

Plenary Session 6: Panel Discussion Points

1. What is the overall state of plastics waste management in Asian cities? What is the level of knowledgebase (data, information, monitoring, expertise/institutions, research and development) on plastics wastes?
2. Where do single-use plastics go once we use and discard them? Why are they detrimental for the environment and natural ecosystem like Tonle Sap? What are eco-friendly alternatives to single use plastics? What are the best examples or cases we have in the region?
3. How can we leverage scientific knowledge and research and partnerships (PPP) to promote eco-friendly alternatives? What can we do to improve this global plastic crisis for realizing sustainable cities and communities as well as to protect the lives below water?
4. What is our knowledgebase on toxic and hazardous microplastics (size < 5mm)? To what extent Asian cities do monitor micro-plastics in coastal and marine environment? What is the level awareness on this emerging issue? What is the level of cooperation between city and national government authorities in addressing this issue?
5. What types of international capacity building and collaborative research programs are relevant towards a circular economy and ending plastic waste in the environment (land, water, air, ocean)?