

Plenary Session 3 , City - City / Inter Municipal Cooperation through the North- South -South cooperation for advancing 3Rs at the Local Level .

Thank you very much Dr Vaughan Levitzak ,
Good Afternoon,
Honorable Chair, Honorable Ms Tri Rismaharini, Mayor of Surabaya, Excellencies Distinguish speakers, Delegates, Ladies and Gentleman

I am really pleased to open this important event, and I thank you for inviting my city here to Surabaya. This conference is at the heart of key priorities of waste management in the field of the Multilayer Partnerships and Coalition as the Basis for 3Rs Promotion in Asia and the Pacific.

Kathmandu city is the capital city and biggest urban center of Nepal with rich historical, archeological and cultural significance. My Kathmandu city would like to demonstrate our renewed commitment to realizing a promising decade (2013/2023) of sustainable actions and measures for achieving resource efficient society and a green economy in Asia and the Pacific through the implementation of the 3Rs (reduce, reuse, and recycle),

[1. What are the best examples or experiences of city-city \(C2C\) cooperation from the region in 3R areas? Learning from the experience of Surabaya City, how can we strengthen city-city cooperation as a new engine for the promotion of 3Rs at local and municipal level?](#)

Providing a strategic and knowledge platform for sharing experiences and disseminating among cities is the best practice, tool, technologies and policy instruments on various aspects of the 3Rs. Facilitating economic development and creating markets around 3R policies, providing technical and financial assistance, development of a sound and effective solid waste management (including 3Rs) strategy. This will contribute to a paradigm shift to a waste management. 3R activities will not be successful implement if there is no strong acceptance at that individual level, at the community level supported strongly from political leaders. And municipalities are clear in this

endeavor. Donor and international agencies also play a vital role to facilitate improved dialogue and cooperation, capacity buildings, implementing of 3R activities at the city level. City to city cooperation can also be addressed by common concerned issues on 3R policy. Visit to Surabaya City is an eye opener to our municipality. It certainly helps us to rethink about the Kathmandu's overall management of waste in our municipality.

[2. Do we have good cases of inter-municipal cooperation \(within a nation or sub-nation\) on 3Rs areas of common interest or concern such as – developing human resources and building institutional capacity, developing and managing waste recovery facilities,](#)

exchange of waste based on recycling potential or marketing facilities, joint waste-to-energy projects, community based composting facilities in support of sustainable farming on a regional scale or watershed basis, joint waste treatment facilities, addressing waste management along a common river or freshwater bodies, sustainable tourism, etc.? How can we scale up such cooperation region wide?

Kathmandu Valley consists of five municipalities including Kathmandu Metropolitan City. All the waste generated in the city will be transported to the landfill site which is managed by Kathmandu city. In this context, project supported by JICA had developed human resources and capacity building, community recycling center, study on waste based on recycling potential or marketing facilities (PRISM –EU project – 2011-2014). Inter municipal cooperation in selling and distribution of Compost bins as well as promotion of community compost plant. We have a joint effort on cleaning river activities with national government people, civic society, educational institutions, local authorities, NGOs and international organizations,

3 How can the concept of eco-towns, eco-industrial zones, science parks, green industry (including SMEs) practices, etc. could be better promoted through city-city cooperation at international level (North-South-South cooperation)? What are the potential partnership opportunities or international technical assistance available for the developing cities in the region to realize such 3R infrastructures or facilities?

Exactly, my Government and my city fully committed to Rio plus 20 Outcome document. So far Kathmandu City need development of eco towns, eco-industrial zones science parks, green industry basically supported to the SMEs. My city is globally top ten destination city for tourism so our priorities are concept of eco- towns, eco parks, science parks and we have support to the green industry base on the SMEs at specially tourism sector. My government and my City would like to promote Eco - Tourism so we are going to link of nature to culture .

I would like to add the need to move towards a zero waste society; the requirement for a special attention on particular types of waste, in particular the emerging new waste streams such as electronic waste, plastics , and oil and lubricants; the critical role of partnerships and international cooperation; and the significance of education and public awareness that lead to behavioral change. We have facing more newly emerging challenges so we need think global governance and global market as well as city 2 city collaborative approach including local level .

4 What role national associations of local governments could play in advancing city-to-city cooperation within countries and internationally towards implementation of Hanoi 3R Declaration?

I would like all the distinguished guest and participants to know that Kathmandu Metropolitan city is the lead municipality in my country. Everything we do becomes an example to rest of the fifty eight municipalities of my country. We are collaborating with all municipalities through municipal associations of Nepal (MUAN). The municipal association is the lead organization to teach us of good things happening in the country about 3R implementations. We support MUAN and indirectly we want that the one national association of Municipalities in Nepal takes a lead role in sharing our good and bad experiences. We support MUAN for our benefit and all

the municipalities are in support for us. I would like all of us to know that national associations of Municipalities like MUAN is our backbone of our cooperation. Our contribution to Hanoi 3R Declaration based on approval by our city council which I hope will be approved without any debate are the following:

- Kathmandu City will base its SWM on 3R principle.
- Kathmandu City will strive to cooperate with all the agencies concern to make city a clean green and healthy
- Kathmandu City will try to abide by the rules and regulation of the international conventions and guidelines with support from Government of Nepal, At last, my City has a key policy initiative to be taken for the mitgatigation of compliance - eight issues are highlighted as key policy issues for improving SWM in Nepal. Development of Policy, Strategy, and Guidelines, Promotion of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle , Strengthening Capacity of Local Bodies , Cost Recovery, Improvements toward Integrated Solid Waste Management , Public– Private Partnership and Data Management. In future we need to more focus on public - private ,private - social and government to other agencies partnership to be developed for the waste management .