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# Presentation Outline

1. Present Waste Management Scenario
2. Present Policies/Rules/Acts on 3 R
3. Current Progress on National 3R Strategy Formulation
4. Suggested Focus on National 3R Strategy
5. What are the Barriers?
6. Challenges and Way Forward



# Unsanitary Crude Dumping Practice

Year	Urban Population	Total Urban Waste Generation (Ton/day)	Per Capita Waste Generation Rate in urban areas Kg/cap/day	Per Capita GDP
1991	20.8 million	6493	0.31*	US \$ 220
2005	32.76 million	13,330	0.41**	US \$ 482****
2025	78.44 million	47,000	0.60***	>US \$ 1000

\* World Bank, 1998, \*\*\* Waste Concern, 2005, \*\* UMP, 1999, \*\*\*\* GOB, 2006



## Baseline Situation of Municipal Solid Waste

- ❑ Mainly focused on end-of-pipe solution. Un-controlled land filling (Dhaka has partial controlled landfill system) is existing in the country.
- ❑ Composting of organic waste using carbon financing existing
- ❑ Biogas from rural waste (mainly animal manure) existing
- ❑ In-organic waste recycling by informal sector using low-tech technology without health and safety issue is existing.



## Existing Systems and Regulatory Framework for Waste Management and The 3rs

Date	Title
Policy	
2009	Draft Policy on Hazardous Waste Management
2006	Draft National Urban Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CDM and Recycling has been emphasized in this policy.</li> </ul>
1998	National Policy for Water Supply and Sanitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ According to this policy the government shall take measures for recycling of waste as much as possible and use organic waste materials for compost and bio-gas production.</li> </ul>
1998	Urban Management Policy Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recommend the municipalities for privatisation of services as well as giving priority to facilities for slum dwellers including provisions of water supply, sanitation and solid waste disposal.</li> </ul>
Act	
2006	Fertilizer Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Under this act compost has been promoted and standard of compost has been set by the government on 2008.</li> </ul>
1995	The Bangladesh Environmental Conservation Act (ECA)
Rules	
2009	Draft Rules on Hazardous Waste Management Rules
2006	Lead Acid Battery Recycling and Management Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Under this rules collection and recycling has been improved.</li> </ul>
2005	Draft National Solid Waste Management Handling Rule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3R principal has been used.</li> </ul>
1997	Bangladesh Environmental Conservation Rules

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<b>Strategy</b>	
2005	<p>Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Here EMS has been promoted. To improve the solid waste management situation, special focus is given to segregation of waste at source along with the promotion of recycle, reduce and reuse of industrial and other solid waste etc.</li> </ul>
2005	<p>National Sanitation Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Its goal is to achieve 100% sanitation coverage by 2010. Here emphasis on resource recovery and recycling has been given as top priority to improve urban sanitation situation instead of disposal.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Plan</b>	
2005	<p>Dhaka Environment Management Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waste recycling has been promoted, less land filling encouraged, EMS promoted among industries.</li> </ul>
2005	<p>Solid Waste Management Action Plan for Eight Secondary Towns in Bangladesh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under the Secondary Towns Integrated Flood Protection (Phase-2) Project of Local Government Engineering Department, GoB. This action plan is based on 4 R principle i.e. reduce, reuse, recycle and recover of the waste.</li> </ul>
1995	<p>National Environmental Management Action Plan (NEMAP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is a plan of the Government of Bangladesh (GoB), prepared by the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) in consultation with people from all walks of life. 3R is being promoted under the Sustainable Environment Management Programme (SEMP) of NEMAP.</li> </ul>



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Date	Title
<b>Others</b>	
2008	Circular to Promote Compost by the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), on 23 April 2008
2004	Dhaka Declaration on Waste Management by SAARC countries during 10–12 October 2004 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SAARC countries agree to encourage NGOs and private companies to establish community based composting, segregation of waste at source, separate collection and resource recovery from wastes with particular focus on composting.</li></ul>

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- **April 2008**, Pre-inception Meeting of the formulation process of the National 3R Strategy held in Dhaka
- **December 2008**, the **3R-strategy** formulation process was formally launched by holding the Inception Workshop in December 2008.
- **March 15, 2009** Establishment **National 3R Steering Committee** by MoEF
- **National Coordinating Centre:** Waste Concern has been nominated to act as this centre to assist DoE-Bangladesh and take the lead role in drafting the Strategy.
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# Pilot 3R Project in Kushita, Bangladesh



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- **September 10, 2009 National Consultation Meeting on 1st Draft of the National Strategy on Waste Reduce, Reuse and Recycle (3R) for Bangladesh** was successfully organized. This 1<sup>st</sup> Draft was endorsed by the stakeholders during this national consultation meeting.
- Recently GoB is planning to utilize its own fund to implement a number of 3R related Pilot projects in Bangladesh



September 10, 2009 National Consultation Meeting



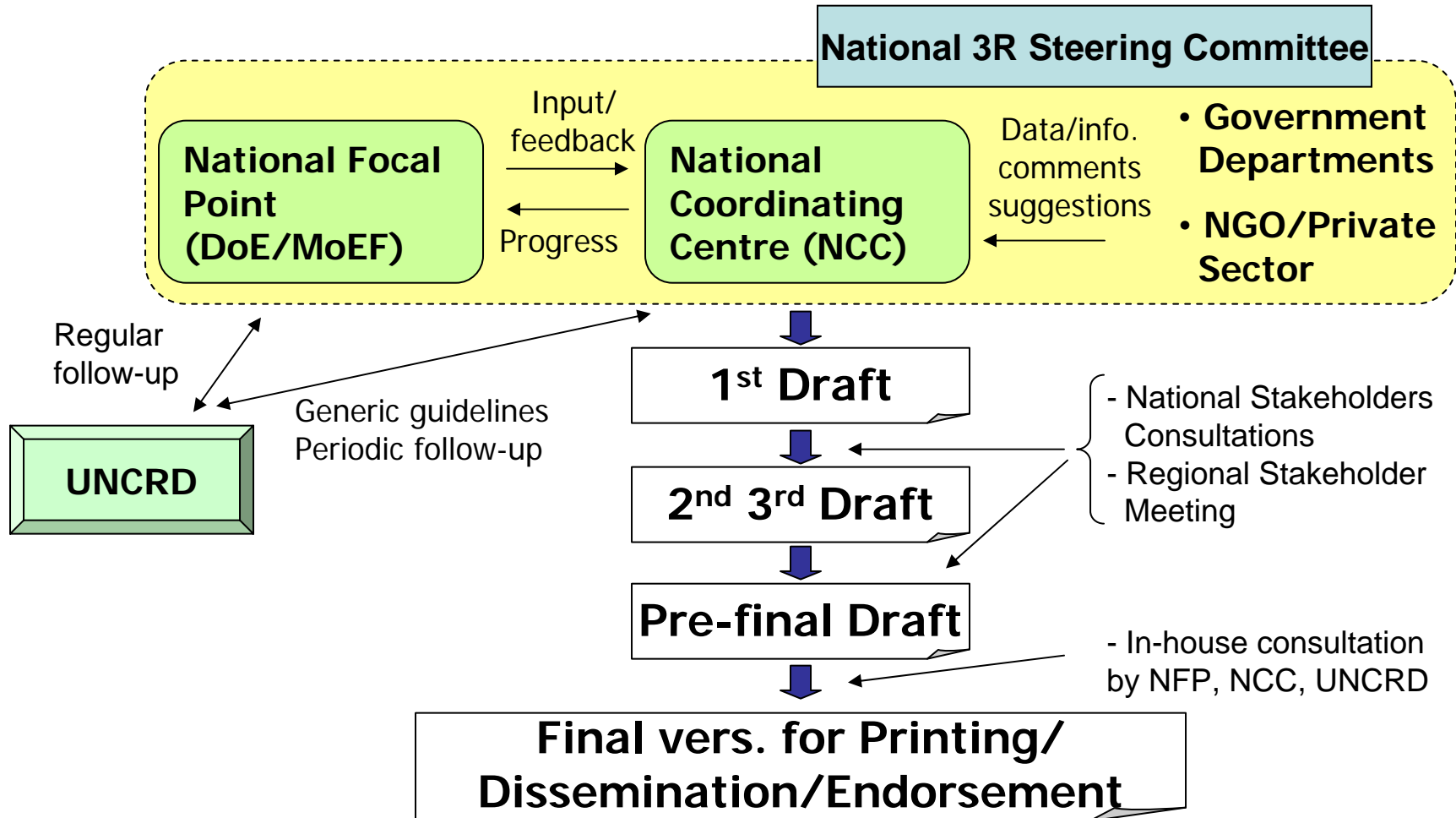
# 3R Examples in Bangladesh

A number of projects and initiatives has started which promotes 3R in Bangladesh

- Green Jobs Initiative by ILO
- Green Building Initiative by DoE-MoEF
- Solar energy is being promoted
- Promotion of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) which is promoting 3R
- Small scale composting initiative by different ministries, private sectors and NGOs



# Bangladesh National 3R Strategy Formulation: Participatory & Consultative Process



# National 3R Strategy Formulation Process in Bangladesh - Timeframe

Items	2008	2009				2010			
	10-12	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12
Inception Meeting	24 Dec ○								
Preparation of the 1st draft		Jan – May							
Submission of 1st Draft, National Consultation (1)			June ○						
Revision → 2nd Draft				Jul – Sept					
Regional Consultation (2)					○ Oct				
Revision → 3rd Draft					Nov-Jan				
Experts Consultation (3)						Feb ○			
Revision → Final Draft						Mar-May			
In-house consultation							Jun/Jul		
Endorsement by Government								Aug/se	
Printing and Distribution									○ Oct

Brackets indicate the opportunities of consultation workshops





# **Contents of the 1<sup>st</sup> Draft Strategy**

- 1. Context**
- 2. Guiding Principles**
- 3. 3R Related Policy Guidelines**
- 4. Existing Examples of Good Practices and Lessons Learned**
- 5. Strategies for Promotion of 3R**
- 6. Role of Relevant Stakeholders**
- 7. Developing of Action Plans**

## **Vision of National 3 R Strategy**

**Diversion from end-of-pipe solution to more of a pro-active solution based on 3R**



## **National 3R Goal**

The national 3R goal for waste management is achieve higher levels of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling and minimize waste disposal on open dumps, rivers, flood plains and landfills by 2015.

## **Objectives of the National 3R Strategy**

1. The main objective of this 3R strategy is to delineate ways and means of achieving national 3R goals through providing a uniform guideline for all stakeholders. Specific objectives of this strategy are to:
2. address the key issues of waste management;
3. define the roles of various actors; and
4. guide the creation of enabling conditions for success.

# Priority Sector for 3R

- Municipal solid waste
  - Institutional
  - commercial waste
- Industrial waste
- Biomedical waste
- agricultural waste.

# Guiding Principles

- Waste is a Resource?
- Source Separation of Waste
- Selection of Appropriate and Affordable Technology
- Technology should be Emissions-Reducing
- Cleaner Production
- Product-Life Extension
- Substance, Product or Technology Bans
- Industrial Symbiosis and By-Product Exchange
- Polluters Pay Principle and Track-Back Provision
- Green Purchasing
- Environmental Management System (EMS)
- Supporting Informal Sector
- Gender Sensitive Approach
- Public-Private Partnership
- Correspondence between Service Received and Payment Made
- Link Waste with Climate Change

# Challenges and **Way Forward**

- Local governing bodies mostly dealing with waste, often have weak institutional capacity and limited financial resources. To overcome this, their capacity must be strengthened in order to make practical changes on the ground.
- There is a lack of awareness and capacity on 3R in the country, to overcome this challenge, with the support from UNCRD, MoEF have already taken the initiative of developing a 3R module for capacity building and hands-on training and pilot demonstration project of composing municipal waste in the country.
- Most of the time, External Support Agency (ESA) supported waste management related initiatives are found to be isolated and disjointed. To overcome this challenge, a **National 3R Steering Committee** has been established by MoEF.
- Research and baseline survey on 3R on different types of waste, required for better understanding of the issue both by public and private sector.



# Challenges and **Way Forward**

- There is a lack of easy finance and technology to promote 3R initiatives. To harness investment in the country MoEF is promoting Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) of the Kyoto Protocol. For example, Waste Concern, a national research organization has recently initiated a CDM Project entitled “Composting of Organic Waste in Dhaka”.
- Challenge lies on how to expand and/or replicate similar successful pilot cases and best practices into a larger scale to extend the benefits to a larger population.
- Developed country should assist Bangladesh with efficient and proven technology and innovative finance to promote 3R initiatives in Bangladesh.
- The way forward for the government to take more of a facilitating role and promote public-private and community partnerships.
- Finally, GoB has taken a major policy shift from end-of pipe solution to proactive solution of 3R approach.

**THANK YOU**