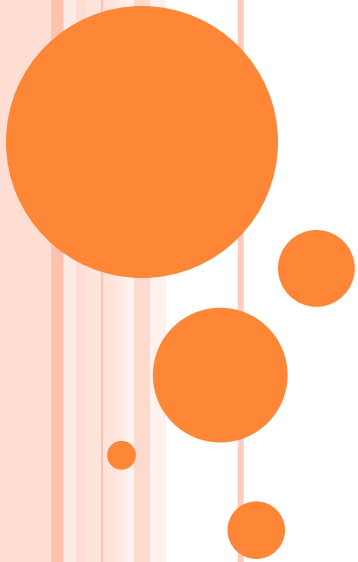


9TH REGIONAL 3R FORUM IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC: 4-6 MARCH 2019, BANGKOK, THAILAND

**- Major achievements and Initiatives on Implementation
of Ha Noi 3R Declaration (2013-2023) - S A M O A**



GENERAL INFORMATION

- Independent state – part of Polynesian group in Pacific Islands Region
- $\approx 3,269$ km NE from NZ
- Two main islands, Savaii & Upolu (7 smaller islands)
- Total areas: 2,831 square km (land & water)
- Population: 194,000 (2016 Population Census)
- Main income: Tourism & remittances, Agriculture;
- Smallest EEZ in the Pacific Region – 98,500 km²



MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Waste (Plastic Bag) Management Regulation 2018;
 - Single use shopping plastic bags
 - Packing bags
 - Plastic straws
- Long-term plan: Ban Styrofoam by Jan 2020;
- Samoa National Waste Management Strategy 2018-2023 (Govt-JICA-JPRISM/SPREP)
- Waste Levy (CDL) under development (advance recycling fee systems to support recycling – July 2019);
- Other government support:
 - Establishment/set up of Samoa Recycling Waste Management Association (SRWMA), 2018 – Prime Minister is the Patron;
 - Leasing of land to support local recycling;
- Support Private-Partner-Partnership (PPP) - Landfill



CONT'D...

- SRWMA launched Strategic Plan 2018-2023
 - E-Waste (EPR Initiative - Govt-SSAB-HP)
 - Plastic (Recycling projects)
 - Used Oil (Proper storage & ship out under Moana Taka Partnership (SPREP-SWIRE))
- Others:
 - JICA-Samoa Bilateral Relationship
 - Capacity development and building on waste management including 3Rs principles and applications;
- Goal 9: 3Rs in Industrial waste
 - Completed our Mercury Initial Assessment Report (MIA Report)
- Goal 11: 3Rs in Rural Areas
 - GEF6 funded project: work with local NGO and farmers to promote agriculture biomass waste & livestock waste through reuse and recycle measures

CRITICAL CHALLENGES

- Appropriate legislations & strategies;
- Lack of resources & appropriate 3Rs technologies;
- Waste integration & mainstreaming;
- Capacity building



MAJOR PLANS & WAY FORWARD

- Implementation of Samoa Waste (Plastic
- Waste Levy legislation in place (July 2019);
- Recycling projects at national & community levels;
- PacWASTE II coordinated by SPREP
- Awareness & training

