

“Closing the loop on plastic waste: Towards inclusive and circular economic opportunities”

Session Date: **Tuesday 15 October 2019**
Time: **9.00 to 10:30 hours**

Venue: **Function room 11, Level 1 of the Setia Spice Convention Centre**

(Seating capacity: 60 Pax)

Session Objectives:

- ▶ To explore ways in which Asian cities are seeking to apply more circular and sustainable approaches to plastic waste management systems by integrating sustainable and inclusive circular economy solutions which will help contributing to building more resilient urban futures.
- ▶ Identify relevant policy, institutional, behavioural and technological gaps, as well as focus on the role of the informal sector in multi-level environmental governance for more sustainable cities.
- ▶ To professionalize and scale the plastic recycling sector by enhancing efforts to better manage urban plastic waste in ways which do not impinge on the economic and social inclusion of the informal sector, but rather promote it, while also contributing to the achievement of a number of other SDG targets.
- ▶ Consider alternative approaches for sustainable waste systems by engaging key actors in cities including households, the plastic (recycling) sector / plastic waste value chain, financing institutions and local governments.
- ▶ Further consider the future of inclusive and circular solid waste management in Asian cities, by sharing examples of innovations from around the region towards achieving circular economies.

The session will draw on the case studies of the UNESCAP-SEI Closing the Loop project, which focused on Pune and Sai Mai district in Bangkok, as well as other innovative approaches being applied in Malaysian Indian and other Asian cities, such as the ‘Go Green’ initiative of Tetrapak in India and a scheme to generate clothing from PET bottles.

Lead Organisation: 3R WASTE Foundation (India)

Event Partners:

SEI, UN- ESCAP, 3R WASTE Foundation, WASTE Advisors the Netherlands, IRG Systems South Asia Pvt. Ltd. India, The Plastics Circle, Sydney, Australia.

Session Moderator and Speakers:

1. Dr. Diane Archer Stockholm Environment Institute - Session Moderator
2. Mr. Amit Jain Managing Director, IRG Systems,
3. Dr. Kulwant Singh 3RWF
4. Mr. Omar Siddique, UNESCAP
5. Jyoti Mhapsekar, President of Stree Mukti Sanghatana

Session Format: Talk-show style discussion followed by audience interaction