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## Implementation of the 3Rs in South Africa

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# Policy and Legislative Framework for 3R Activities

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- **Environment Conservation Act, 1989**
- **Policy on Integrated Waste and Pollution Management, 2000**
- **National Waste Management Strategy, 2000**
- **Waste Management Bill under development**



# Progress on Implementation of 3R Activities

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## (1) Encouraging extended producer responsibility

- **Government has signed voluntary agreements with the glass and tyre industries.**
- **Agreements are aimed at fostering extended producer responsibility.**
- **Through agreements, the respective industries made commitments to recover, reuse and recycle their products to agreed targets.**



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## (2) Establishing a National Recycling Forum

- **Government established a National Recycling Forum in order to coordinate recycling activities in the country at a national level.**
- **The Forum comprises representatives from government, the recycling industry and NGOs.**
- **The Forum provides direction and guidance to national recycling initiatives.**



# Progress on Implementation of 3R Activities

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## (3) Promoting cleaner production

- **Government has developed a national strategy for cleaner production.**
- **The strategy seeks to address the reduction of waste generation at source, as well encourage the efficient use of resources, especially natural resources, and the use of cleaner technologies.**



# Progress on Implementation of 3R Activities

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## (4) Expanding industrial waste exchange

- **Government has initiated a pilot programme to expand the reuse and recycling of industrial waste.**
- **The programme encourages the exchange of waste between industrial waste generators and waste recyclers.**
- **The programme is designed to serve as a model for reducing industrial waste that is currently being disposed to permitted waste disposal sites or dumped illegally.**



# Progress on Implementation of 3R Activities

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## (5) Enhancing integrated waste management

- **Government has transferred the permitting of waste disposal sites from the Ministry responsible for water resources to the Ministry responsible for the environment.**
- **The transfer further enhances the integrated management of waste and also supports the "cradle to grave" approach to waste management adopted by the government.**



Thank you



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