

Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment
International Workshop on Local Initiatives Addressing Transformation of Lifestyles Towards
Achieving Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific

Discussion Points

1. Overall

The Kitakyushu Initiative pre-event on 23 June will be a one-day workshop and will include the participation of representatives from relevant local governments and initiatives from the Asia-Pacific region to discuss the theme of transforming lifestyles to achieve sustainable development. The focus of the workshop is on local governmental policies and grass-roots activities addressing the transformation of lifestyles that aims at improving the environmental quality and, at the same time, vitalizing local economic livelihoods. The objectives of this workshop are to share information and experiences on specific aspects of development and implementation of relevant local initiatives and formulate collective voices for further promotion of such initiatives for discussion by ministers at ECO-ASIA.

Presentations:

UNESCAP:	Regional overview
Kitakyushu, Japan:	Integrated improvement of the environment, economy and society through local initiative networks

2. Session I: Review of achievements of local initiatives

The objective of this session is to introduce initiatives/practices that have demonstrated clear focus and achievements in lifestyle changes, environmental and economic benefits.

Presentations:

Seoul, ROK:	Restoration of Cheonggechong River
Dhaka, Bangladesh:	Community-based recycling
Surabaya, Indonesia:	Stakeholder participation in UAQM
Kawagoe:	Energy saving
Tokorozawa:	Mottainai market
Miyashiro:	Kids ISO14000

Discussion points:

- ✓ What lifestyle changes have been addressed?
- ✓ What environmental benefits have been achieved?
- ✓ What economic benefits have been achieved as a direct or indirect result?
- ✓ How can these benefits be measured?
- ✓ How these three elements are linked?

3. Session II: Identification of key gaps in promoting win-win initiatives

This session will focus on the problems encountered in implementing activities, including changes of focus and targets due to varying local conditions, maximising participation and partnerships, balancing environment and economic benefits and mobilising resources.

Presentations:

Zero Waste Academy:	Zero-waste policies
Daegu, ROK:	Multi-stakeholder partnership for clean-up of Guemho River
Tehran, Iran:	Tehran waster conservation project
Siddharthanagar, Nepal:	Solid waste management and lifestyle changes

Discussion points:

- ✓ What were the key difficulties encountered?
- ✓ How were those difficulties overcome?
- ✓ How were local initiatives developed adjusting to different local situations?

- ✓ How were partnerships and public participation maximised?
- ✓ How were environmental and economic benefits balanced?
- ✓ How were resources mobilised?

4. Session III: Identification of enabling policy measures that can be adopted at the national level to support local initiatives

This session will focus on the different types of policy support by the national government, which are provided or required in implementing the local activities. Experience and views will be shared in particular, to formulate specific requests and recommendations to be presented in Eco-Asia.

Presentations:

Eco-House Gotemba:	Recycling/reuse of resources in Eco-House Gotemba
Atsugi Nakacho Main Street Shopping District Promotion Group:	Use of eco-money in recycling of household waste
Bago, Philippines:	Community empowerment

Discussion points:

- ✓ What were/are the key policy supports **received** from the national government which helped in carrying out activities?
- ✓ What were/are the key policy supports **required** from the national government to help carry out activities?

5. Session IV: Creation of partnerships among participating local initiatives and governments for future cooperation and replication of successful practices

This session will focus on creating partnerships between local governments and NGOs, as well as the international community in order to conduct activities. The presentations in this session highlight how this is being done at the local government and international level.

Presentations:

Nonthaburi, Thailand:	Promotion of waste segregation with material recovery
ADB:	Poverty and Environment Programme
Other interventions:	UNEP/IETC, ICLEI, other

Discussion points:

- ✓ What kind of assistance from domestic and/or international partnerships do you think would benefit the implementation of activities?
- ✓ What new kinds of partnerships could be proposed from among the participating local initiatives?

6. Conclusion

This workshop will conclude with answers to the following:

- ✓ Knowledge and information on different types of local initiatives advocating transformation of lifestyles for addressing two aspects of sustainable development, to be gained and shared;
- ✓ Key gaps for promoting such local initiatives to be identified
- ✓ Needs and expectations for enabling national policy measures to be defined, and
- ✓ New partnerships for future cooperation to be created.

Conclusions and recommendations will be discussed at the workshop and the key message will be presented at Session II of Eco Asia.