incineration (do not meet air emission standards)
- Highly controlled air incineration (dedicated/modern medical waste incinerators)
- Other methods (please specify names:)

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional and financial capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 17 Improve **resource efficiency and resource productivity** by greening jobs nation - wide in all economic and development sectors.

Q-1 What specific policies and guidelines are introduced for product standard (towards quality/durability, environment/eco-friendliness, labour standard)?

None

Q-2 What specific energy efficiency schemes are introduced for production, manufacturing and service sector?

None

Q-3 What specific policies are introduced to create green jobs in product and waste sector?

None

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 18 Maximize co-benefits from waste management technologies for local air, water, oceans, and soil pollution and global climate change.

Q-1 Please share how climate mitigation is addressed in waste management policies and programmes for co-benefits?

None

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

[Institutional capacity](#)

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

[National Waste Minimization Policy](#)

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 19 Enhance **national and local knowledge base and research network on the 3Rs and resource efficiency**, through facilitating effective and dynamic linkages among all stakeholders, including governments, municipalities, the private sector, and scientific communities.

Q-1 What specific policies are introduced to encourage triangular cooperation between government, scientific & research institutions and private/business sector in 3R areas?

None

Q-2 Please share the number and list of dedicated scientific institution, or coordinating centers in the areas of 3Rs (e.g., waste minimization technologies, eco-products, cleaner production, recycling technologies, industrial symbiosis, resource efficiency, etc.)?

None

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional Capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 20 Strengthen multi-stakeholder partnerships among governments, civil society, and the private sector in raising public awareness and advancing the 3Rs, sustainable consumption and production, and resource efficiency, leading to the behavioural change of the citizens and change in production patterns.

Q-1 Does central government have official dialogue with multi-stakeholders in the process to formulate 3R-related policies and regulations? Which stakeholders are involved in the dialogue?(Please check all applicable)

- NGOs
 Industrial Association
 Local Government
 Academic Institution
 Others, please add/specify ()

Q-2 What is the level of NGOs' involvement in 3R, sustainable production and consumption, resource efficiency related promotional activities? (Please check the appropriate box)

- Very high
 Moderate
 Low
 Almost Negligible

Q-3 What is the level of citizens' awareness on beneficial aspects of 3R, sustainable production and consumption and resource efficiency. (Please check the appropriate box)

- Very high
 Moderate
 Low
 Almost Negligible

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:
Institutional and financial capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant
None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)
National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 21 **Integrate the 3Rs** in formal education at primary, secondary, and tertiary levels as well as non-formal education such as community learning and development, in accordance with Education for Sustainable Development.

Q-1 Provide a list of formal programmes that addresses areas of 3R and resource efficiency as part of the academic curriculum?

None

Q-2 Please provide an overview of the Government policies and programmes to promote community learning and development (non-formal education) on 3R and sustainable waste management.

The action plans stated in the National Waste Management Strategy. The action plans include actions for 3Rs practice.

Q-3 Please provide a list of academic and research institutions offering PhD programmes in the areas of 3Rs and resource efficiency?

None

Q-4 Please provide a list of management institutions (offering BBA / MBA courses) which have integrated resource efficiency and life cycle assessment (LCA) as part of their curriculum or course development?

None

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? **Highly** **Partially** **Not at all**

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 22 **Integrate the 3R concept** in relevant policies and programmes, of key ministries and agencies such as Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Trade and Commerce, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Construction, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Land and Urban Development, Ministry of Education, and other relevant ministries towards transitioning to a resource-efficient and zero waste society.

Q-1 Please list the name of the Ministries and major Government Agencies which are promoting 3R and resource efficiency as part of their policy, planning and developmental activities at local and national level.

None at this stage. But relevant stakeholders will be all government line ministries should include in their policy the 3R promotion for resource efficiency.

Q-2 What type of coordination mechanism are there among ministries and agencies for a resource efficient economic development?

- Official regular coordination meeting among ministries and agencies
- Official ad-hoc coordination meeting among ministries and agencies
- Informal meeting among ministries and agencies
- Other coordination mechanisms (please add/specify)

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional and financial capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 23 Promote **green and socially responsible procurement** at all levels, thereby creating and expanding 3R industries and markets for environmentally-friendly goods and products.

Q-1 What specific policies are introduced to promote green and social responsible procurement?

None

Q-2 Please provide details of eco-labelling schemes of your country.

None

Q-3 Please provide a list of criteria for eco-labeled products and services in your country.

None

Q-4 Please provide the list of Ministries and major Government Agencies which have adopted green procurement policy.

None

Q-5 What % of municipalities have adopted the green procurement policy?

None

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 24 Phase out harmful subsidies that favour unsustainable use of resources (raw materials and water) and energy, and channel the freed funds in support of implementing the 3Rs and efforts to improve resource/energy efficiency.

Q-1 Are there any government subsidy programmes that directly or indirectly favour unsustainable use of resources (raw materials, water, energy)? If so, please provide a list of such programmes along with the responsible Ministry or Agency administering and implementing it.

None

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 25 **Protect public health and ecosystems, including freshwater and marine resources by eliminating illegal activities of open dumping, including dumping in the oceans, and controlling open burning in both urban and rural areas.**

Q-1 Is waste management a public health priority in your country?

Yes

Q-2 What are the rules and regulations to prevent open dumping and open burning of waste?

Waste Management Act and Pollution Control Act

Q-3 Rank the five most important rivers in terms of water quality (BOD values) passing through major cities and urban areas?

Tagabe River
La Cole River
Teouma River
Sarakata River

Q-4 What are the specific laws, rules and regulations in place to prevent littering in river and water bodies?

Waste Management Act and Pollution Control Act

Q-5 What are the specific laws, rules and regulations in place to prevent marine littering?

Waste Management Act

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional Capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 26 Facilitate the international circulation of re-usable and recyclable resources as well as remanufactured products as mutually agreed by countries and in accordance with international and national laws, especially the Basel Convention, which contributes to the reduction of negative environmental impacts and the effective management of resources.

Q-1 What are major recycling industries in your country?

None. No recycling industries in Vanuatu

Q-2 Please specify the regulation on transboundary movement of hazardous waste.

None

Q-3 If your government has restriction on import of non-hazardous waste or quality control of non-hazardous waste, please list it up.

No

Q-4 Does your government restrict import of remanufactured goods?

No

Q-5 Does your government regard remanufactured goods as secondhand goods, and regulate it as secondhand goods?

Yes

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Lack of policy for imported second hand goods and institutional capacity to implement.

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

Development of Regulations under the Waste Management Act for importation of second hand materials plus development of the National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 27 Promote data collection, compilation and sharing, public announcement and application of statistics on wastes and the 3Rs, to understand the state of waste management and resource efficiency.

Q-1 Please give an overview on availability of various data and information on material flow and waste management by checking (X or ✓) the appropriate boxes. (Please respond on both "Data Availability" and Monitoring Base")

Data Type	Data Availability			Monitoring Base	
	Good	Very limited	No data exist	Good	Not good
Waste generation	✓			✓	
Material flow		✓		✓	
Cyclical use			✓		✓
Amount of final disposal			✓		✓
Disposal to land			✓		✓
Direct disposal to water			✓		✓
Import of waste			✓		✓
Export of waste			✓		✓
Total landfilled waste		✓		✓	
Import of recyclables		✓		✓	
Export of recyclables			✓		✓
Hazardous waste generation (solid, liquid, sludge, etc.)			✓		✓
e-waste generation			✓		

(Please add any other data type relevant to your country)

Q-2 What are the current and planned government policies and programmes to strengthen data and information availability in waste sector?

Current review of the National Waste Management Strategy for 2016 to 2020

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional and financial capacity for implementation

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

**Voluntary Progress/Achievements/Initiatives in
Implementing Ha Noi 3R Declaration (2013~2023)**

Country Name **Vanuatu**

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 28 Promote heat recovery (waste-to-energy), in case wastes are not re-usable or recyclable and proper and sustainable management is secured.

Q-1 What are the government policies and programmes, including incentives, for waste-to-energy programmes?

None

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional, technological and financial capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 29 Promote overall regional cooperation and multi-stakeholder partnerships based on different levels of linkages such as government-to-government, municipality-to-municipality, industry-to-industry, (research) institute-to-institute, and NGO-to-NGO. Encourage technology transfer and technical and financial supports for 3Rs from developed countries to less developed countries.

Q-1 Please provide a list of on-going bilateral/multi-lateral technical cooperation in 3R areas?
 JICA is the only current donor aid agency that regularly supports solid waste management projects in Vanuatu. More recently UNDP has entered the fray more with regards to disaster waste management in the urban centers of Port Vila and Lenakel.

Q-2 What actions are being taken to promote inter-municipal or regional cooperation in areas of waste exchanges, resource recovery, recycling, waste-to-energy and trade of recyclables?
 The JICA J-PRISM project targeting the three (3) municipalities, Port Vila, Luganville and Lenakel

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:
 Institutional and financial capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant
 None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)
 National Waste Minimization Policy and the review of the National Waste Management Strategy for 2016 to 2020.

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 30 Pay special attention to issues and challenges faced by developing countries including SIDS in achieving sustainable development.

Q-1 Please describe any past and on-going cooperation with SIDS (Small Island Developing States) countries in 3R areas.

Under the JICA J-PRISM project the Melanesian island countries are able to work and collaborate together in waste management. Vanuatu is fortunate to be part of the project because not only for work activities in waste management, but it also provide training in Japan and other SIDS where counterparts can go for training to enhance their capacity for waste management.

Q-2 Please list 3R related projects linked to climate change, biodiversity, disaster management and sustainable tourism. (This is to be reported by SIDS countries only)

SPC/GIZ Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Islands Region (CCCPIR) has a project which focuses on waste minimization as part of its' sustainable tourism initiative.

UNDP's TC Pam disaster waste management recovery project addressed elements of 3R, especially the reuse of disaster debris.

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

Review of the National Waste Management Strategy 2016 to 2020 and development of the National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 31 Promote 3R + “Return” concept which stands for Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and “Return” where recycling is difficult due to the absence of available recycling industries and limited scale of markets in SIDS, especially in the Pacific Region.

Q-1 What specific policies, programme, including pilot projects, are implemented to promote 3R+ “Return” concept? (This is to be reported by SIDS countries only)

National Waste Management Strategy and the Waste Management Act

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:
Institutional and Financial Capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

Development of the National Waste Minimization Policy and the current review for the National Waste Management Strategy for 2016 - 2020

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 32 Complete elimination of illegal engagement of children in the **informal waste sector** and gradually **improve** the working conditions and livelihood security, including **mandatory provision of health insurance**, for all workers.

Q-1 What is the approximate market size (in US\$) of the informal waste sector?

None

Q-2 Number of annual labor inspections in waste sector?

None

Q-3 Is health insurance a mandatory to all informal workers in waste sector by law?

No

Q-4 What specific policies and enforcement mechanisms are in place to prevent illegal engagement of children in waste sector?

None

Q-5 Number of landfill sites accessible to register waste pickers?

None

Q-6 Average life span of informal waste workers?

No data

Q-7 Any government vaccination programmes for informal waste workers?

None

Q-8 Any public awareness programmes for informal waste workers on health and safety measures?

None

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Policy and Institutional capacity for implementation

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programs/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

Development of the National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 33 Promote 3Rs taking into account gender considerations.

Q-1 Please give a brief assessment on how the national, provincial and municipal governments incorporate gender considerations in waste reduction, reuse and recycle.

Gender balance is a priority for the government of Vanuatu. Although is an aspect that is yet to be comprehensively addressed within existing waste management related policies or strategies.

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Institutional Capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

None

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2015~2020)

Development of the National Waste Minimization Policy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all