

# Regional Workshop on Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMA) in Asia and the Pacific: Scaling-up climate change mitigation efforts and prospects for NAMAs in the waste sector

18 and 19 March 2014, Bangkok, Thailand



More than 50 participants attended this regional workshop representing National Governments, UN organizations, UNFCCC, UK and German Embassy, NGOs, private sectors, research bodies and universities. This workshop was organized in the context of the project “Pro-poor and sustainable solid waste management in secondary cities and small towns”, implemented by ESCAP in partnership with Waste Concern. The project seeks to promote a shift from “end-of-the-pipe” to a “waste to resource” approach by assisting local governments to establish integrated resource recovery centres (IRRCs) and develop and implement city-wide solid waste management strategies that are decentralized, pro-poor, low-carbon and financially viable. The project has established pilot IRRCs in a number of countries in the region, namely Bangladesh, Cambodia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam, and is now assisting in scaling-up these sustainable solutions city and country wide.

The Workshop was organized to review the latest developments and thinking on NAMAs and discuss opportunities for NAMAs to bring transformational change in the waste sector in the region. In particular, the workshop will aim at achieving the following specific objectives:

- Review the current status of development of NAMAs in the Asia-Pacific region, in particular in relation to the waste sector, and understand future prospects;
- Identify trends, challenges and relevant issues related to the development of NAMAs in the region, and in particular in the waste sector; and
- Share experiences and discuss policy, institutional, financial and technical issues associated with the development of these programmes.

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More recently, ESCAP has released the "Low-Carbon Green Growth Roadmap for Asia and the Pacific", which provides policymakers in the region with a comprehensive list of policy options and practical implementing strategies to consider adopting, based on their own national priorities and circumstances. The Roadmap highlights low carbon development strategies and NAMAs as key tools for green growth and provides practical examples of potential NAMAs.

On the second day of the workshop both the co-founders of Waste Concern, Mr. Iftexhar Enayetullah and Mr. A. H. Md. Maqsood Sinha made two separate presentations during the session entitled – Designing NAMA Programmes in the waste sector.

Mr. Enayetullah's presentation was entitled "Prospects for Waste Sector NAMA using IRRC approach" and the topic of Mr. Sinha's presentation on the roll of the Waste to Resource Fund (W2RF) in promoting pro-poor and sustainable solid waste management in Asia-Pacific:

