SEVENTH REGIONAL 3R FORUM IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC Discussion Points of Plenary Session-4

1. What are the business opportunities in 3R and resource efficiency areas? How far have the 3R technologies and practices demonstrated positive economic outcome or economic success in Asia-Pacific? What are the examples of successful cases?

2. The Government sets policies for private and industry sectors and for their operations. These sectors are more likely to invest in new 3R technologies if the government policies provide a favorable regulatory framework and environment that ensures full cost recovery. How supportive have the policies and programmes of Asian countries been to this regard?

3. How effective have the government strategies in place been in identifying opportunities for international joint ventures, public-private partnerships (PPPs), and international collaborative research programmes in promoting 3R technology research and development (R&D)?

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4. How effective have the government procurement policies been in encouraging new enterprise development in the 3R technology areas?

5. To what extent have the Asia-Pacific countries regulated and guided private investors, such as banks, domestic and foreign investment funds, in 3R technology development?

6. How effectively have the Asia-Pacific countries promoted triangular cooperation (government-private sectorscientific and research organizations) in advancing 3R research and development (R&D), technology transfer and technology evaluation?