



Waste Concern Participates in the Fifth Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific

Theme: Multilayer Partnerships and Coalition as the Basis for 3Rs Promotion in Asia and the Pacific

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Venue: Shangri-La Hotel



A. H. Md. Maqsood Sinha, Executive Director & Co-founder of Waste Concern participated as an expert in the 'Fifth Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific' under the overall theme of "*Multilayer Partnerships and Coalition as the Basis for 3Rs Promotion in Asia and the Pacific*", held in Surabaya, Indonesia during 25-27 February 2014. The event was hosted by the Ministry of Environment (MOE), Indonesia, Ministry of Public Works (MPW), Indonesia, Ministry of the Environment Japan (MoEJ), United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD). The forum addressed various forms of partnerships and coalition for implementation of the *Ha Noi 3R Declaration (2013-2023)*.

The multilayer partnerships are based on the fundamental understanding that the 3Rs are much more beyond municipal waste management, and are intrinsically linked with resource efficiency in a wide range of key development sectors such as agriculture, industry, and energy, among others, toward transitioning to a resource efficient economy and society.

Mr. Sinha was one of the panel discussant for the Plenary Session 1: Effective Implementation of the Ha Noi 3R Declaration (2013-2023) in Asia and the Pacific and also participated in the Parallel Country Round Table Dialogue: Local Government-NGO/CSO (Civil Society Organization) Partnership for Advancing 3Rs in Municipal Waste Management. Based on the ground experience of Waste Concern in Bangladesh and also in Asia and Pacific countries (Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Cambodia, Nepal), during the discussion he specially highlighted the need for ***incentives for private sector entrepreneurs to effectively promote recycling and resource recovery in developing countries.***

Here it should be mentioned that Waste Concern in partnership with UNESCAP has been carrying out a regional project on pro-poor and sustainable solid waste management in a number of countries located in Asia and the Pacific.



The main objectives of the Fifth Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific are to:

- discuss and explore various forms of partnerships and coalition for the implementation of 3Rs policies and programmes, including **implementation of the Ha Noi 3R Declaration (2013-2023)**;
- discuss possible **regional cooperation among SIDS** in addressing issues of common concern and challenges in waste management, including plastics in coastal and marine environment;
- discuss and explore **viable business models** with active cooperation between public, private/business sector, and research and development (R&D) institutions;
- address and identify opportunities for collaborative actions and partnerships including bilateral, multilateral and regional supporting mechanisms for developing **3R infrastructures and pilot project schemes** (eco-industrial zones, science parks, resource recovery facilities, recycling industries, WtE projects; greening SME operations, EPR, green products/eco-labelling, etc.); and address possible **cooperation between Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific and Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)** in mitigating SLCPs.