

# NINTH REGIONAL 3R Forum IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

## Discussion Points of Plenary Session-6

1. Should circular economy be a growth model for Asian economies for the 21st century?
2. What a strategic shift to circular economic development approach could offer countries in addressing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other international agendas and agreements such as the New Urban Agenda, the Paris Climate Agreement, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Reduction?
3. How can we empower our cities to implement 3R and resource efficiency measures as an integral part of urban development strategies or city development plans?

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4. Given that more than 70% of the global population are expected to live in cities and urban centers by 2050, how can we strengthen our scientific insights to the role of 3R and circular economy in protecting the urban ecosystem, thereby enhancing resilience of cities?

5. What integrated 3R and circular economy policy options and measures Asian cities should consider in achieving better synergy in their efforts towards clean water, clean land and clean air?

6. What are the emerging trends in 3R policy implementation across Asian countries? Which are the champion cases? What have been the enabling factors for such leaderships and achievements?

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7. Is Asia-Pacific lagging behind Europe in advancing Fourth Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0) towards transitioning to circular economy? What critical lessons we can draw from the G-STIC process, the Green Industry South Australia's Global Leadership Programme, Japan's Sound Material Cycle Society, Republic of Korea's Resource Recirculation Society, among others?

8. How can we create young leaders in the areas of circular economy innovation and new business models? What defining role local and national governments can play in this regard?