

DRAWBACKS OF RECYCLING IN THE PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES

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SAMOA

GENERAL ISSUES ON RECYCLING IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

- ▶ **Lack of Overseas Markets**
- ▶ **Shipping Costs**
- ▶ **Trainings**
- ▶ **Overseas Market Restrictions**
- ▶ **Volume**
- ▶ **Absence of Supporting Legislations and Regulations**
- ▶ **Unlicensed Operators**
- ▶ **Lack of Public Awareness**

ADDRESSING THE ISSUES

Presentation 1 will discuss some measures to improve Public Awareness based on the experiences in Fiji

Presentation 2 Will discuss the Outcomes of the Resource Circulation Study in the Pacific Region by PRIF (Pacific Regional Infrastructure Facility)

Presentation 3 will discuss one of the great initiative and scheme that has been recently launched, which provides the needed assistance to the expensive shipping costs of materials

Progress in Addressing the Drawbacks of Recycling in Samoa

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Establishing a Recyclers Association

WHY WAS SRWMA FORMED

- ▶ Empower & Strengthen Recycling Industries
- ▶ One Voice for more effective approach
- ▶ Provide accurate info on Recycling activities
- ▶ Help Develop Regulations to support Waste Minimization
- ▶ Help Implement Schemes to Sustain Recycling eg. CDL
- ▶ Strengthen Partnership btw Govt, Public/ Private sector & intl Donors

OBJECTIVES OF SRWMA

- ▶ Provide appropriate and best waste management practices for the protection of Samoa's Environment
- ▶ Working towards making Samoa a “Zero waste country by promoting and implementing 3Rs plus Return
- ▶ Represent the voice of Waste Management and Recycling advocates for a greener Samoa
- ▶ Supporting researches and investigation for the collection & provision of waste management & recycling information in Samoa
- ▶ Contribute to Samoa's green economic development, by implementing and promoting appropriate & applicable practices
- ▶ Develop & Strengthen waste management and recycling industry in Samoa to support its economy

STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2028

Goals

**STRENGTHENING
THE RECYCLING
INDUSTRY IN
SAMOA**

Action plan

To build the capacity of the Association to effectively provide assistance to its members and supporters.

To develop appropriate supporting mechanisms, arrangements and resources to strengthen recycling in Samoa in collaboration with MNRE and development partners

IMPLEMENTATION OF 3Rs + RETURN INITIATIVES IN SAMOA

Implement projects in collaboration with donors to manage low value waste such as plastic Bottles, Used Oil, E-wastes, End life vehicles etc to be led by

To introduce applicable waste management mechanisms to promote the effective recovery, collection and recycling of wastes in Samoa.

IMPROVEMENT OF COMMERCIAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

promote proper and safe waste management practices for the management of the generated commercial and industrial wastes including potential hazardous wastes with the Association Members.

To share lessons learnt with the rest of the business communities, to be led by the association members

TO PROMOTE AND ADOPT PROPER RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

To collaborate with MNRE in the development of appropriate guidelines, standards, rules and regulations to support recycling operations and prevent the interest of the members.

To enforce and monitor any adopted and endorsed national guidelines, standards, rules and regulations through the association members.

Way Forward for the Region

- ▶ **Support the set up of other Countries Association**
- ▶ **Form a Regional Recycling Association**