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Country 3R Progress Report

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Progress and achievements towards implementation of the Ha Noi 3R Declaration
-Sustainable 3R Goals for Asia and the Pacific (2013-2023)-

With the objective of demonstrating renewed interest and commitment of Asia-Pacific countries towards realizing a resource efficient society, the Fourth Regional 3R Forum in Asia-Pacific in 2013 adopted the good-will and legally non-binding “*Ha Noi 3R Declaration – Sustainable 3R Goals for Asia and the Pacific 2013-23.*” The objective of the Country Reporting is to share among international community various initiatives launched and efforts made (such as new policy instruments, legislations, regulations, institutional arrangements, investments or financing, technological innovation or intervention, partnership mechanisms, such as PPPs, etc.) by the member countries of the Forum in addressing each of the underlined goals of the Ha Noi 3R Declaration. This would not only help the member countries to learn various 3R best practices in place across the region, but it would also help bi-lateral and multi-lateral development agencies, donors, development banks in assessing the sustainable needs and challenges to better devise their existing as well as future capacity building programmes and technical assistance in the areas of 3Rs and sustainable waste management.

We request you to kindly fill in the below table as much as possible with relevant data/information. If additional spaces are required, separate sheets could be attached.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

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I. 3R Goals in Urban/Industrial Areas (3Rs in municipal solid waste)

Goal 1 Significant **reduction** in the quantity of **municipal solid waste** generated, by instituting policies, programmes, and projects at national and local levels, encouraging both producers and consumers to reduce the waste through greening production, greening lifestyle, and sustainable consumption.

Q-1 What specific 3R policies, programmes and projects, are implemented to reduce the quantity of municipal solid waste?

Policies, programmes, projects and initiatives include:

- Draft Niue National Strategic Plan (as the overarching framework)
- Niue Integrated Waste Management Strategy
- Niue Coastal Policy (Sustainable Coastal Development Policy 2008)
- Marine Pollution Act
- E-waste collection programme
- Can-recycling programme
- State of Environment Report
- National Environment Management Strategy

Q-2 What is the level of participation of households in “source” segregation of municipal waste streams? (Please check the appropriate box)

Very High (> 90%)

High (>70%)

Average (50~70%)

Low or not satisfactory (< 50%)

Does not exist

Q-3 Total annual government expenditure per capita (US\$ per capita) in municipal solid waste management in 2014-2015

USD\$30.00 – USD\$40.00

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- Lack of finance/funds to cover a well-programmed approach. Sometimes finance flow is inconsistent and are usually used on consultants;
- Waste collection is largely funded by the Government; should work on a user-pay basis;
- Loss of key experienced personnel or the risk of capacity-retainment within the sector;
- Up-skill and build capacity;
- Lack of appropriate facilities to dismantle e-waste, store e-waste or recyclable materials;
- Social norm and behavioral pattern of society and the ability to adapt to new and changed practices

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

- Integrated waste management plan;
- Waste water reduction;
- E-waste collection programme;
- Storage and oil recovery;
- Can collections/can recycling;
- Social media platforms.

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake

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within next five years (2016~2021)

- Niue National Strategic Plan;
- Recycling Programme;
- Sewage Treatment;
- Waste dump/landfill management;
- Waste recovery & Separation Facility
- Household segregation.

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

I. 3R Goals in Urban/Industrial Areas (3Rs in municipal solid waste)

Goal 2 Full-scale utilization of the organic component of municipal waste, including food waste, as a valuable resource, thereby achieving multiple benefits such as the reduction of waste flows to final disposal sites, reduction of GHG emission, improvement in resource efficiency, energy recovery, and employment creation.

Q-1 Does the central government have policies or support to utilize or reduce the organic waste such as composting, energy recovery and improving efficiency in food processing?

Integrated Waste Management Strategy

Q-2 What is happening to country's organic waste? (Please check the appropriate box)

- mostly landfilled
- mostly incinerated
- both landfilled and incinerated
- mostly open dumped or open burned

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- Capacity to implement and carry out programme(s);
- Lack or limited funding for implementation;
- Change in attitude and social perception through promoting waste segregation and the difficulty in promoting waste segregation amongst members of society;
- Lack of capacity to better manage and control waste management and pollution control.

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

- Composting and Separation of Waste (Pilot) to promote effective waste management and composting;
- Waste Segregation & Recycling Center;
- Food and crop waste for livestock feed.

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

The implementation of the Niue Integrated Waste Management Strategy.

**Voluntary Progress/Achievements/Initiatives in
Implementing Ha Noi 3R Declaration (2013~2023)**

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Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

I. 3R Goals in Urban/Industrial Areas (3Rs in municipal solid waste)

Goal 3 Achieve significant **increase in recycling rate** of recyclables (e.g., plastic, paper, metal, etc.), by introducing policies and measures, and by setting up financial mechanisms and institutional frameworks involving relevant stakeholders (e.g., producers, consumers, recycling industry, users of recycled materials, etc.) and development of modern recycling industry.

Q-1 What is the recycling rate of various recyclables? (Please check the appropriate cell & add more waste streams as relevant for the country)

Rate Type	Very High (>90%)	High (>70%)	Average (50~60%)	Poor (<50%)	Recycling does not exist	Definition of recycling rate*
Paper				X		
Plastic					X	
Metal				X		
Construction waste				X		
e-waste				X		
others						

*Note: Please specify in the cell which of the following definitions (ie., 1 or 2 or 3) is followed for recycling rate

Definition 1: (collected recyclable waste)/(estimated generation of waste)

Definition 2: (volume of utilized recyclable waste)/(volume of raw material)

Definition 3: (volume of utilized recyclable waste)/(volume of collected waste for recycling)

Q-2 What specific policies are introduced at local and national level for prevention or reduction of waste streams – paper, plastic, metal, construction waste, e-waste?

Although Niue has no specific policy there is awareness campaign on reducing organic waste in waste collection on the island. The overarching

Q-3 What is the rate of resource recovery from various waste streams?

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Paper		X			
Plastic		X			
Metal			X		
Construction waste			X		
e-waste				X	

(Please check the appropriate cell & add more waste streams as relevant for the country)

Q-4 What is the level of existence of resource recovery facilities/ infrastructures in cities?

Level Type	Every Major City	Few Major Cities only	Does not exist	Supportive policy or programmes exists	No supportive policy or programmes
Paper				X	
Plastic				X	
Metal				X	
Construction waste				X	
e-waste				X	

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Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- Such system is still non-existent due to lack of policy measures;
- Institutional arrangements;
- Usually dependent on overseas companies to accept recyclable materials, and sometimes these companies are hard to locate and accept;
- Limited capacity;
- Limited technology;
- Limited funding.

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

Waste separation and collection – this is predominantly done through recycling and green waste composting (Pilot).

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

- Waste Recycling & Separation Facility
- Sewage Treatment System

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

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Goal 4 Build **sustainable cities /green cities** by encouraging “zero waste” through sound policies, strategies, institutional mechanisms, and multi - stakeholder partnerships (giving specific importance to private sector involvement) with a primary goal of **waste minimization**

Q-1 What specific waste management policies and programmes are introduced to encourage private sector participation in municipal waste management?

Not applicable – limited to waste collection

Q-2 What are the major waste management areas that have strong involvement of private and business sector? (Please check appropriate boxes and add other areas if not listed below)

- waste collection
- resource recovery
- waste recycling
- waste to energy, composting, etc.
- PPP projects in waste sector

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- Lack of capacity
- Lack of funding
- Lack of expertise

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Niue Integrated Waste Management Strategy.

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

- Waste Recycling & Separation Facility
- Sewage Treatment System

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

I. 3R Goals in Urban/Industrial Areas (3Rs in Industrial waste)

Goal 5 Encourage the **private sector**, including small-and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to implement measures to increase **resource efficiency and productivity**, creation of decent work and to improve environmentally-friendly practices through applying environmental standards, clean technologies, and cleaner production.

Q-1 What are the major clean technology related policies aiming to increase energy and resource efficiency of SMEs?

No policy exists in this area; however, it has also been noted that there is a lack of expertise in this area.

Q-2 What are the capacity building programmes currently in place to build the technical capacity of SMEs in 3R areas?

Limited information and data available.

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- Lack of expertise to implement the activities
- Lack of funding especially in both the government and private sectors
- Lack of technology

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

Niue Integrated Waste Management Strategy

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

- Waste Recycling & Separation Facility
- Sewage Treatment System

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

I. 3R Goals in Urban/Industrial Areas (3Rs in Industrial waste)

Goal 6 Promote the **greening of the value chain** by encouraging industries and associated suppliers and vendors in socially responsible and inclusive ways.

Q-1 What percent of companies and industries have introduced green accounting and voluntary environmental performance evaluation (Ref: ISO 14000)?

- Very High (> 90%)
 High (>70%)
 Average (50~70%)
 Low or not satisfactory (< 50%)
 None

Q-2 What percent of companies and industries have introduced social accounting (Ref: SA 8000) in consultation with their workers?

- Very High (> 90%)
 High (>70%)
 Average (50~70%)
 Low or not satisfactory (< 50%)
 None

Q 3 Does government have a programme for promoting greening of the value chain? What specific policies, programmes and incentives are introduced to promote greening of value chain?

N/A

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

N/A

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

N/A

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

- Waste Recycling & Separation Facility
- Sewage Treatment System

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

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Goal 7 Promote **industrial symbiosis** (i.e., recycling of waste from one industry as a resource for another), by providing relevant incentives and support.

Q-1 Does your government have policies and programmes promoting industrial symbiosis in industrial parks or zones? What specific policies, programmes and incentives are introduced to promote industrial symbiosis?

No policy exists.

Q-2 How many eco-industrial parks or zones or the like, which is supported by the government, are there in the country?

No such parks or zones exist.

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<i>Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of capacity and institutional systems to undertake and implement 	
<i>Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant</i>	
N/A	
<i>Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste Recycling & Separation Facility Sewage Treatment System 	
<i>Is this Goal relevant for your country?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Highly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all	

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Goal 8	Build local capacity of both current and future practitioners, to enable the private sector (including SMEs) to obtain the necessary knowledge and technical skills to foster green industry and create decent, productive work.
<i>Q-1 How many dedicated training facilities or centers are there to cater the needs of SMEs and practitioners in the areas of cleaner production, resource efficiency and environment-friendly technologies, etc.?</i>	
No dedicated training facilities or centers exist.	
<i>Q-2 Please provide an indicative figure on annual government (US \$) expenditure on building technical capacity of SMEs and practitioners in the areas of cleaner production, resource efficiency and environment-friendly technologies, etc.?</i>	
Limited information is available; mostly linked to donor projects.	
<i>Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of capacity Lack of institutional frameworks – more so there are limitations to the institutional framework/arrangements Lack of technology Lack of finance/funding 	
<i>Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant</i>	
N/A	
<i>Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)</i>	
N/A	
<i>Is this Goal relevant for your country?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Highly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all	

I. 3R Goals in Urban/Industrial Areas (3Rs in Industrial waste)

Goal 9 Develop proper **classification and inventory of hazardous waste** as a prerequisite towards sound management of such waste.

Q-1 *Is there a systematic classification of hazardous waste? If so, please attach.*

Yes No

Q-2 *What specific rules and regulations are introduced to separate, store, treat, transportation and disposal of hazardous waste?*

There are no rules and regulations enforced because there is lack of resources and capacity as well as institutional responsibility.

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- Lack of finance
- There is no clear guidance on policy/policies
- Low understanding in institutional responsibilities
- Storage capacity
- Resources for handling, storage, treatment, separation and disposal of such waste

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

Asbestos management – the collection of asbestos in-country, the packaging and shipment of these hazardous waste overseas.

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

Niue Integrated Waste Management Strategy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

II. 3R Goals in Rural Areas

Goal 10 **Reduce losses in the overall food supply chain** (production, post harvesting and storage, processing and packaging, distribution), leading to reduction of waste while increasing the quantity and improving the quality of products reaching consumers.

Q-1 *What specific policies, rules and regulations, including awareness programmes, are introduced to minimize food or crop waste?*

No programme exist, however public awareness in the field of food handling to minimize waste output.

Q-2 *Is there any continuing education services or awareness programmes for the farmers or agricultural marketing associations on reduction of crop wastes for increased food security?*

No information is available, however traditional knowledge and social norm play a key role

Q-3 *What is the average wastage of crops or agricultural produce between farms to consumers, if there is a study in your country?*

- Very High (> 20~ 30%)
- High (10~20%)
- Medium (5~10%)
- Low (< 5%)
- Negligible (<1%)

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

No programme exists

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

N/A

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

The Niue Integrated Waste Management Plan to implement including waste recycling and segregation of organics.

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly X Partially Not at all

II. 3R Goals in Rural Areas

Goal 11 Promote full scale **use of agricultural biomass waste and livestock waste** through reuse and/or recycle measures as appropriate, to achieve a number of co - benefits including GHG emission reduction, energy security, sustainable livelihoods in rural areas and poverty reduction, among others.

Q-1 How much amount of – (a) agricultural biomass waste and (b) livestock waste are grossly generated per annum?

No information is available.

Q-2 How are most of the agricultural biomass wastes utilized or treated? (Please check all appropriate boxes)

as secondary raw material input (for paper, bioplastic, furniture, etc.)

biogas/electricity generation

X composts/fertilizers

mostly left unutilized or open dumped

mostly open burned

Q-3 What specific policies, guidelines, and technologies are introduced for efficient utilization of agricultural biomass waste and livestock waste as a secondary material inputs towards full scale economic benefits? Relevant websites could be shared for additional information.

There are no such initiatives established to date.

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- Limited financial assistance
- Lack of policy and lack of understanding in this area
- Lack of capacity

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

N/Z

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

Implementation of the Niue Integrated Waste Management Strategy, as well as touching on organic farming.

Is this Goal relevant for your country? X Highly Partially Not at all

III. 3R Goals for New and Emerging Wastes

Goal 12 Strengthen regional, national, and local efforts to address the issue of **waste, in particular plastics** in the marine and coastal environment.

Q-1 What specific policies and regulations are in place to address the issue of plastic wastes in coastal and marine environment?

Waste Management Regulations.

Q-2 What extent issue of plastic waste is considered in integrated coastal zone management (ICZM)? (Please check the appropriate box)

Very much

X Somehow

Not at all

III. 3R Goals for New and Emerging Wastes

Goal 12 Strengthen regional, national, and local efforts to address the issue of **waste, in particular plastics** in the marine and coastal environment.

Q-3 Please provide a list of centre of excellences or dedicated scientific and research programmes established to address the impacts of micro-plastic particples (<5 mm) on coastal and marine species? If yes, please provide relevant websites.

N/A

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

N/A

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

N/A

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

N/A

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

III. 3R Goals for New and Emerging Wastes

Goal 13 Ensure **environmentally-sound management of e-waste** at all stages, including collection, storage, transportation, recovery, recycling, treatment, and disposal with appropriate consideration for working conditions, including **health and safety aspects** of those involved.

Q-1 How do people usually recycle their e-waste (waste electrical and electronic equipment)?
(Please check the appropriate box in order of priority by filling in numbers like 1, 2, 3, 4,...etc., for example 1 => Highest priority)

Check if applicable	Number in priority order	
	2	Take to recycling center / resource recovery facilities
	3	Take to landfill
	N/A	Take to the retailer
	N/A	Take to local charity for re-use
	5	Take to second-hand shop for re-use
	N/A	Ship back to the manufacturer
	N/A	Ship back to the manufacturer
	1	Recycle in another country
	4	Do not know how people dispose

Q-2 What specific policies and regulations are in place to ensure health and safety aspects of those involved in e-waste management (handling/sorting/resource recovery/recycling)?

There is still no system in place as of yet.

Q-3 How much amount of e-waste is generated and recycled per year?

Type of e-waste	Estimated total volume generated (ton/year)	% of collected by permitted recycler	% of volume recycled in collected
Television	(<0.25/year)	N/A	N/A
Computer	(<0.25/year)	N/A	N/A
Mobile phone	N/A	N/A	N/A
Refrigerators	(<0.25/year)	N/A	N/A
Washing machines	(<0.25/year)	N/A	N/A
Air conditioners	(<0.10/year)	N/A	N/A
Others...			

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- Lack or limited funding to implement waste strategy
- Limited capacity
- Lack of resources and finances for the programme
- Limited understanding in institutional arrangements

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

The collection and storage of e-waste only.

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

Implement the Niue Integrated Waste Management Strategy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

III. 3R Goals for New and Emerging Wastes

Goal 14 Effective enforcement of established mechanisms for preventing illegal and inappropriate export and import of waste, including transit trade, especially of hazardous waste and e-waste.

Q-1 What specific policies and regulations are introduced to prevent illegal import and export of e-waste?

Very limited, if not, no such initiative exists. Border control by Custom, especially with ODS waste ban and no importation of ODS.

Q-2 Do you have required number of well-trained custom or other officials (for airport, sea-port, land border control, etc.) to track illegal export and import of e-waste?

X Yes No

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- Limited policies (or understanding thereof)
- The need to upgrade and upskill capacity in order to provide identification of such materials
- Institutional arrangements
- Capacity-building and capacity-retain
- Lack of funds and resources to drive the process

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

N/A

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

N/A (No plans are included under this Goal for Niue in the next 5 years)

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly X Partially Not at all

III. 3R Goals for New and Emerging Wastes

Goal 15 Progressive implementation of “**extended producer responsibility (EPR)**” by encouraging producers, importers, and retailers and other relevant stakeholders to fulfill their responsibilities for collecting, recycling, and disposal of new and emerging waste streams, in particular e-waste.

Q-1 What specific Extended Product Responsibility (EPR) policies are enacted or introduced? (If there is none, then skip Q-2 below)

N/A

Q-2 Please provide a list of products and product groups targeted by EPR nationally?

N/A

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

N/A

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

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N/A

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

N/A

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

III. 3R Goals for New and Emerging Wastes

Goal 16 Promote the 3R concept in health-care waste management.

Q-1 What specific policies and regulations are in place for healthcare waste management?

- Waste Management Strategy
- Health Regulations

Q-2 What is the total annual government expenditure towards healthcare waste management (US\$ per year)?

USD\$5,000.00

Q-3 List the agencies or authorities responsible for healthcare waste management.

Department of Health, Department of Environment with close collaboration with the Health Department.

Q-4 What is the common practice for disposal of healthcare wastes?

(Please check the appropriate box and add if any other practice followed)

- open dumping (untreated)
- open burning (untreated)
- ordinary landfilling (untreated)
- sanitary landfilling (treated)
- Low cost small scale incineration (do not meet air emission standards)
- Highly controlled air incineration (dedicated/modern medical waste incinerators)
- Other methods (please specify names:)

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- Lack of funding to buy and transport a new and more efficient incinerator to the island
- Limited capacity to handle and dispose health waste
- The need for a new incinerator
- Need more national/international trainings and awareness on health care and health care associated waste

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

Waste Management Strategy

III. 3R Goals for New and Emerging Wastes

Goal 16 Promote the 3R concept in health-care waste management.

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

Implementation of the Waste Management Plan

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 17 Improve resource efficiency and resource productivity by greening jobs nation - wide in all economic and development sectors.

Q-1 What specific policies and guidelines are introduced for product standard (towards quality/durability, environment/eco-friendliness, labour standard)?

No information available.

Q-2 What specific energy efficiency schemes are introduced for production, manufacturing and service sector?

No information available.

Q-3 What specific policies are introduced to create green jobs in product and waste sector?

N/A

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

No information and no experience therefore it is an unknown area for Niue.

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

No information and no experience therefore it is an unknown area for Niue.

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

Unknown area for Niue as no experience in this area to date.

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 18 Maximize co-benefits from waste management technologies for local air, water, oceans, and soil pollution and global climate change.

Q-1 Please share how climate mitigation is addressed in waste management policies and programmes for co-benefits?

Climate mitigation is not addressed in the waste management policies and programmes.

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- Lack of understanding, information and expertise in climate mitigation.
- Need for regular trainings on climate mitigation as it is an evolving focal area

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development –

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include websites where relevant

N/A.

Renewable energy is mainly focused on solar energy.

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

- Climate Change Policy
- Joint National Action Plan on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management
- Niue Strategic Energy Roadmap
- Niue Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC) – focuses on 50% solar energy production of electricity, and reaching higher levels by 2025

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 19 Enhance national and local knowledge base and research network on the 3Rs and resource efficiency, through facilitating effective and dynamic linkages among all stakeholders, including governments, municipalities, the private sector, and scientific communities.

Q-1 What specific policies are introduced to encourage triangular cooperation between government, scientific & research institutions and private/business sector in 3R areas?

Niue is fairly new to the 3Rs Initiative.

Q-2 Please share the number and list of dedicated scientific institution, or coordinating centers in the areas of 3Rs (e.g., waste minimization technologies, eco-products, cleaner production, recycling technologies, industrial symbiosis, resource efficiency, etc.)?

Niue is fairly new to the 3Rs Initiative.

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Niue is fairly new to the 3Rs Initiative.

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

N/A - Niue is fairly new to the 3Rs Initiative.

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

Niue is fairly new to the 3Rs Initiative.

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 20 Strengthen multi-stakeholder partnerships among governments, civil society, and the private sector in raising public awareness and advancing the 3Rs, sustainable consumption and production, and resource efficiency, leading to the behavioural change of the citizens and change in production patterns.

Q-1 Does central government have official dialogue with multi-stakeholders in the process to formulate 3R-related policies and regulations? Which stakeholders are involved in the dialogue?(Please check all applicable)

- NGOs
 Industrial Association
 Local Government
 Academic Institution
 X Others, please add/specify (Contractor – Rubbish Collection)

Q-2 What is the level of NGOs' involvement in 3R, sustainable production and consumption, resource efficiency related promotional activities? (Please check the appropriate box)

- Very high
 Moderate
 Low
 Almost Negligible

Q-3 What is the level of citizens' awareness on beneficial aspects of 3R, sustainable production and consumption and resource efficiency. (Please check the appropriate box)

- Very high
 Moderate
 Low
 Almost Negligible

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- Activities and awareness is ad hoc as limited capacity in the focused area.
- Limited funding for implementation
- Limited funding – sometimes funding that does come through is shared amongst activities

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

N/A

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

Waste Transfer & Recycling Facility

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 21 Integrate the 3Rs in formal education at primary, secondary, and tertiary levels as well as non-formal education such as community learning and development, in accordance with Education for Sustainable Development.

Q-1 Provide a list of formal programmes that addresses areas of 3R and resource efficiency as part of the academic curriculum?

There is limited awareness on programmes outside of the existing curriculum.

Q-2 Please provide an overview of the Government policies and programmes to promote community learning and development (non-formal education) on 3R and sustainable waste management.

- Community learning and awareness is mainly carried out on television and radio but costs hinder some other platforms to raise awareness and educate people
- Social media is also playing a key role in the current learning and developing environment as social media reaches out to a wider audience
- Non-formal education platform also includes word of mouth and traditional knowledge passed from one generation to another.

Q-3 Please provide a list of academic and research institutions offering PhD programmes in the areas of 3Rs and resource efficiency?

N/A

Q-4 Please provide a list of management institutions (offering BBA / MBA courses) which have integrated resource efficiency and life cycle assessment (LCA) as part of their curriculum or course development?

N/A

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

N/A

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

N/A

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

N/A

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 22 **Integrate the 3R concept** in relevant policies and programmes, of key ministries and agencies such as Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Trade and Commerce, Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Construction, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Land and Urban Development, Ministry of Education, and other relevant ministries towards transitioning to a resource-efficient and zero waste society.

Q-1 Please list the name of the Ministries and major Government Agencies which are promoting 3R and resource efficiency as part of their policy, planning and developmental activities at local and national level.

Niue is new to the 3Rs initiative. Much of the programmes and actions in the past were implemented by the Department of Environment which is now under the Ministry of Natural Resources after the recent public service transformation.

Q-2 What type of coordination mechanism are there among ministries and agencies for a resource efficient economic development?

- Official regular coordination meeting among ministries and agencies
- Official ad-hoc coordination meeting among ministries and agencies
- Informal meeting among ministries and agencies
- Other coordination mechanisms (please add/specify)

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- Determining scope, scale and level of waste management on the island;
- Limited funds;
- Waste management is prioritized but where it is ranked on the national prioritization list is up to country discretion;
- Need to elevate level of awareness on 3R at country-level and conduct national and international training.

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

N/A

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

Waste Management Strategy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 23 Promote **green and socially responsible procurement** at all levels, thereby creating and expanding 3R industries and markets for environmentally-friendly goods and products.

Q-1 What specific policies are introduced to promote green and social responsible procurement?

Organic Certification & Labeling under the Niue Island Organic Farming Association (NIOFA)

Q-2 Please provide details of eco-labelling schemes of your country.

N/A

Q-3 Please provide a list of criteria for eco-labeled products and services in your country.

N/A

Q-4 Please provide the list of Ministries and major Government Agencies which have adopted green procurement policy.

N/A

Q-5 What % of municipalities have adopted the green procurement policy?

N/A

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- Limited capacity
- Lack of experts/technical expertise
- Lack of policy – or limited understanding in this area
- Institutional framework

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

N/A

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

Organic Farming and the institutional arrangements

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 24 Phase out harmful subsidies that favour unsustainable use of resources (raw materials and water) and energy, and channel the freed funds in support of implementing the 3Rs and efforts to improve resource/energy efficiency.

Q-1 Are there any government subsidy programmes that directly or indirectly favour unsustainable use of resources (raw materials, water, and energy)? If so, please provide a list of such programmes along with the responsible Ministry or Agency administering and implementing it.

N/A

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

N/A

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

N/A

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

N/A

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 25 Protect public health and ecosystems, including freshwater and marine resources by eliminating illegal activities of open dumping, including dumping in the oceans, and controlling open burning in both urban and rural areas.

Q-1 Is waste management a public health priority in your country?

Yes.

Q-2 What are the rules and regulations to prevent open dumping and open burning of waste?

Will require more information in this area. Work requires cooperation and collaboration with various stakeholders outside of the Department of Environment and the Ministry of Natural Resources, but within government.

Q-3 Rank the five most important rivers in terms of water quality (BOD values) passing through major cities and urban areas?

N/A

Q-4 What are the specific laws, rules and regulations in place to prevent littering in river and water bodies?

N/A

Q-5 What are the specific laws, rules and regulations in place to prevent marine littering?

Will require more information, especially current information that portrays and reflects the current situation of the island.

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 25 Protect public health and ecosystems, including freshwater and marine resources by eliminating illegal activities of open dumping, including dumping in the oceans, and controlling open burning in both urban and rural areas.

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- Limited finance
- Lack of capacity to develop, implement and enforce the rules
- A lot stakeholders and multiple institutions involved – tends to draw out the process longer
- Limited equipment and expertise to properly carry out testing of water and marine environment for pollution

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

N/A

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

Waste Management Strategy implementation

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 26 Facilitate the international circulation of re-usable and recyclable resources as well as remanufactured products as mutually agreed by countries and in accordance with international and national laws, especially the Basel Convention, which contributes to the reduction of negative environmental impacts and the effective management of resources.

Q-1 What are major recycling industries in your country?

Can recycling, an initiative that is carried out by communities.

Q-2 Please specify the regulation on transboundary movement of hazardous waste.

N/A – would require the assistance of regional CROP agency/agencies to ensure information is relevant and up to date.

Q-3 If your government has restriction on import of non-hazardous waste or quality control of non-hazardous waste, please list it up.

Q-4 Does your government restrict import of remanufactured goods?

There is lack of information in this area.

Q-5 Does your government regard remanufactured goods as secondhand goods, and regulate it as secondhand goods?

There is lack of information in this area, to provide a more concrete response.

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- There is a gap in information requirement as well as lack of information available
- Very limited, if not, no capacity in this sector

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 26 Facilitate the international circulation of re-usable and recyclable resources as well as remanufactured products as mutually agreed by countries and in accordance with international and national laws, especially the Basel Convention, which contributes to the reduction of negative environmental impacts and the effective management of resources.

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant
N/A

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)
N/A

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 27 Promote data collection, compilation and sharing, public announcement and application of statistics on wastes and the 3Rs, to understand the state of waste management and resource efficiency.

Q-1 Please give an overview on availability of various data and information on material flow and waste management by checking (X or ✓) the appropriate boxes. (Please respond on both “Data Availability” and Monitoring Base”)

Data Type	Data Availability			Monitoring Base	
	Good	Very limited	No data exist	Good	Not good
Waste generation		X			X
Material flow		X			X
Cyclical use		X			X
Amount of final disposal	X				X
Disposal to land	X			X	
Direct disposal to water			X		X
Import of waste			X		X
Export of waste	X				X
Total landfilled waste		X			X
Import of recyclables		X			X
Export of recyclables			X		X
Hazardous waste generation (solid, liquid, sludge, etc.)		X			X
e-waste generation		X			X

(Please add any other data type relevant to your country)

Q-2 What are the current and planned government policies and programmes to strengthen data and information availability in waste sector?

There is the institutional framework, work on waste segregation and the recycling facility as well

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 27 Promote data collection, compilation and sharing, public announcement and application of statistics on wastes and the 3Rs, to understand the state of waste management and resource efficiency.

as capacity development to ensure information identification, recording, handling and storage is maintained in an efficient manner.

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

- This is largely donor/project dependent
- The need for capacity development
- Limited funding available
- Institutional framework
- The need for waste segregation & recycling facility

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

N/A

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

Waste Management Strategy

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 28 Promote heat recovery (waste-to-energy), in case wastes are not re-usable or recyclable and proper and sustainable management is secured.

Q-1 What are the government policies and programmes, including incentives, for waste-to-energy programmes?

Lack of information on this initiative.

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

Lack of information on this initiative.

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

N/A

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

N/A

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 29 Promote overall regional cooperation and multi-stakeholder partnerships based on different levels of linkages such as government-to-government, municipality-to-municipality, industry-to-industry, (research) institute-to-institute, and NGO-to-NGO. Encourage technology transfer and technical and financial supports for 3Rs from developed countries to less developed countries.

Q-1 Please provide a list of on-going bilateral/multi-lateral technical cooperation in 3R areas?
N/A

Q-2 What actions are being taken to promote inter-municipal or regional cooperation in areas of waste exchanges, resource recovery, recycling, waste-to-energy and trade of recyclables?
N/A

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:
Lack of information on this initiative.

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant
N/A

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)
N/A

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 30 Pay special attention to issues and challenges faced by developing countries including SIDS in achieving sustainable development.

Q-1 Please describe any past and on-going cooperation with SIDS (Small Island Developing States) countries in 3R areas.
N/A – new to the 3Rs initiative.

Q-2 Please list 3R related projects linked to climate change, biodiversity, disaster management and sustainable tourism. (This is to be reported by SIDS countries only)
N/A – new to the 3Rs initiative.

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:
N/A – new to the 3Rs initiative.

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant
N/A – new to the 3Rs initiative.

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)
N/A – new to the 3Rs initiative.

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

**Voluntary Progress/Achievements/Initiatives in
Implementing Ha Noi 3R Declaration (2013~2023)**

Country Name: NIUE ISLAND

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues	
Goal 30	Pay special attention to issues and challenges faced by developing countries including SIDS in achieving sustainable development.
IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues	
Goal 31	Promote 3R + “Return” concept which stands for Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and “Return” where recycling is difficult due to the absence of available recycling industries and limited scale of markets in SIDS, especially in the Pacific Region.
<i>Q-1 What specific policies, programme, including pilot projects, are implemented to promote 3R+ “Return” concept? (This is to be reported by SIDS countries only)</i>	
N/A – new to the 3Rs initiative.	
<i>Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:</i>	
N/A – new to the 3Rs initiative.	
<i>Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant</i>	
N/A – new to the 3Rs initiative.	
<i>Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)</i>	
N/A – new to the 3Rs initiative.	
<i>Is this Goal relevant for your country?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Highly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all	

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 32 Complete elimination of illegal engagement of children in the **informal waste sector** and gradually **improve** the working conditions and livelihood security, including **mandatory provision of health insurance**, for all workers.

Q-1 What is the approximate market size (in US\$) of the informal waste sector?

N/A

Q-2 Number of annual labor inspections in waste sector?

N/A

Q-3 Is health insurance a mandatory to all informal workers in waste sector by law?

N/A

Q-4 What specific policies and enforcement mechanisms are in place to prevent illegal engagement of children in waste sector?

N/A

Q-5 Number of landfill sites accessible to register waste pickers?

N/A

Q-6 Average life span of informal waste workers?

N/A

Q-7 Any government vaccination programmes for informal waste workers?

N/A

Q-8 Any public awareness programmes for informal waste workers on health and safety measures?

N/A

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

N/A

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

N/A

Important policies/programs/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

N/A

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all

IV. 3R Goals for Cross-cutting Issues

Goal 33 Promote 3Rs taking into account gender considerations.

Q-1 Please give a brief assessment on how the national, provincial and municipal governments incorporate gender considerations in waste reduction, reuse and recycle.

Community “buy-in” approach is taken to ensure gender is a considered factor in waste reduction, reuse and recycle. This is following the Gender Policy endorsed by Cabinet back in 2014 which sets the mandate for gender consideration.

Challenges (policy/ institutional/ technological/ financial) faced in implementation:

The efficient implementation within and across sectors and ensuring it complies with the institutional framework.

Examples of pilot projects, master plans and/or policies developed or under development – include websites where relevant

N/A

Important policies/programmes/projects/master plans the government plans to undertake within next five years (2016~2021)

- Implementation of the Waste Management Plan
- Looking into further strengthening Public Health
- Strengthening waste management as well as addressing water monitoring
- GMP POPS monitoring programme

Is this Goal relevant for your country? Highly Partially Not at all