### Way Forward to Sustainable 3R Goals – Sri Lanka









# Major achievements, critical challenges and major plans

- 3R in Urban/Industrial Areas
  - Municipal Solid Waste
  - Industrial Solid Waste
- 3R in Rural Areas
- 3R for New and Emerging Waste
- 3R for Cross Cutting Issues





## Achievements on Policy and Legislation focusing to Concepts of Circular Economy and 3Rs

- New Regulations issued for clean air, clean land and clean water under National Environment Act No 47 of 1980
- National Solid Waste Management Policy formulated in 2007 is being revised
- Regulations for Extended Producer Responsibility for the waste management enforced in 2017
- Hazardous Waste Regulations gazette in 1996 and it was strengthened with "Hazardous Waste Guidelines" published in 2012)
- Amended the Agrarian Development act, Irrigation ordinance and flood management act to control water pollution.
- National Cleaner Production Policy developed and implemented and Sustainable Consumption & Production Policy is being formulated
- Policy and regulation on non collection of non segregated municipal wastes by local authorities implemented in 2017





#### Achievements on actions for 3Rs

- HDPE ( **High Density Poly Ethylene**) totally banned from 01st September 2017, Bio degradable alternatives for polythene are being promoted.
- Waste management segment of Existing "Haritha Lanka" Action Plan
   (National Environmental Action Plan) amended with "Doing Away with
   Dumps".
- Compulsory implementation on Color Code on Solid Waste (05 categories) and 03 categories for local authorities.
- Introduction of "Zero Waste" concept is progressing successfully.
- Food waste minimization programmes, and 3R concept implemented in the health sector/ hospitals.
- Concepts of Green Procurement, Green Accounting, Green Reporting, is being implemented gradually
- Proper packaging methodologies introduced to minimize post-harvest waste and upgrading food preservation technologies are in progress.













#### Major Projects with 3Rs and Circular Economy

- "Pilisaru Project" Provided facilities and infra-structure to local authorities for composting, bio gas generation, plastic recycling etc. 03 Sanitary land fills are under construction.
- Installation of "Kawashima Composting machines" in all 09 provinces is in progress and will be completed in 2018.
   Implementation is in progress.
- A mega project for Composting all bio degradable waste is being implemented by Colombo Municipal Council.
- Initiated Waste to Energy Project for western province residual wastes and encourage private sector for PPP projects
- Waste management project at Arawakkakru (Puttlam district) is in progress with a capacity of 1200 MT per day.
- Initiated green villages, green hospitals, green industries, green school projects which promotes waste minimization
- Fixing filtering mechanism to control plastic waste and preserve the coast, lagoon and the sea is proposed
- Riverine Management Division was established in the Irrigation Department to control water pollution.
- Promoting overall regional cooperation and multi-stakeholder partnerships for Waste management projects implemented with the assistance of Japan ( JICA) and Korean Government ( KOIKA) and ADB.





### Motivation and Capacity Building on 3Rs

- Green Awards ceremony conducted annually
- Waste recycling industries are promoted and awareness is created.
- Encourage the private sector to increase resource efficiency and productivity through
   T 3R and Circular Economy concepts.
- The government encourages the industries and offer the awards
  - National Cleaner Production Award
  - National Productivity Secretariat Green Productivity
  - SLIDA Training Centre- Green Productivity
  - R & D Award by Universities on Environment based studies.
- At present **National Steering Committee** on waste management Promote non government and govt. organization to implement policy.







### **3R for New and Emerging Waste**

- Preventing illegal and inappropriate export and import of waste, including transit trade, especially of hazardous waste and e-waste. - Basel Convention has been signed and ratified.
- Promoting 3R concept in health-care waste management; it includes drafting
  Healthcare Waste Management Policy, National Guidelines on Healthcare Waste
  Management, National Colour Code on Healthcare Waste segregation.
- Hazardous Waste Regulations under the Environment Act ( All health institutions need to obtain Environmental Protection Licenses (EPL) & Scheduled Waste Licenses (SWL)
- Integration the 3Rs in formal education, in to school curriculum, University level education and post graduate level.



## Issues to Proper Waste Management in Sri Lanka

- Scarcity of adequate and proper dump sites.
- Lack of adequate technical staff & financial constraints.
- Poor attempt in implementing legal action.
- Public Protest due to social and religion based perceptions
- Unreasonable Political Interference



### Thank You





