

Senior Officials Meeting on the 3R Initiative - annotated agenda 6-8 March 2006 (Tentative as of March 3rd 2006)

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8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 - 9:15	Opening Session	
9:00 - 9:10		Opening remarks by Mr. Yasuyuki EDA, Senior Vice Minister of the Environment, Japan
9:10 - 9:15		Election of the Chairperson
9:15 - 9:30	Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Background and objectives of the Senior Officials Meeting➤ Adoption of agenda
9:30 - 10:30	Plenary Session 1-1	Implementation of the 3Rs in the participating countries and international organisations <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Presentations by the six participating countries (Brazil, Canada, China, India, Indonesia, and Japan, *8minutes each)
<p><i>Background:</i></p> <p><i>It was agreed at the Ministerial Conference that regional and global efforts in information gathering on measures taken by countries are beneficial.</i></p> <p><i>Task:</i></p> <p><i>Countries report: (1) their progress in implementing the 3Rs policies and activities, and (2) good practices, as a follow-up to the Ministerial Conference.</i></p>		
10:30 - 10:50	Coffee Break	
10:50 - 12:15	Plenary Session 1-2	Implementation of the 3Rs in the participating countries and international organisations

Presentations by the eight participating countries (Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russia, Singapore, South Africa and Thailand, *8minutes each)

12:15 - Lunch Seminar 1 Implementation of the 3R Initiative in Japan
13:30

- Launch of the 3R Activities Promotion Forum

This seminar aims to familiarise the participants with Japanese good practices in implementing the 3Rs.

13:30 - Plenary Session 2 Implementation of the 3Rs in the participating countries and
16:00 international organisations (continued)

- Presentations by the seven participating countries (USA, Viet Nam, EC, France, Germany, Italy, and UK *8mintues each)
- Presentations by the eight participating international organizations and networks (The League of the Arab States, OECD, UNEP, Secretariat of the Basel Convention, ADB, UNCRD, UNESCAP and APFED, *8 minutes each)

16:00 - Coffee Break
16:30

16:30 - Working Group Review of major discussion points
18:00 Session 1

During the working group sessions, each working group focuses on the following themes:

Working group 1:

Implementation of the 3Rs in each country

Working group 2:

International implementation of the 3Rs (international flow of 3R-related goods, materials and products)

Working Group 1 Implementation of the 3Rs in each country

- Presentation: Mr. Toru Hashi (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies) will summarize the results of the questionnaires on good practices at the national level.
- General discussion

Discussion points:

- ✓ *Can we identify the essence of good practices so that the key to success factors are singled out?*
- ✓ *Can we transfer good practice cases to other countries? What could be possible obstacles and how can we overcome them?*
- ✓ *What legislation has been adopted for the promotion of the 3Rs? How far is the Extended Producer Responsibility applied in each country?*
- ✓ *What difficulties do countries share in the pursuit of the environmentally-sound management of wastes? What is required to overcome these difficulties? How should the 3Rs be fed back to the schemes for the environmentally-sound management of wastes?*

Working Group 2 International implementation of the 3Rs

- Presentation: Prof. Masaru Tanaka (Okayama University) will discuss issues concerning the international flow of 3R-related goods, materials, and products.
- General discussion

Discussion points:

- ✓ *Can we identify and analyse concrete cases where either environmental integrity or free trade is jeopardised by the international flow of 3R-related goods, materials and products?*
- ✓ *Can we identify measures to enhance the positive effects and mitigate the negative effects accompanied*

with the international flow of 3R-related goods, materials and products?

- ✓ *How should mechanisms be established for the efficient international coordination of criteria for regulated objects and the classifications of regulated and unregulated objects in relation to the international flow of 3R-related goods, materials and products?*

18:00 Close

18:30 Photo Session

18:35 Reception Welcoming remarks by Ms. Yuriko KOIKE, Minister of the Environment, Japan

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9:00 - Working Group Promotion of international cooperation

10:20 Session 2

Working Group 1 Implementation of the 3Rs in each country

Discussion points:

- ✓ *How can we accelerate the ongoing progress in international cooperation on the 3Rs?*
- ✓ *How best can countries with expertise in the 3Rs and proper waste treatment use that expertise for international cooperation?*
- ✓ *What do we expect of international organisations in promoting the 3Rs in developing countries?*
- ✓ *How do we integrate our focus on the 3Rs into other important areas of international cooperation, such as poverty alleviation and climate change?*

Working Group 2 International implementation of the 3Rs

Discussion points:

- ✓ *How can international cooperation address environmental concerns associated with the international flow of 3R-related goods, materials and products?*
- ✓ *What kind of international cooperation can be developed to help the treatment of residuals from the 3Rs?*

10:20-
10:40

Coffee Break

10:40-
12:00

Working Group
Session 3

Cooperation among stakeholders

Working Group 1

Implementation of the 3Rs in each country

Discussion points:

- ✓ *How can central and local governments, the private sector and NGOs work together to promote the 3Rs?*
- ✓ *In promoting the 3Rs in developing countries, how do we perceive the role of the informal sector, and how can we strengthen its role, if necessary, in promoting the 3Rs?*
- ✓ *How can information sharing and environmental education contribute to the cooperation among stakeholders?*

Working Group 2

International implementation of the 3Rs

Discussion points:

- ✓ *Regarding to international flow of 3R-related goods, materials and products, how can stakeholders cooperate to prevent illegal trade?*
- ✓ *How can we perceive the role of multinational companies in the international trade of 3R-related goods, materials and products?*

12:00-13:30 **Lunch Seminar 2** Measures to address E-wastes

➤ The E-waste programme under the auspices of the Basel Convention

13:30-15:00 **Working Group Session 4** Promotion of Science and Technology

Working Group 1 Implementation of the 3Rs in each country

Discussion points:

- ✓ *Can we identify measures to promote research and development on the 3R-related science and technology?*
- ✓ *Can we identify concrete obstacles that prevent countries from publicising appropriate technologies in promoting the 3Rs?*

Working Group 2 International implementation of the 3Rs

Discussion points:

- ✓ *How can we promote technological and systems development to secure the environmentally-sound flow of 3R-related goods, materials and products?*
- ✓ *What kind of scientific knowledge is considered necessary to secure the environmentally-sustainable flow of 3R-related goods, materials and products? How can we accumulate such scientific knowledge?*

15:00-16:00 **Working Group Session 5** Wrap-up of working group discussions

Working Group 1 Implementation of the 3Rs in each country

Working Group 2 International implementation of the 3Rs

16:00-16:30 **Coffee Break**

16:30-18:00 **Plenary Session 3** Report from the two working groups

- Presentations by the co-chairs of the working groups
- General discussion

18:00 **Close**

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9:00 - 10:00 **Plenary Session 4** General discussion
Discussion on Chairperson's summary

10:00-10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30-12:15 **Plenary Session 5** Continued discussion on the Chairperson's summary

12:15-12:20 **Closing session** Closing remarks by Mr. Wataru TAKESHITA, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of the Environment Japan

12:30 **Close of the Meeting**

12:30-13:30 **Lunch** (For the participants of excursion only)

13:30 **Excursion (optional)**

- Tokyo Super Eco-town
Japan Environmental Safety Corporation (PCB waste treatment facility)
Re-tem (E-waste treatment and recycling facility)
- Tokyo Eco Recycle Co. (E-waste treatment facility)