

G8 Senior Officials Meeting on the 3R Initiative Bonn, 4-6 October 2007

International Progress in Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (3R) Draft annotated agenda (as of 20 August 2007)

**Venue: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety,
Robert-Schuman-Platz 3, 53175 Bonn**

4 October

- **Presentations of participating countries**
- **Side events (excursions to selected facilities, exhibition)**

7:30 - 8:30 Registration

8:30 - 9:00 Opening Session

Introductory speech: Dr. Helge Wendenburg, Directorate-General Water Management, Waste Management, Soil Conservation

Plenary Sessions

Countries are invited to report on (1) their progress in implementing the 3Rs policies and activities, and (2) good practices, as a follow-up to the SOM 2006.

9:00 - 11:00 Plenary Session 1 "Implementation of the 3Rs"

Presentations by participating countries

(Brazil, Chile, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia, max. 8 minutes each)

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:45 Plenary Session 2 "Implementation of the 3Rs"

Presentations by participating countries (Turkey, Vietnam, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russian Federation, UK, USA, 8 minutes each)

12:45 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 Meeting point: entrance of Environment Ministry

13:30 - 19:00 Excursions to selected facilities

Alternative sites:

- A. Center for industrial environmental services (WEEE, plastics recycling, timber processing, and biomass heat plant, Lünen)
- B. Waste incinerator, composting plant (Cologne)
- C. Paper sorting facility (Cologne), biogas production plant (Mülheim)
- D. Manufacturing facility for recycling technologies (Bad Marienberg)

5 October

- **Presentations**
- **Working groups (participating countries, international organisations, other participants)**
- **Side events (sponsors' presentation, exhibition, boat tour)**

Plenary Session

International organisations are invited to review progress in international implementation of the 3R policies and activities

8:45 - 9:15 Plenary Session 3 "Review of the 3Rs"
Presentations by international organisations (OECD, UNEP, UNCRD, SBC, EC)

9:15 - 9:45 Outlook for the 3R Initiative
Presentation by Japan

Working Groups

Working groups "I. National aspects" and "II. International aspects" will be structured as follows:

- a) Initial presentation
- b) Discussion of selected topics, such as indicated below
- c) Discussion of the issue paper to be considered by G8 Senior Officials on 6 October

9:45 - 11:45 Working Group "I. National aspects"
I.1 Review of the 3R progress, esp. regarding reduction of waste generation

Discussion points:

- What difficulties do countries share in the pursuit of reduction of wastes?
- What is required to overcome these difficulties?
- How can the informal sector be involved in environmentally sound waste management in developing countries?

9:45 - 11:45 Working Group "II. International aspects"
II.1 International flows of 3R-related goods, materials and products

Discussion points:

- How can existing definition approaches (waste, non-waste, used products) be combined to establish coherent international classification schemes?
- What difficulties do countries share in the pursuit of environmentally sound management of wastes?

11:45 - 12:00 Coffee Break

**12:00 - 13:30 Working Group “National aspects”
I.2 Clean and efficient 3R technologies**

Discussion points:

- What kind of scientific knowledge is considered necessary to secure environmentally sustainable 3R-related goods, materials and products?
- How can information sharing and environmental education contribute to the cooperation among stakeholders?

**12:00 - 13:30 Working Group “International aspects”
II.2 Improvement of standards for the environmentally sound management of waste**

Discussion points:

- What kind of standards should be pursued at international level?
- What are the obstacles and key elements for good practices on co-operation between NGOs and business?

13:30- 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 15:30 Presentation BDE (The Federation of the German Waste Management Industry)
Waste management in Germany: Lessons learned -- An outlook for other countries

15:45 - 17:00 Plenary Session 4
Wrap-up of working group discussions; General discussion

17:30 Meeting point: entrance of Environment Ministry; then walk to Rhine pier

18:00 - 22:00 Boat tour on Rhine / Reception

6 October

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9:00 - 12:00 Session 1
Presentation of the issue paper and discussion

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 13:30 Session 2
Conclusion of the Chair