

Parallel Roundtable 1: Economic opportunities from 3R – Urban Sector Summary Report

Four presentations were made by eminent professionals preceded by a thorough analysis of the 3R business situation by Mr. Mohanty, UNCRD. This was followed by questions and comments by the participants. The conclusions drawn are:

- 3R benefits includes low waste disposal costs/low import, revenue earning, job and livelihood & CDM
- Need to move from a linear or “one way” economy to a resource efficient and even a closed loop or “circular” economy
- The region has got both developed countries like Japan, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia and low capacity developing countries, where replication of the model pose real challenges
- Public private partnerships in 3R business offer opportunities in developing countries.
- Engineering/science based policies will take into account the technological opportunities and limits of recycling .
- Many countries and sectors (in developed countries) are already pursuing smart, resource efficient, resilient and inclusive urban development paths. Involving the private sector in this process though multi-stakeholder partnerships that has shown to result in shared benefits for both public and private actors - but a big question still exists in developing countries.