

## **Highlights of Experts Workshop VI**

**Event Title:** Experts Workshop VI (Construction and Demolition Waste (including Disaster Waste))

**Date:** 31 August 2021

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

**Number of participants:** 15

**Number of participated countries:** 5

On 31 August 2021, UNCRD-DSDG/UN DESA organized an Experts Workshop (online) on the thematic chapter – Construction and Demolition Waste (including disaster waste) - of the 2nd State of 3R and Circular Economy in Asia-Pacific to be launched in 2023. The workshop, which was attended by 15 participants from 5 countries, including senior government officials and experts from MoE-Japan, MONRE-Viet Nam, ISWMAW, NIDM-Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA)- Govt. of India, UNCRD-DSDG/UN DESA and private sector, 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 Construction and Demolition Waste (including Disaster Waste). Some of the critical issues and challenges raised by experts are the need for harmonization of proper definition of construction and demolition waste across the region, change of land-use pattern, climate impacts, use of alternative material to reduce the pressure on primary raw material for construction, re-use of building components recovered from demolished building and infrastructures, policy on utilization of recycled material from construction and demolition waste and green building materials, and business model for recycled products, among others. Experts also flagged Japan's experience on managing the tsunami debris and disaster waste.