

## **Highlights of Experts Workshop II**

**Event Title:** Experts Workshop II (Electronic Waste)

**Date:** 30 June 2021

**Co-organizers/Supporting Organizations:** Co-Organized by Ministry of the Environment, Japan and UNCRD-DSDG/UN DESA.

**Number of participants:** 21

**Number of participated countries:** 6

UNCRD-DSDG/UN DESA organized (online) an Experts Workshop on 30 June 2021 on the thematic area of 'Electronic Waste' which will constitute one of the chapters of the 2nd State of 3R and Circular Economy in Asia-Pacific to be launched in 2023. The workshop, which was attended by 21 participants from six countries, including senior government officials, Experts, MoE-Japan, and Private sector and UNCRD-DSDG/UN DESA, was organized under the aegis of the UNCRD-DSDG/UN DESA led Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in Asia and the Pacific. The objective of this workshop was to receive inputs, feedbacks, and suggestions from the experts on the scope and content of the thematic chapter on Electronic Waste. The First State of the 3R in Asia and the Pacific- Experts' Assessment of Progress in Ha Noi 3R Goals will be used as a baseline for preparing this second assessment report in relation to implementation of Ha Noi 3R Declaration- Sustainable 3R Goals for Asia and the Pacific (2013-2023). Some of the critical issues and challenges raised by experts in areas of e-waste waste sector include challenges posed by Li-ion batteries (LiB) and used solar panels, including presence of LiB in municipal waste stream, inadequate recycling infrastructures that leads to e-waste reaching informal recycling sector, illegal engagement of children in informal e-waste recycling sector, harmonization of extended producers responsibility (EPR) on a regional scale, and eco-design of electronic products, among others.