Guidelines for Roundtable Dialogue: Public-Private-Partnership to Advance 3R in Asia and the Pacific

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The objective of this Government and Private Sector Roundtable is to advance 3R in Asia and the Pacific region by promoting public-private-partnerships (PPPs) and private investments in waste management sector. The Roundtable is organized in line with the objectives of *International Partnership for Expanding Waste Management Services of Local Authorities (IPLA)* - a SDG Partnership under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. http://www.uncrd.or.jp/index.php?menu=378

IPLA is a dynamic interface between government authorities and private sector and complements the objectives of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific. IPLA is governed with the basic understanding that -

- Partnerships offer alternatives in which governments and private companies assume coresponsibility and co-ownership for the delivery of waste management services. Waste disposal is expensive – financially and in lost resources (substantial inputs of labour, material, energy, land resources for land filling, etc.). Disposal of recyclables goes against the core principles of 3R as well as material and resource efficiency.
- Partnerships combine the advantages of the private sector (dynamism, access to financial resources and latest technologies, managerial efficiency, and entrepreneurial spirit, etc.) with social concerns and responsibility of the public sector (public health and better life, environmental awareness, local knowledge and job creation, etc).
- Partnerships (PPP) are indispensable for creating and financing adaptation measures towards resilient cities which in turn are more attractive for private investments. A resilient city and community enhance confidence of private sector for possible investments.
- Partnerships provide win-win solutions both for the public utilities and private sector—if duly supported by appropriate policy frameworks. Such partnerships could lead to savings in municipal budgets where waste management usually consumes a large portion. The private sector, on the other hand, may use this opportunity to convert waste into environmentally friendly products and energy that could also serve as income generating opportunities.

The following guidelines could be followed in order to have an interactive and productive roundtable dialogues between the government and private sector representatives to explore various partnership, investment and sustainable business opportunities in 3R and waste management areas. Each private sector representative will have approximately 5 mins to interact with a country delegate before moving

to the second country delegate in a systematic rotational order. We are expecting to have the participation of around 40 countries and 30 private companies.

Guidelines for Government Representatives:

- 1. Please briefly introduce specific waste issues or major projects in pipeline highlighting possible opportunities for PPP and investment; also highlight financial and technological constraints currently faced with, and what type of measures or solutions the government is looking for.
- 2. It would be very helpful and time saving if each participating country could prepare one page information sheet (approximately 30 copies) in advance to share the above with the private sector representatives.

Guidelines for Private Sector Representatives:

- 1. Please prepare enough copies (approximately 40 sets) of information sheets or company brochures highlighting (a) specific expertise and technical knowhow; (b) range of waste management services; (c) national and international PPP experiences.
- 2. Please prepare enough business cards with contact details.
- 3. Any other materials that would serve as useful reference materials for the countries.