

# Canada's Progress on the Initiative



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# 3R and Governance in Canada

- **Shared Responsibility among all levels of government**
  - Collection, diversion and disposal operations managed at municipal level
  - Approvals, licensing and monitoring of operations under provincial and territorial jurisdiction
  
- **Federal Government responsibilities**
  - Transboundary movement of wastes
  - Linking international and national activities
  - Engaged in terms of greenhouse gas reduction and pollutants emissions
  - Linking waste through life cycle thinking to emerging sustainable consumption and production strategies, product focused policies and sustainable materials management



# Canadian Initiatives that Contribute to 3Rs:

*from transboundary movement to producer responsibility*

- **New Export and Import of Hazardous Wastes and Hazardous Recyclable Materials came into force November 2005**
  - Separate definitions for waste and recyclable materials
  - Introduced environmentally sound management criteria and export reduction plans
  - Exemption for certain low risk recyclables under certain conditions, thereby supporting sustainable recycling
- **Updated inventory of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Programs**
  - More than 50 EPR or stewardship programs including materials such as tires, paper, paint, electronic equipment, batteries, refrigerant and others
- **Multistakeholder Discussion on Proposed National Resource Recovery and Recycling Strategy**
  - Introduce recovery mechanisms which are economically sustainable and provide social and environmental benefits
  - Based on strong partnerships
  - Key elements (policy development, data collection and information, technology and innovation, communications and outreach)



# Canadian Initiatives that contribute to 3Rs:

*targeting sustainable communities*

- ***Solid Waste as a Resource – Guide for Sustainable Communities***
  - Promotes the concept of waste being a resource
  - Assists municipal governments in developing management systems that support sustainable communities
  
- **Completed review of state of the art technologies for integrated waste management systems**
  - Aims to further conserve resources, reduce GHG emissions, lessen dependence on landfills
  
- **Determined impact of waste management activities on GHG emissions**
  - Life cycle approach used to estimate GHG emissions associated with different waste management activities in the 3Rs hierarchy



# Canadian Initiatives that contribute to 3Rs:

*informing and engaging Canadians*

- **Canada's Waste Reduction Week**
  - Annual event in October
  - Brings together governments, recycling associations, schools, businesses and the public
  - Campaign based on *Too Good to Waste*
- **Green Municipal Fund**
  - Stimulates investment in innovative environmental projects
  - Leverages partnerships
- **Sustainable Development Technology Canada**
  - Commercialization fund for sustainable development project including waste
- **Enhanced Recycling program**
  - National consultations, workshops and seminars to raise awareness on key issues
  - Developed projects that strive for higher recovery rates



# Integrating the initiatives:

## *Supporting Competitiveness & Environmental Sustainability*

- **Aligned with Canada's approaches which aim to:**
  - Enhance the well-being of Canadians
  - Preserve the natural environment
  - Advance our long term competitiveness
  
- **Resource recovery strategies, including the Japan 3Rs Initiative, support the building of a more competitive economy**
  
- **OECD Initiative on Sustainable Materials Management provides an important framework for integrating benefits of a variety of initiatives**



# International Discussions Continue to be Mutually Beneficial

- **Scientific and technological developments in other countries can be related to the Canadian context**
- **Sharing study results on work linking 3Rs, GHG and other pollutants**
- **Showcase of successful activities**
- **Identification of issues, challenges and lessons learned**

- **3Rs will continue to be a key aspect of our journey towards sustainable development**
- **Canada will remain an active participant and will collaborate with the international community to advance this agenda within the broad context of sustainable materials management.**



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