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Cambodia

We thank the panelists for the very comprehensive information about issues of waste and the bureau for the way forward and policy options.

The government of Cambodia has established master plan for sustainable waste management, being integrated into a national development plan. The country tries to mainstream sound waste management into educational programs at all levels to achieve zero waste. Challenges to waste management are not only solid waste as presented by the panelist, but also liquid waste.

The Senior Minister of Environment always stresses the education of waste recycling involving all kinds of media, and natural biological treatment reservoirs are for wastewater management.

The Ministry of Environment tries to attract private-public partnership and investments in building a centralized waste water system. In dealing with waste challenges, biogas generation from solid waste has been promoted through micro projects, and waste treatment incentives enterprises.

3 Rs are included in the waste management master plan, and solid waste separation, hospital waste and household garbage is successfully implemented. Regional coordination for transboundary hazardous waste movements control is to be strengthened. Best practices sharing through regional networking with the support of UNIDO and INECE and the waste management-SCP linkage needs to involve a holistic life-cycle approach, and waste regulation enforcement is to be up-scaled from local to national level.

Finally, financing access for liquid, solid and E-waste management is to be broadened for the developing countries, and technological-and-technical know-how through a capacity building program is to be provided to the developing countries.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.