

3R and Resource Efficiency as the Basis for Moving Towards Zero Waste Societies

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What is Zero Waste?

Defines zero waste as “a goal that is *both pragmatic and visionary*, to guide people to emulate *sustainable natural cycles*, where all discarded materials are resources for others to use.

Zero waste means *designing and managing products and processes to reduce the volume and toxicity* of waste and materials, *conserve and recover all resources*, and *not burn or bury* them.

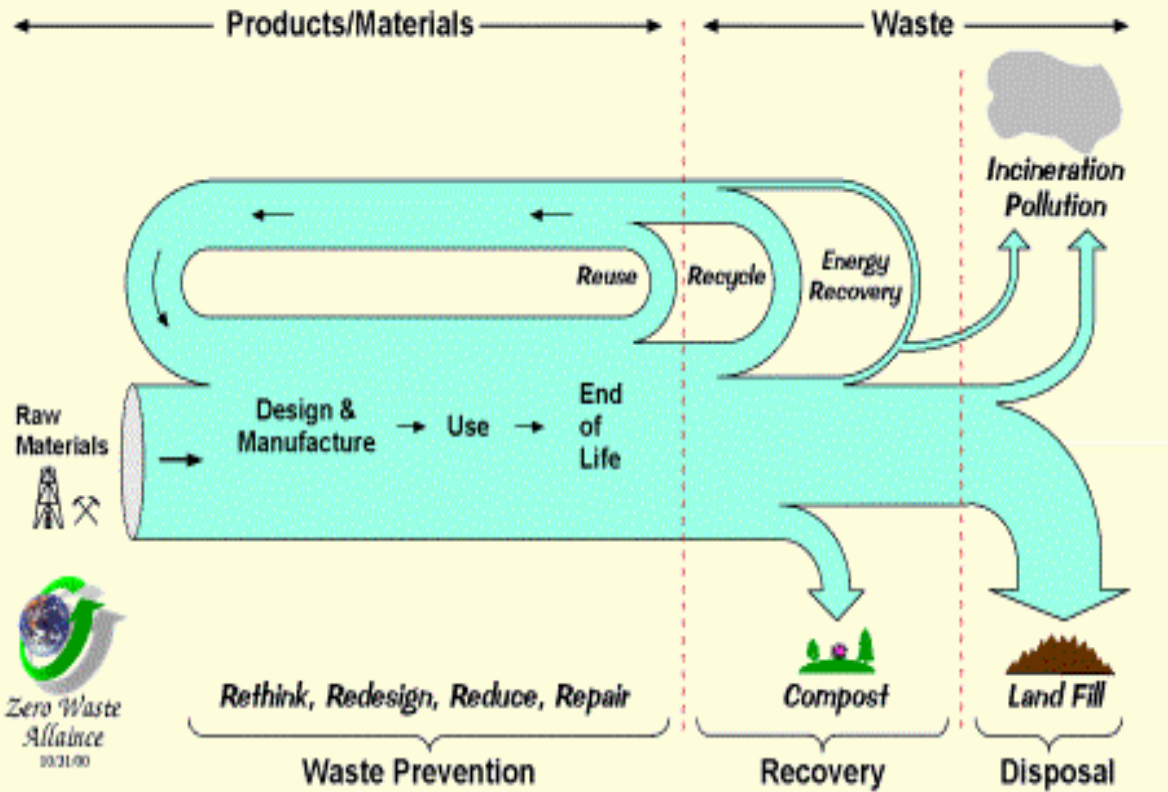
Implementing zero waste *will eliminate all discharges to land, water and air* that may be a threat to planetary, human, animal or plant health”.

3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) offer an environmentally friendly alternative to moving towards a zero waste society and to deal with impact of growing wastes on human health, economy and natural ecosystem

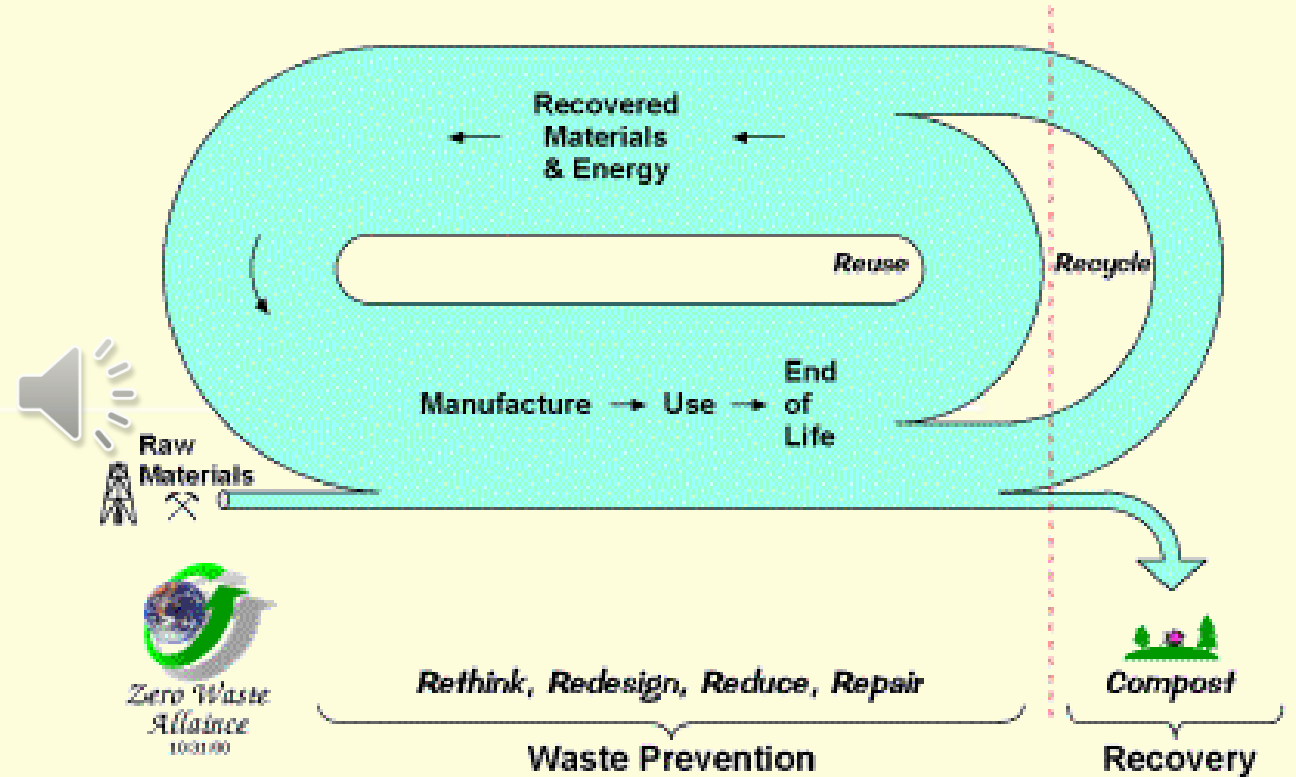


Defining “Zero Waste”

Material Flows Today



Improved Material Flows

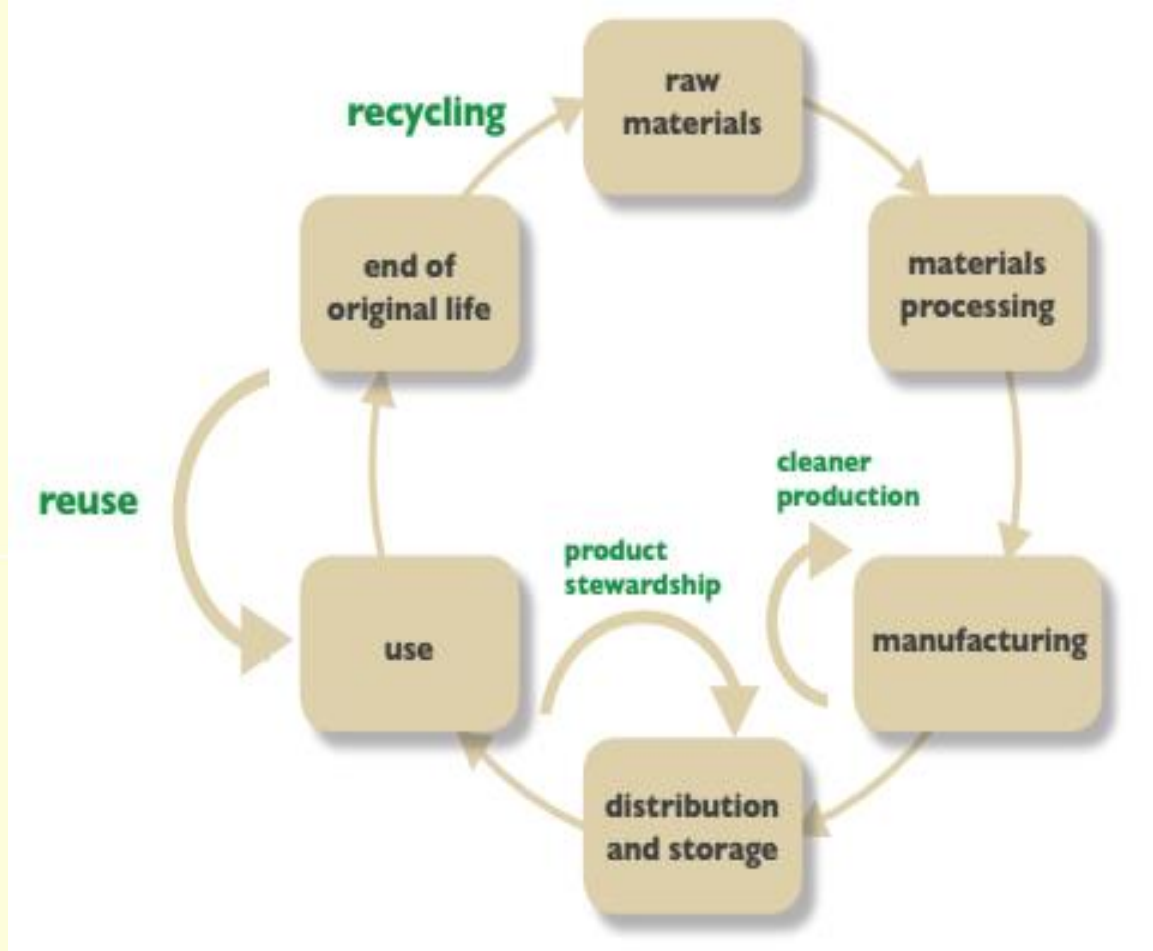
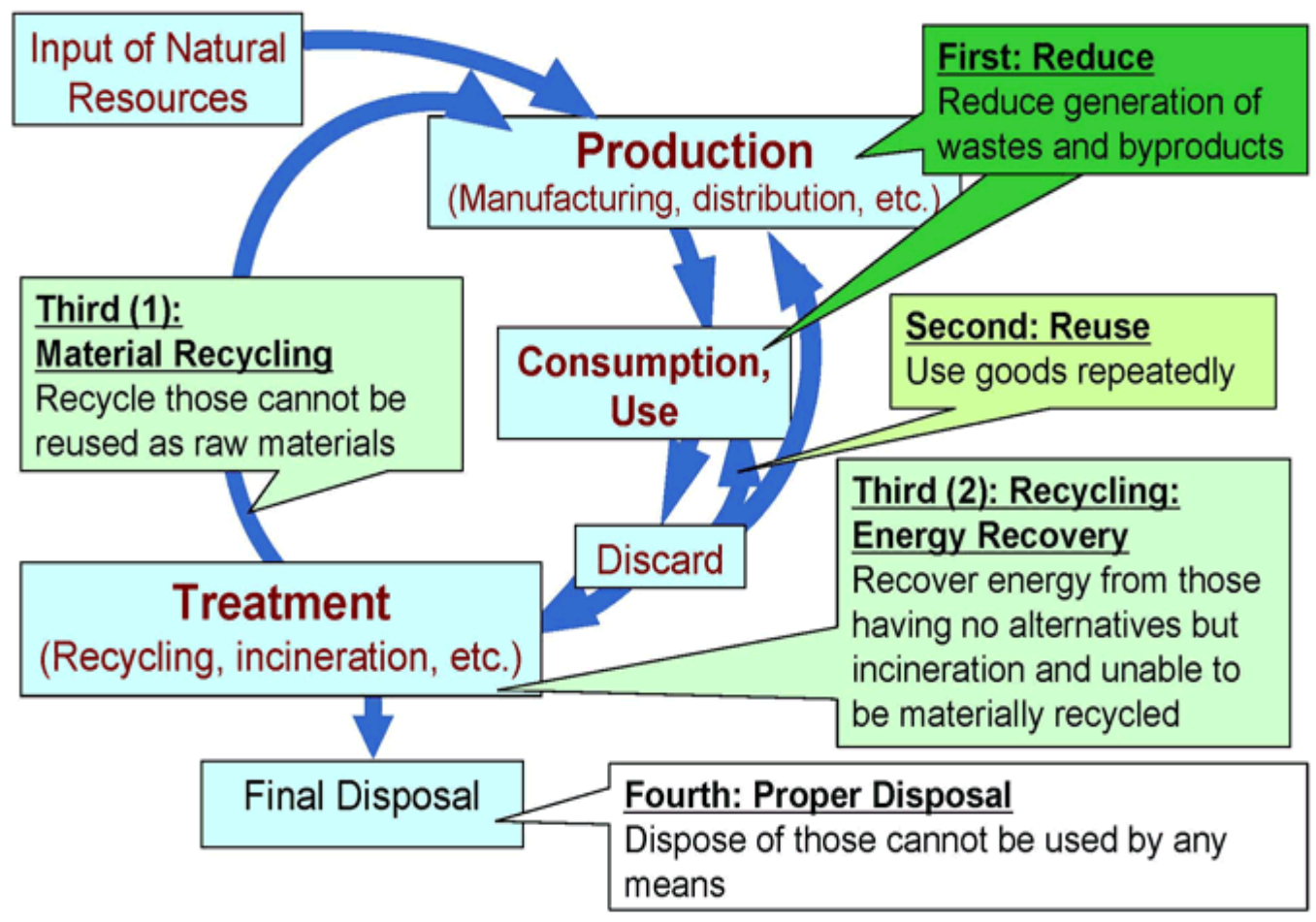


Source: http://www.zerowaste.org/case.htm#virtual_tour

Source: Presentation by Solid Waste Management Department, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation Ahmedabad – Gujarat - India



3R and Resource Efficiency towards Zero Waste Society

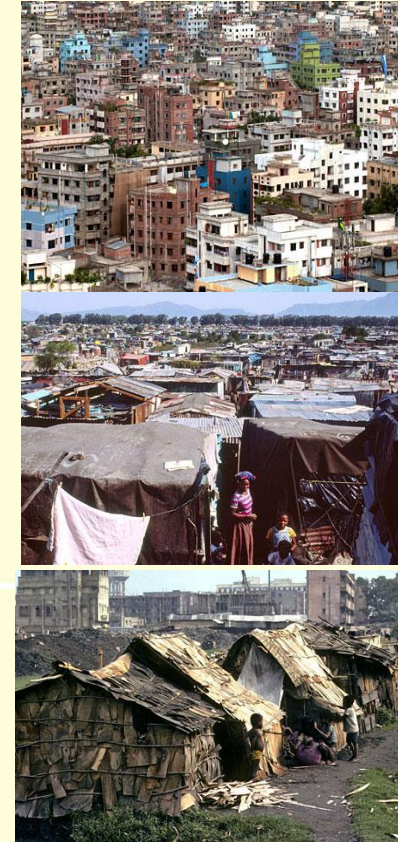


Source: http://www.env.go.jp/recycle/3r/en/concept_paper_e/concept_paper_e04.html

Source: ROAD MAP FOR ZERO WASTE AHMEDABAD A Visionary Document to Guide Ahmedabad towards becoming a 'Resource Efficient and Zero Waste City' by 2031

Both resource consumption and waste generation & diversification would be driven by rapid urbanization...

- ✓ Today > 50% of the world population already live in cities & urban areas; expected to be > 70% by 2050, with almost all the growth occurring in the developing world.
- ✓ 95 per cent of urban expansion in the next four decades will take place in developing world, with Asia and African alone contributing > 86%.
- ✓ Over next four decades, Africa's urban population will soar from 414 million to over 1.2 billion & Asia from 1.9 billion to 3.3 billion
- ✓ Over the next four decades, India will add another 497 million to its urban population, China – 341 million, Nigeria – 200 million, the US – 103 million, and Indonesia – 92 million
- ✓ 828 million people live in slums today and the number keeps rising.
- ✓ The world's cities occupy just 2 per cent of the Earth's land, but account for approx. 60-80 % of energy consumption, 70% GHG emissions, 70% of global GDP, consume 70% of all resources, generate 70% of global waste.
- ✓ Rapid urbanization is exerting pressure on fresh water supplies, sewage, the living environment, and public health.
- ✓ Growing vulnerability of coastal cities due to climate related disasters such as floods, storms and sea level rising



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Sources: compiled from UN DESA, 2011 & United Nations, 2012, UN HABITAT, 2016
<http://www.un.org/en/sustainablefuture/cities.shtml#overview>



Major 3R Policy and Institutional Gaps in Developing Countries

- *Prevailing economic system* does not provide adequate incentives for resource conservation and efficient resource allocation / 3Rs & resource efficiency are not part of macro economic policies as waste is conventionally thought of having no “*economic*” value.
- *Prevailing production and consumption patterns* do not effectively integrate resource efficiency, contributing to growing quantities of wastes that must be managed for final disposal.
- As countries industrially grow, more and more toxic chemicals & hazardous wastes coming from industrial, agriculture, and manufacturing processes, however, current *waste management policies are not strong and not linked* with bio-diversity conservation, protection of ecological assets– fresh water, coastal & marine ecosystem, etc.
- Required *institutional arrangements* and *interagency coordination* around resource efficiency and circular economic development.
- *Weak national and local level cooperation and partnerships* (e.g., national urban development policy on resource efficient and zero waste cities)

Source: ADB (2004)

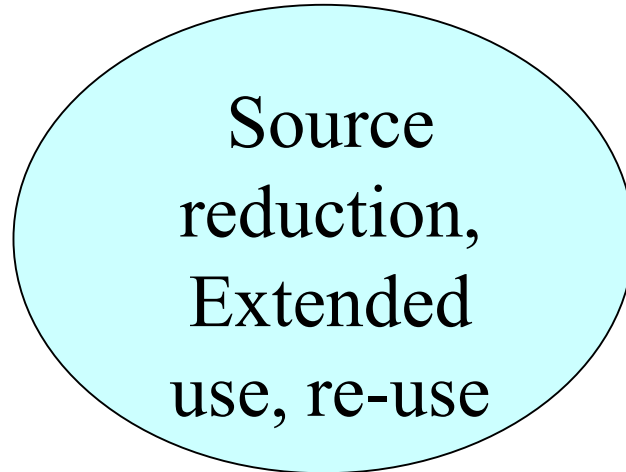


Waste disposal is expensive – financially and in lost resources

- Requires substantial inputs of labour (for collection/processing)
- Substantial materials input (construction of facilities for wastewater treatment, landfilling, incineration)
- Energy input (collection, treatment, incineration)
- Land resources (land-filling, incineration, treatment facilities)

A prevalent policy dilemma - what should be the priority for government authorities?

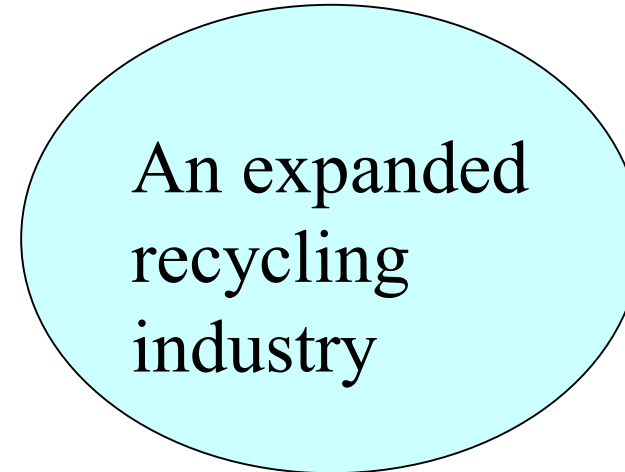
UPSTREAM MEASURES



(Product policy towards
resource efficiency)

versus

DOWNSTREAM FOCUS

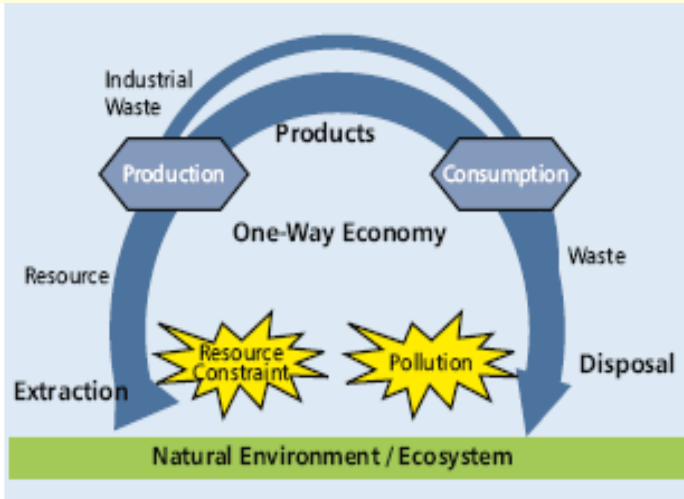


(Resource intensive and
hazardous production of
expanding markets)

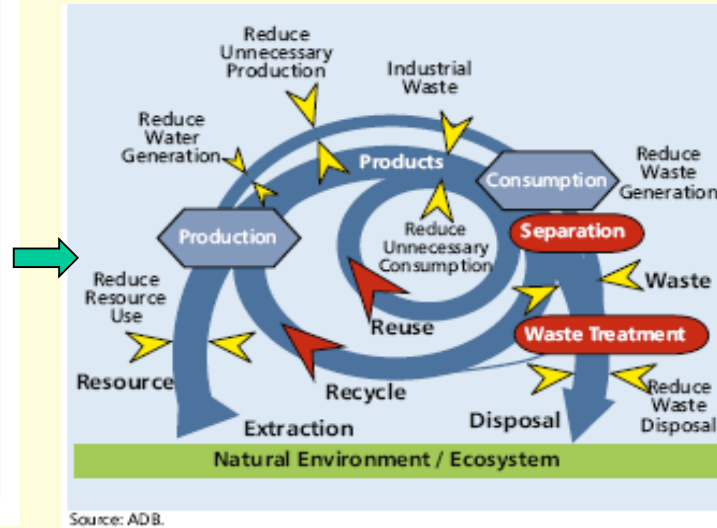
Many government policies and programs tend to focus on conventional waste management solutions such as sanitary land filling or incineration – mainly downstream disposal, which is expensive, while failing to pursue upstream measures to reduce the actual waste load

Linear or one-way/conventional to Closed loop economy

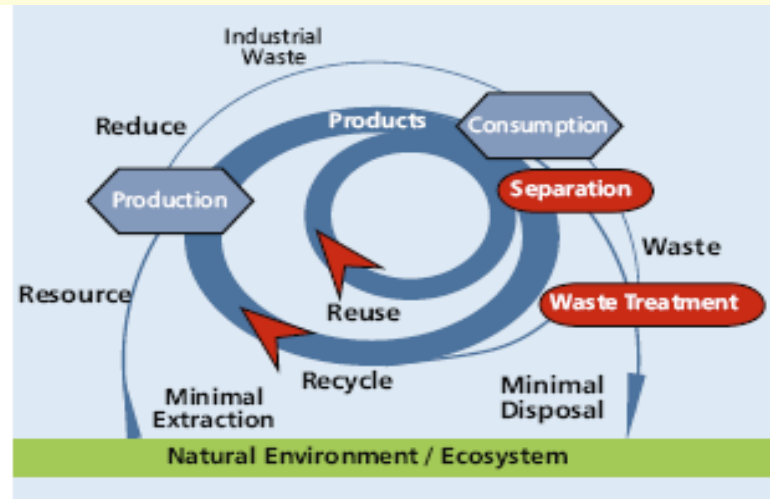
1. One-way/conventional Economy



2. More resource efficient economy



3. Closed Loop Economy



1. **One way economy** -> a little effort is made to reduce the amount of materials consumed in production and hence the wastes are produced. Also little effort is made to reuse or recycle those wastes which mainly go for landfill.

=> *Absence of a science based policy for resource efficient economic development;*

2. **Greater resource efficiency** -> by reducing consumption and waste of materials, and by reusing and recycling waste/byproducts minimize (per unit of product or services) – quantity of input raw material/energy /water as well as pollution /emission/environmental impact of the residual materials flow that flow to disposal sites.

=> *science based policy for resource efficient economic development*

3. **Closed-loop economy** -> nearly all waste/outputs either become inputs to other manufacturing processes or are returned to natural systems as benign emissions rather than as pollutants.

=> *science based policy for resource efficient closed-loop economic development with a high level of cooperation between science-policy-business-community*

Source: Adapted from ADB, 2011



Consequences of linear economy: Plastics issue – vast implications on coastal and marine environment



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- Plastics carry hazardous chemicals in marine environment (e.g., PCBs)
- More than 200 species of animals are known to have ingested plastic debris, including birds, fish, turtles and marine mammals.
- Transfer of chemicals from ingested plastics to biological tissue has been confirmed (bio-magnification).
- Micro-plastics (size < 5 mm) in coastal and marine environments is a critical problem, including bio-accumulation of hydrophobic persistent organic pollutants (POPs) like PCBs, DDTs, HCHs and others from the plastics through ingestion or food-chain (fish to fish and fish to people),

(Source: Prof. Hideshige Takada and 6th Regional 3R Forum in AP, 2015)

Consequences of linear economy: Plastics waste and resilience

Unclogging Jakarta's Waterways

- Estimated population of over 10 million people:
 - 20% of city's daily waste ends up in local rivers and canals
- City administration is dredging its 17 rivers and canals for the first time since 1970s due to waterways being 70% blocked, a central contributor to the city's chronic flooding problems



(Source: The New York Times, October 2016)

Consequences of linear economy: Waste and Freshwater Nexus in India



- ❑ The Energy and Resources Institute in New Delhi has estimated that **by 2047**, waste generation in India's cities will increase **five-fold to touch 260 million tones per year**.
- ❑ The CSE survey, released earlier this year, shows that **70-80 percent** of India's wastewater was ending up in its rivers and lakes. **"We are drowning in our excreta,"** Sunita Narain, Director of CSE.

3R Developments in Asia: Informal Resource recovery and recycling



Clean India Mission (Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan) and 100-smart cities programme by Prime Minister Narendra Modi offer tremendous business opportunities in waste sector for water security of India

Need for change and attitudes to view "Waste" as "Resource"

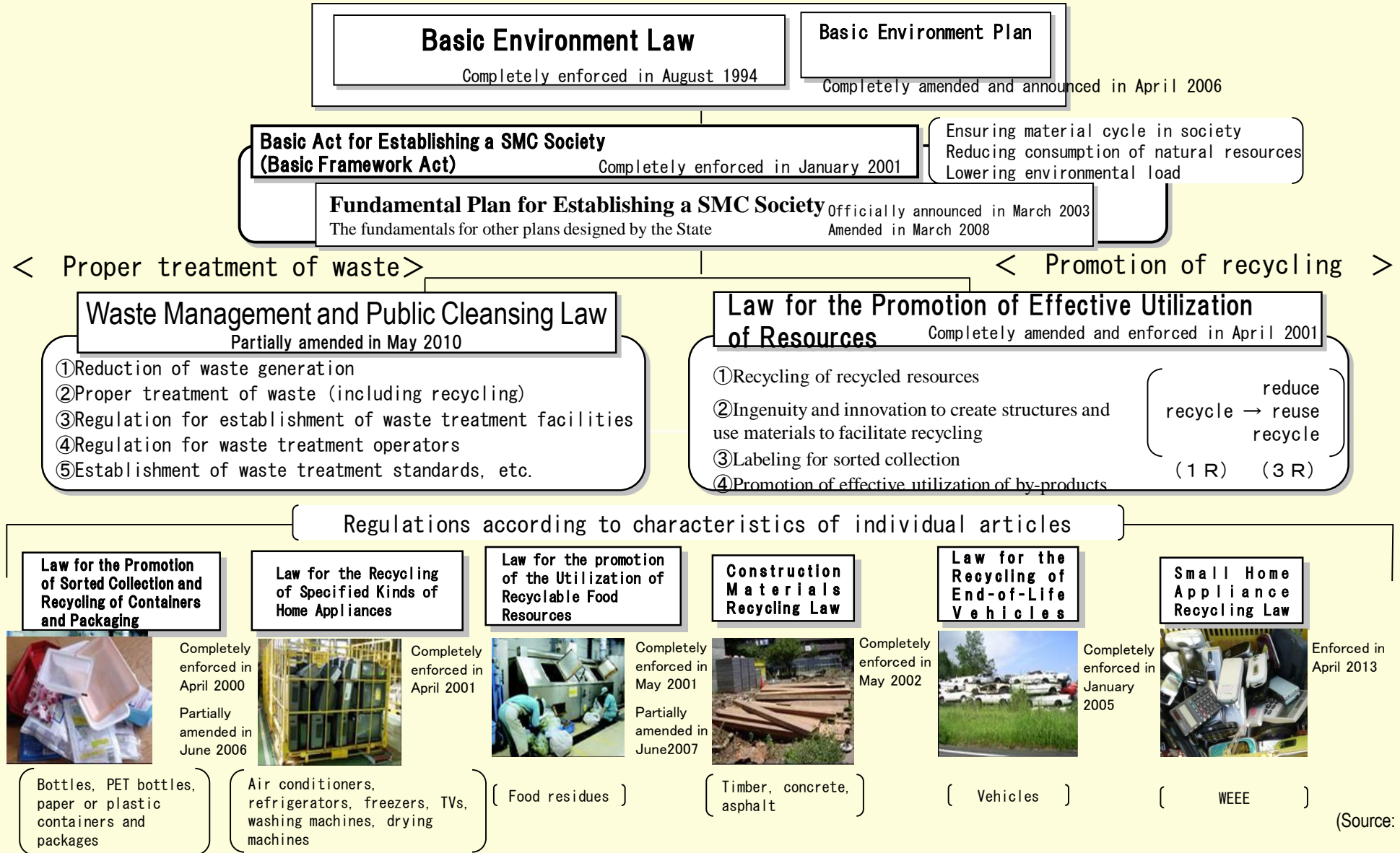
- Link between "waste" and "resource" is not well understood /waste is traditionally thought of having no value.
- Too much emphasis on "downstream" waste management limiting many business opportunities.
- Limited efforts on "upstream" resource management and waste reduction aspects

Success stories - Macro-economic/Development Policies Integrating Resource Efficiency and 3Rs

- **Japan:** Fundamental Law for Establishing a Sound Material Cycle Society (2001); New Growth Strategy (2010) which places green innovations as top of seven strategic areas; Finance initiatives to build a Low Carbon Society (providing grants, investments, financing, interest subsidies for – (i) promotion of Green Buildings, (ii) development of Low Carbon Cities, (iii) bilateral offset Credit Mechanism, and (iv) enhancement, commercialization, and R&D of Low Carbon Technologies;
- **Republic of Korea:** New Waste Management Policy towards Resource Recirculation Society (Sep'2013);
- **PR China:** Circular Economic Law (2009) led by NDRC-China; Long Term Renewable Energy Development Plan (2007); Chinese Circular Economic Law offers a long term plan for transformation that seeks to integrate economic, environmental, and social strategies to achieve high resource efficiency as the way of sustaining improvement in quality of life within natural and economic constraints; circular economy is now a trillion dollar opportunity
- **India:** National Solar Mission (3% of India's total electricity demand from solar power projects by 2022); National Mission on Enhanced Energy Efficiency;
- **Malaysia:** National Green Technology Policy (2009); Green Building Index (2009); National Renewable Energy Policy and Action Plan (2010);
- **Singapore:** Green Mark Incentive Scheme for buildings (2005); Water Efficiency Fund (2008);
- **Thailand:** Alternative Energy Development Plan and Target (2008); Thailand Climate Change Master Plan (2012–2050), etc.
- **EU:** Waste Framework Directive (2008); waste management is a public health priority as well as an economic industry, e.g., in Germany



Japanese Legal framework for establishing a sound material-cycle (SMC) society



(Source: Courtesy of MoE-Japan)

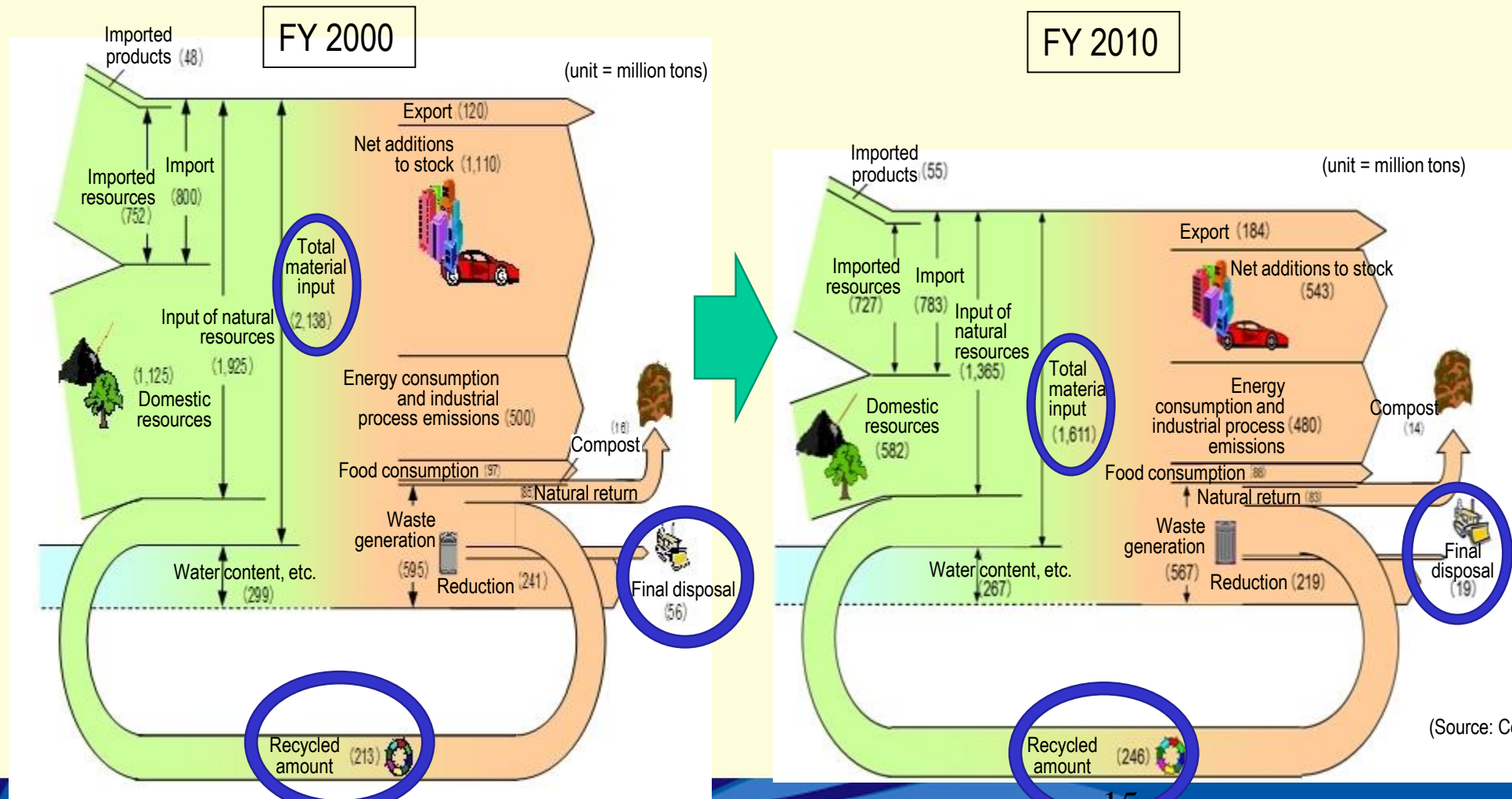
Green Purchasing Law (The State takes the initiative to promote the procurement of recycled items)

Completely enforced in April 2001

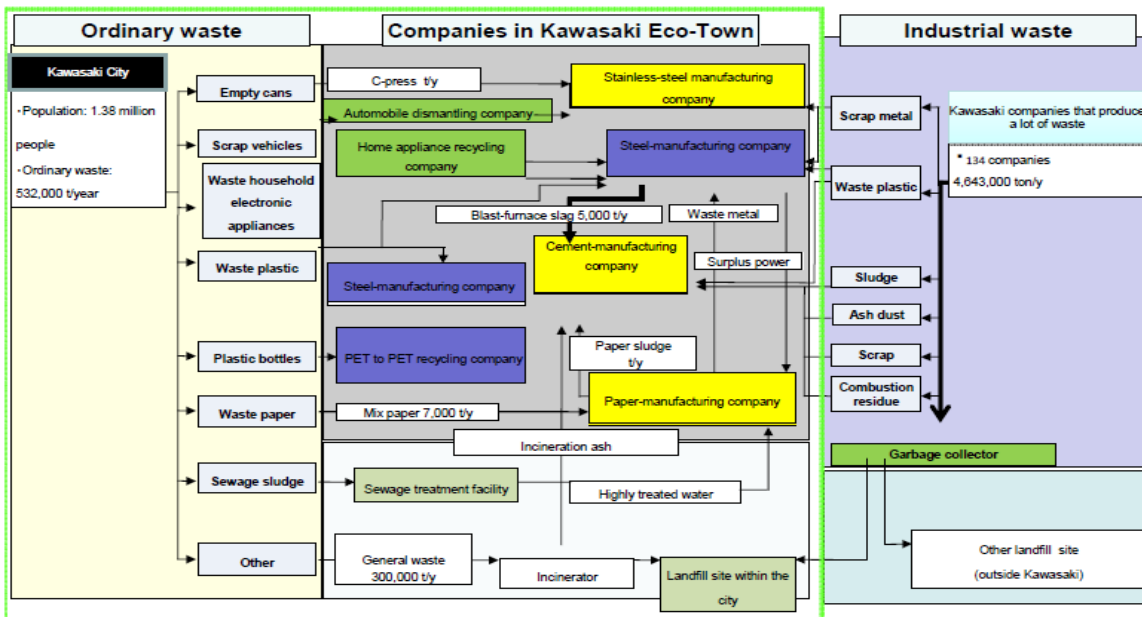


Material Flow in Japan

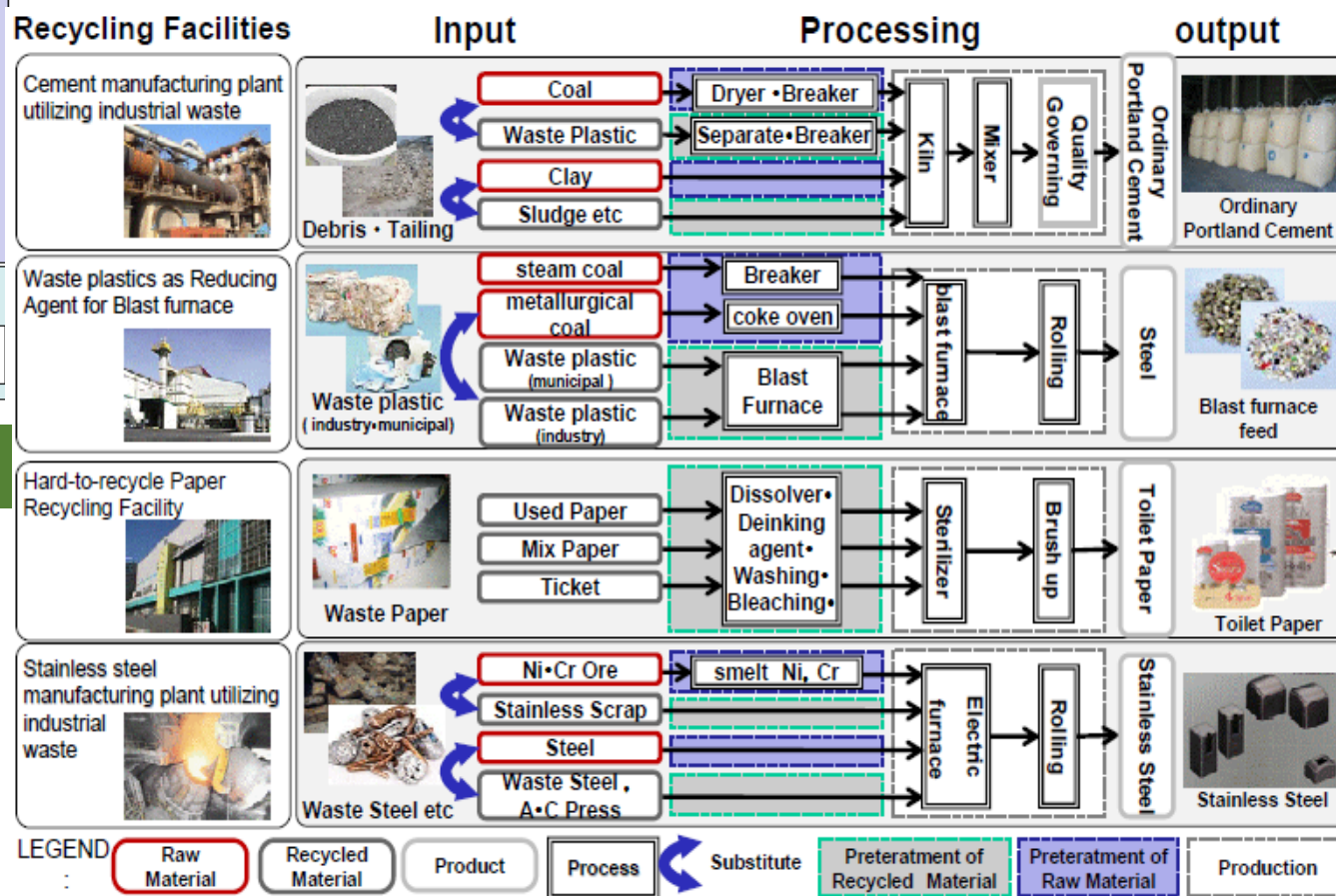
- Total material input: 2.138 → 1.611 (billion tons)
- Final disposal: 56 → 19 (million tons)
- Recycled amount: 213 → 246 (million tons)



Kawasaki Eco-Town where economy and environment are integrated to create sustainable business opportunities...



Formation of a Regional Network for Resource Recycling

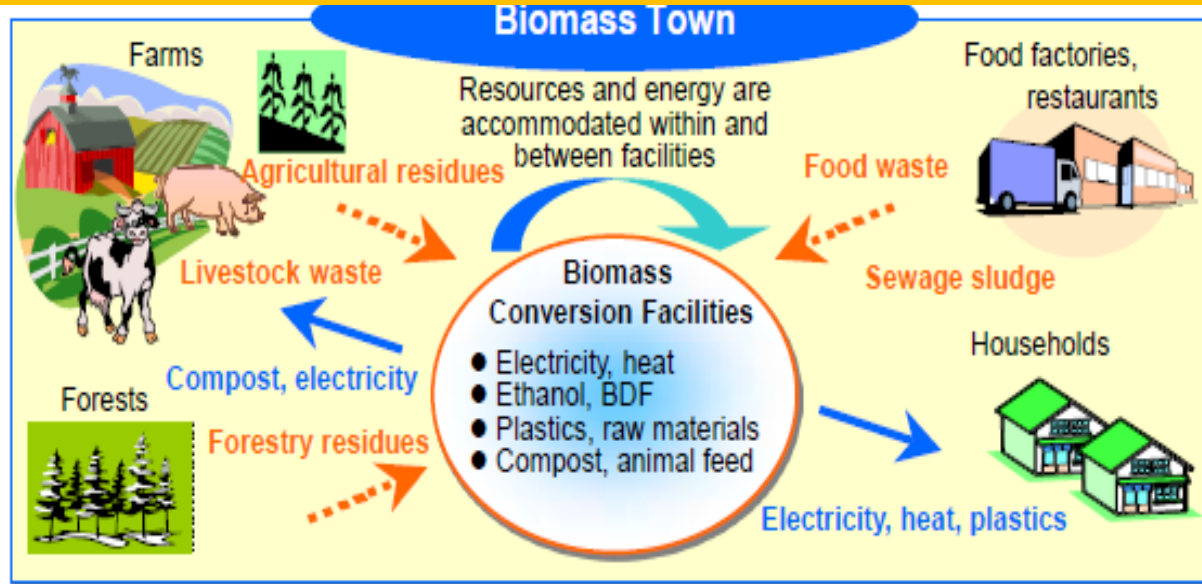


Key Features of Kawasaki Eco-Town

1. revitalization through environmental technologies accumulated in traditional industries
2. Industrial symbiosis through a regional network for resource reuse/recycling
3. local private companies take their own initiative in environmentally sound business operations and contribute to preventing local and global environmental pollution.
4. strong collaboration between R&D industries and private companies on environmental technologies
5. international cooperation in technology transfer

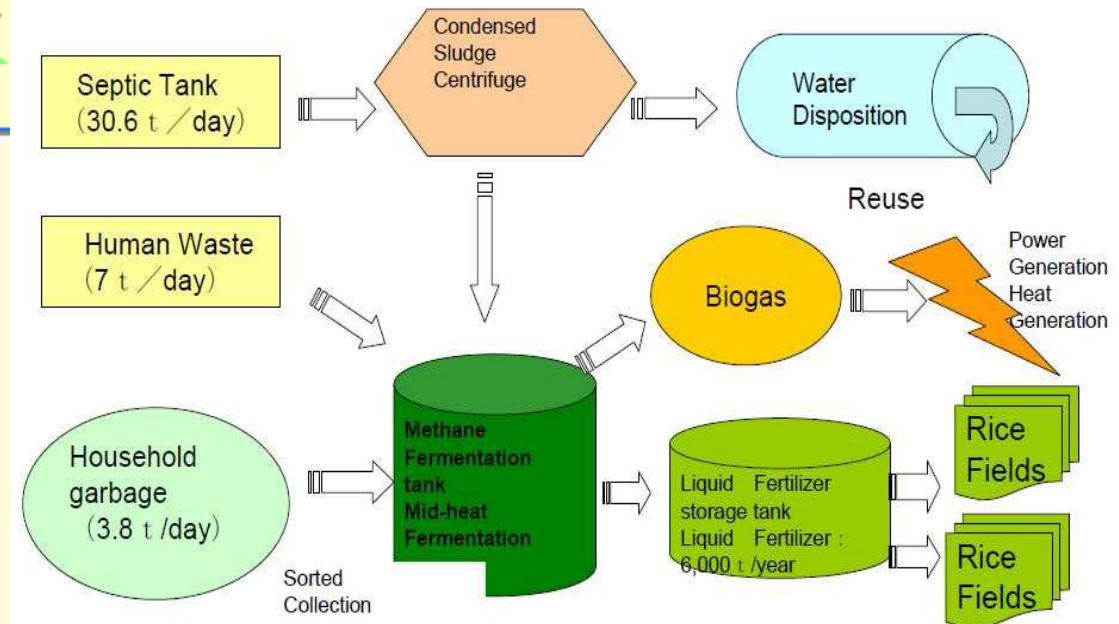
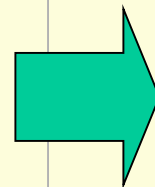
Quantified material accounting for Symbiosis in Kawasaki

Zero waste system – Example-Biomass Town Concept, Oki Town, Japan



Case study: Oki town / Fukuoka Pref. (17,500 inhabitants):

- Methane fermentation from household garbage
- 166,209 kWh for self utilization
- Production liquid fertilizer: 6000 tons per year
- Fertilizing 100ha of paddy field
- Reduction of 44% in house hold waste generation
- Reduction of 20 million yen in incineration cost (Approx. 205,000 US\$) per year
- Generating new green jobs

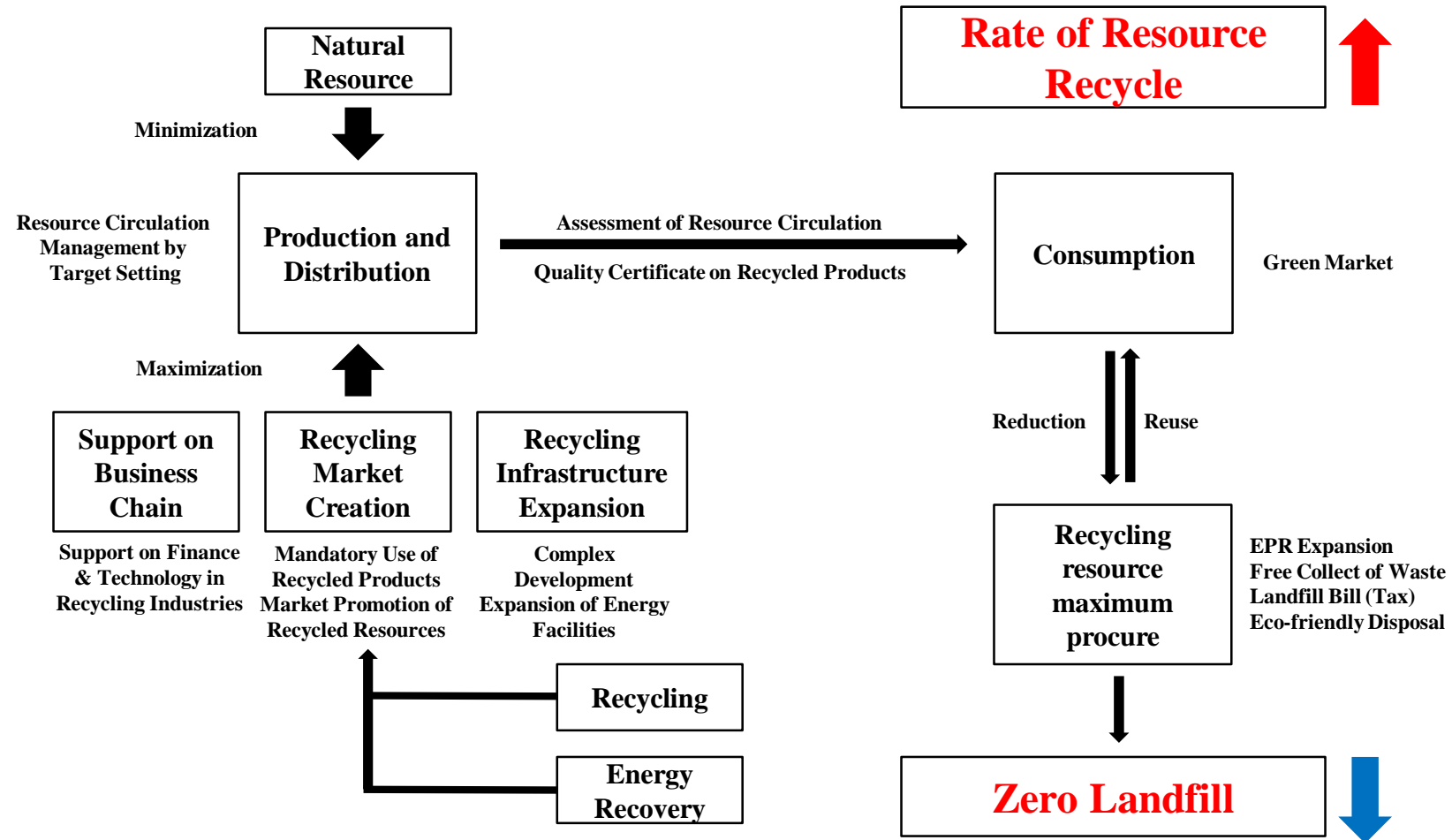


Source: http://www2.gec.jp/gec/en/Activities/FY2009/ietc/wab/wab_day3-7.pdf

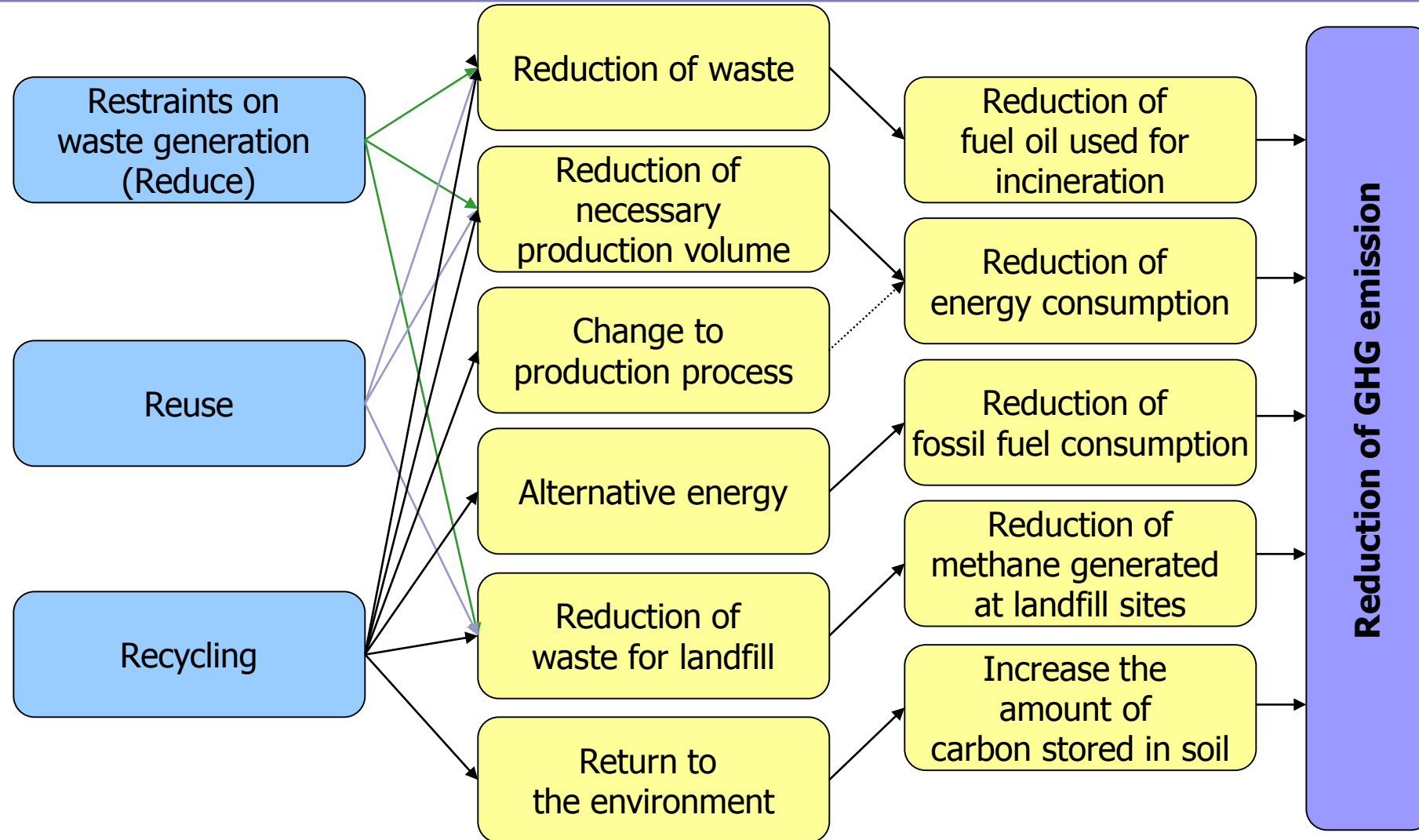
Korean Prospect of Waste Management in Future

▪ New Waste Management Policy

▪ Structure of Resource Circulation Society (RCS)



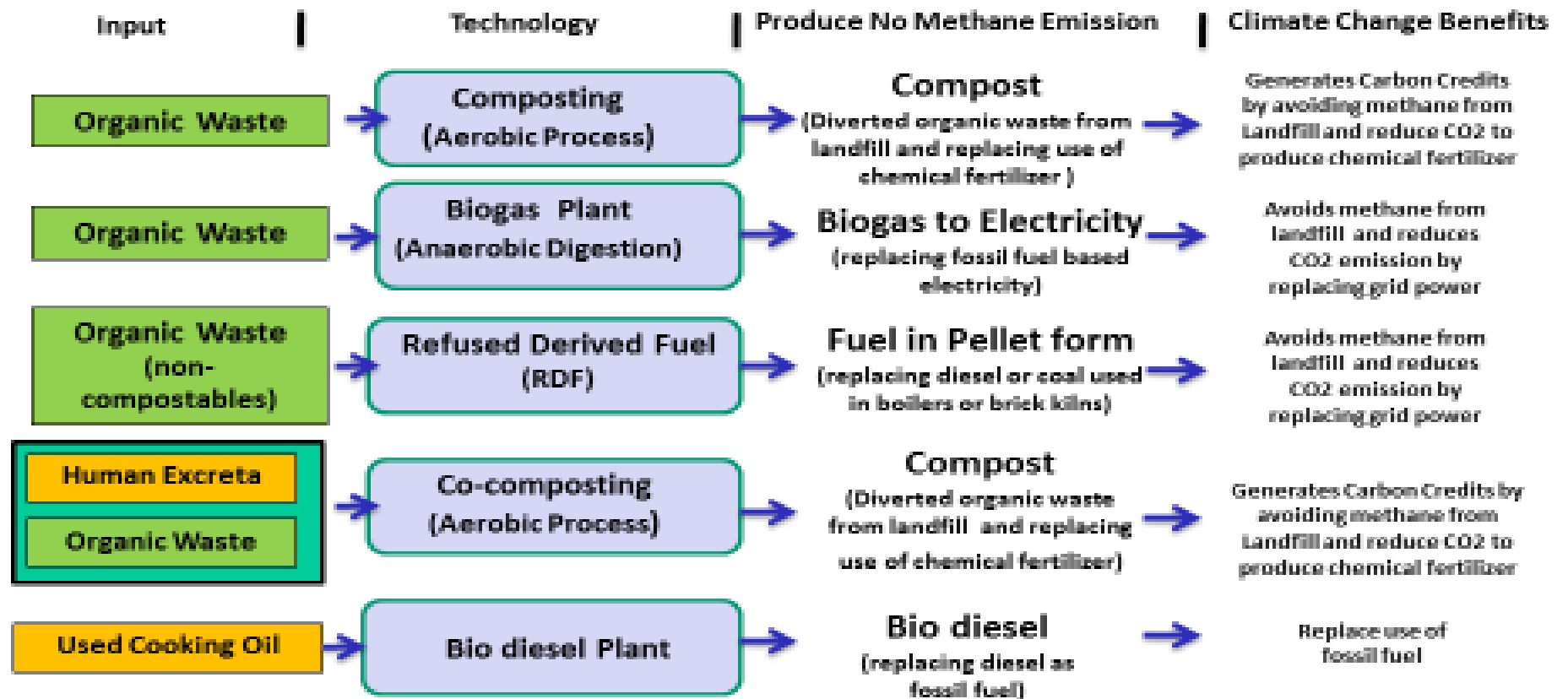
Every production, consumption, and waste management practice generates GHG from the process (directly) and through energy consumption (indirectly), but waste management policies do not often integrate climate consideration?



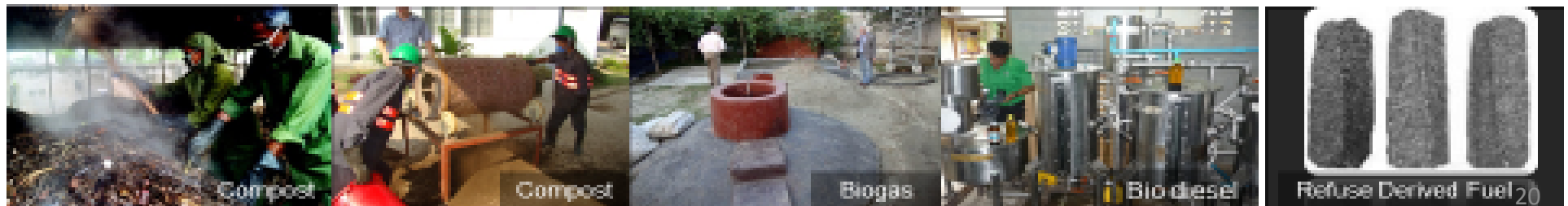
3R approach: Waste to Resource to Economy

Waste to Resource Approach with **Integrated Resource Recovery Center (IRRC)**

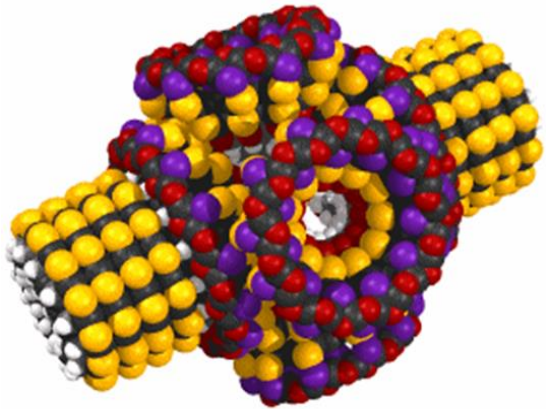
Best Example
of Replicate
model
developing
countries



In Partnership with UNESCAP, Waste Concern is Replicating the Model in Asia Pacific Countries



Advanced business opportunities in Nanotechnology (waste prevention/treatment/3Rs)



Macroscopic
Microscopic
NANO
Molecular

Nanotechnology is the **second coming of the industrial revolution** that seizes the initiative of **technology capital** in the world. One of the main obstacles to achieving the goal will be **to control, reduce, and ultimately eliminate environmental and environmental related problems** associated with this technology; the success or failure of this new use may well **depend on the ability to effectively and efficiently address these environmental issues.**

Nano-remediation has been most widely used for groundwater treatment, with additional extensive research in wastewater treatment.

Nanotechnology – the promise

(nano market growth to 1 trillion € over the next 10 years)

Fields of application potential:

- **Membrane filtration** (drinking and wastewater)
- **Anti-microbial nanoparticles** for disinfection and microbial control
- **Removal of arsenic and heavy metals**
- **Nano sensors** for water quality monitoring

Nanomaterials Waste Streams

- Pure Nanomaterials Manufactured (e.g., Carbon Nanotubes)
- Nano By-products with organic or inorganic
- Liquid Suspensions Containing Nanomaterials
- Items Contaminated with Nanomaterials (e.g., Wipes/PPE)
- Solid matrixes with Nanomaterials

Nanomaterials during disposal/recycling

- Intrinsic Toxicity (for example Arsenic or Cadmium)
- Recyclability Properties such as thermal, mechanical, chemical properties of nano composites.

Source: Musee, N. Nanowastes and the environment: Potential new waste management paradigm. Environment International, 37: 112-128, 2011.

Source: Theron, J.; J. A. Walker; T. E. Cloete (2008-01-01). "Nanotechnology and Water Treatment: Applications and Emerging Opportunities". Critical Reviews in Microbiology 34 (1): 43-69. doi:10.1080/10408410701710442. ISSN 1040-841X. Retrieved 2014-07-29

Source: Dr. Lou Theodore, July 2006 Symposium on Nanotechnology and the Environment: Waste Management of Nanomaterials: Biography

Advanced business opportunities in Green Chemistry (waste prevention/treatment/reduce)



Green chemistry, also called **sustainable chemistry**, is a philosophy of **chemical research and engineering** that encourages the design of products and processes that **minimize the use and generation of hazardous substances** in the manufacturing process.

Aiming

- Making chemical products that do not harm either our health or the environment,
- Using industrial processes that reduce or eliminate hazardous chemicals, and
- Designing more efficient processes that minimize the production of waste materials and decreases the amount of non-renewable energy used.

❖ Prevent waste rather than treating it

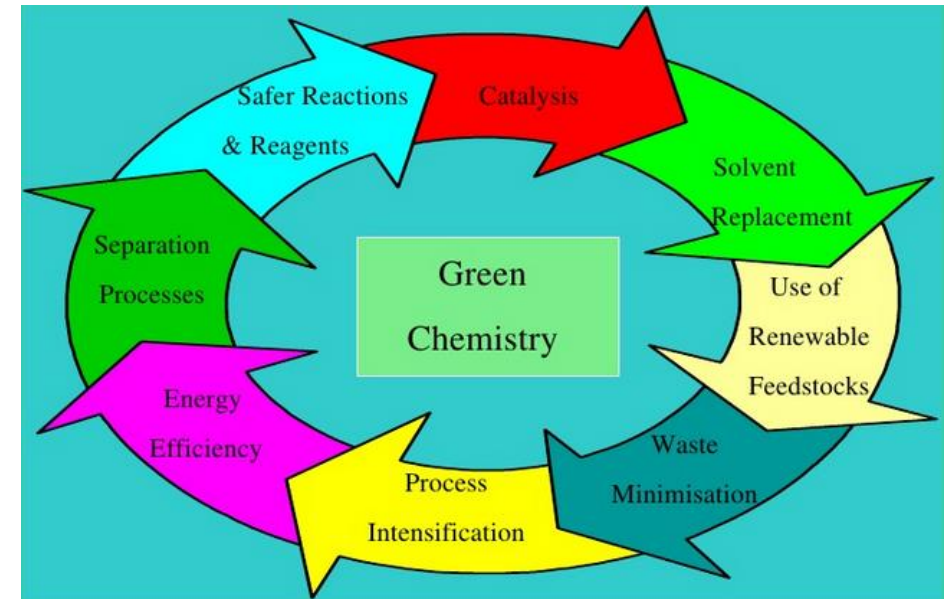
❖ Use renewable source of energy

Reducing lead pollution

- Replacing lead in paint with safe alternatives, and
- Replacing tetraethyl lead with less toxic additives (e.g., “lead-free” gasoline).

Chemical foams to fight fires

- A new foam called **Pyrocol FEF** has now been invented to put out fires effectively without producing the toxic substances found in other fire-fighting materials.





Principles of IPLA – a SDG partnership



- **Partnerships** offer alternatives in which governments and private companies assume co-responsibility and co-ownership for the delivery of solid waste management services. Waste disposal is expensive – financially and in lost resources (substantial inputs of labour, material, energy, land resources for land filling, etc.).
- **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.
- **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.



Partnership for capacity development against hazardous and chemical waste: Obstacles

Collaboration	Challenges bringing together the capabilities embedded in <i>industry, academia, and regulators</i> that are needed to improve hazardous waste treatment facilities.
Business Incentives	Benefits of new green chemical industry may flow to society, they don't necessarily flow to the industry.
Funding	Provide funds for new research on green chemical industry, such as, Governmental research agencies and Research institutes

Partnership for capacity development against hazardous and chemical waste: Solutions

- Green Chemistry: *Partnership between public* (waste generator) *and chemical industry* (private sector-treatment facility), and Strategic alignment and shared vision between companies.
- Green Chemistry: Focuses on the reduction, recycling, and/or *elimination of the use of toxic and hazardous chemicals* in production processes by finding creative, alternative routes for making the desired products that minimize the impact on the environment.
- Applications of Green Chemistry: Source of Reduction & *Prevention of Chemical Hazards, Design of chemical products* which are less hazardous to human health and the environment.

Best solution: Use of Green Chemicals

Source: Adapted from Background paper of Karin Rumar, 7th Regional 3R Forum 2016



3Rs in the context of **Green Economy**

3Rs in a broader context - not just about municipal waste management, but is intrinsically linked with **resource efficiency** in a wide range of sectors with an objective to reduce or eliminate the waste load for final disposal towards transitioning to a resource efficient and green economy

Multilayer Partnerships and Coalition as the Basis for 3R's Promotion

3Rs in the context of **Rio+20 outcome – The Future We Want**

Pacific countries join 3R Forum



Tokyo 3R Statement

Singapore Recommendation

Surabaya 3R Declaration

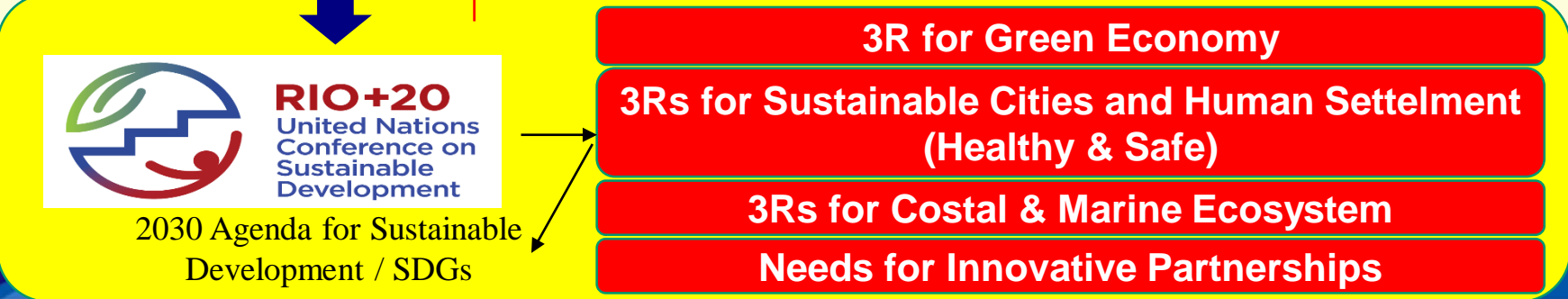
3R as an Economic Industry

Adelaide 3R Declaration on Circular Economy

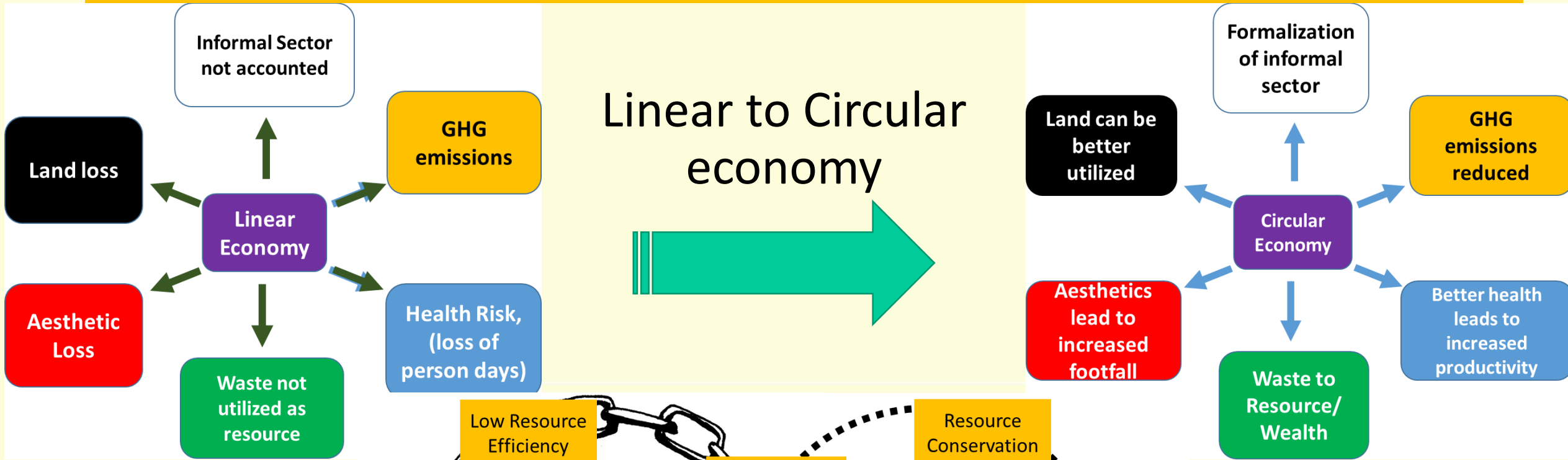
Ha Noi 3R Declaration (2013-2023)
33 Goals for Urban/Industrial areas, Rural areas/Biomass, New and Emerging Wastes, Cross-cutting issues

2nd East Asia Summit - Environment Ministers Meeting (EAS EMM), Brunei, 2010

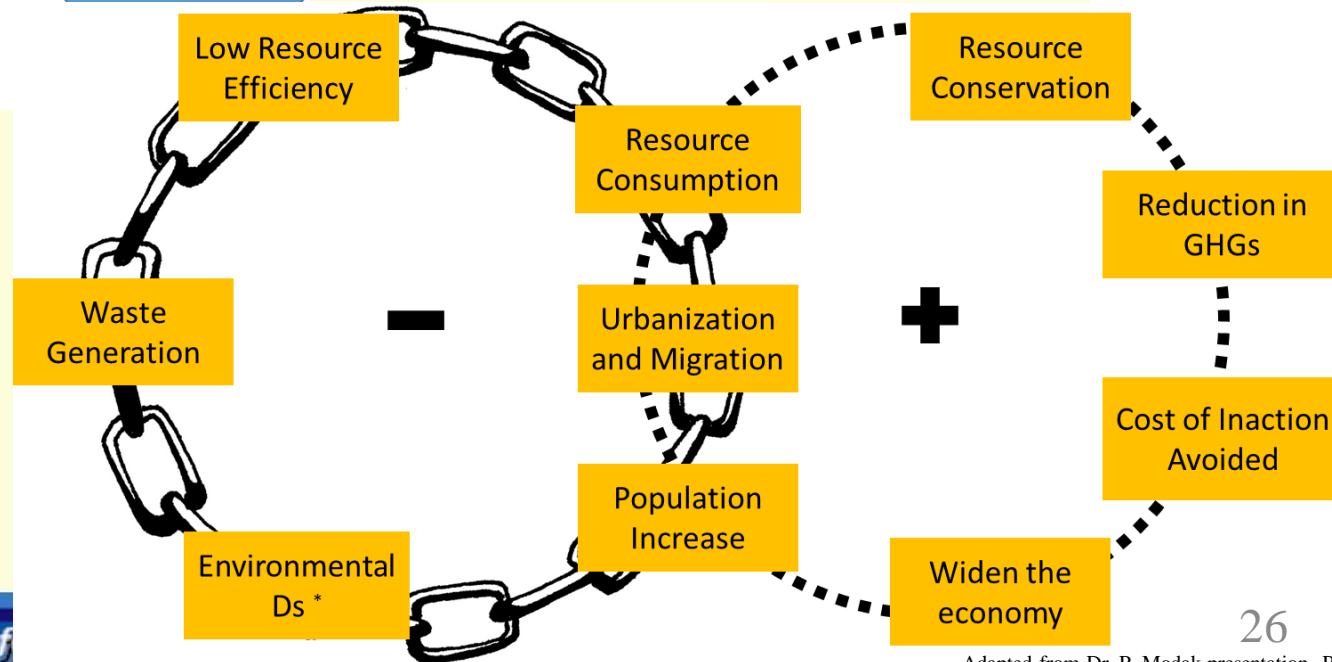
Endorsed Regional 3R Forum in Asia



Acts and achievements: Regional 3R Forum in Asia-Pacific

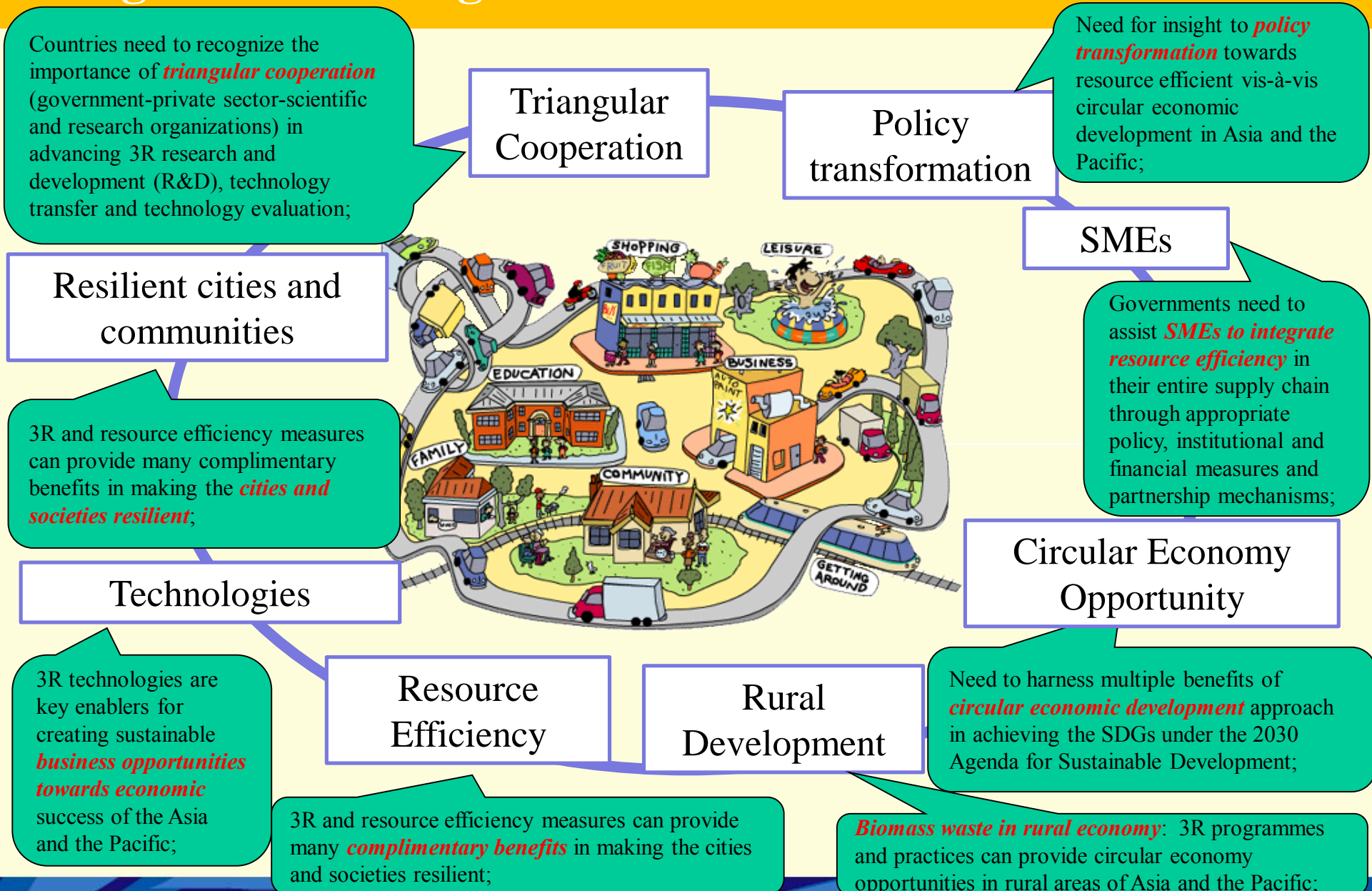


Moving from negative loop to positive loop



=> **Important impact:**
Waste management is being increasingly addressed in resource domain

Key Findings of the 7th Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific 2016



Adelaide 3R Declaration

Towards the Promotion of Circular Economy in Achieving Resource Efficient Societies in Asia and the Pacific under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

❖ Promote inter-municipal or city-city cooperation

Creating circular economic opportunities, green and new employment opportunities, ultimately contributing to the well-being of the local communities

❖ Provide necessary capacity building and support

Human resource development, financing, knowledge and technical know-how for instituting circular economic development approaches

❖ Facilitate environmentally-sound management of wastes

Appropriate treatment of disaster wastes, e-wastes, medical wastes etc.



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❖ Science and Innovation Technology

Technology based culture in overall policy setting and development agendas

❖ Private sector and sustainable business opportunities

3R technologies are key enablers for creating sustainable business opportunities

❖ Collaborative Research-Development and Projects

To address resource efficiency related problems in industry sector, Government and international collaborative research projects in the areas of strengthening basic statistics, material flow and waste accounting and analysis, and material and waste footprint analysis and resource productivity analysis and

Bilateral/multilateral cooperation



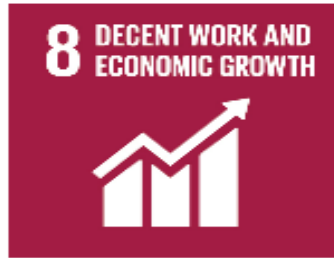
The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ~3R / resource efficiency

measures can provide many direct/indirect benefits to many SDGs



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

GOALS



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