

AGENDA

GLOBAL FORUM ON ENVIRONMENT: PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT THROUGH EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR)

17-19 June 2014, Tokyo, Japan



Photo credit © spwidoff/Shutterstock.com



This OECD Global Forum on Environment is carried out with funding by the European Union

GLOBAL FORUM ON ENVIRONMENT: PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT THROUGH EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR)

17-19 June 2014

Tokyo Prince Hotel, Tokyo, Japan

Background

The total volume of material resources extracted or harvested worldwide reached nearly 60 billion metric tonnes (Gt) in 2007, a 65% increase from 1980 and an estimated 8 fold increase over the last century. Going for green growth and establishing a resource efficient economy is therefore a major environmental, development and macroeconomic challenge today. In this context, putting in place policies that ensure sustainable materials management building on the principle of the 3Rs – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – is crucial. Approaches such as the Circular Economy, the Sound Material-Cycle Society and Sustainable Materials Management can help to reduce the amount of resources that human economic activity requires as well as diminishing the associated environmental impacts and minimising waste from production and consumption. More broadly, resource efficiency policies can help to improve competitiveness, contribute to addressing resource security concerns and create growth and jobs.

In many OECD countries, the concept of “extended producer responsibility” (EPR) has been an established principle of environmental policy since the middle of the 1990s. EPR is an environmental policy approach in which the responsibility of producers for their products is extended to include the social costs of waste management, including the environmental impact of waste disposal of their products. In many countries, extended producer responsibility policies are playing an important role in supporting national resource efficiency strategies. While usually effective at transferring part of the financial burden for waste management to the private sector, there is a risk that EPRs – if poorly implemented – could lead to sub-optimal levels of material recovery, absence of environmental incentives, excessive costs, disruption of existing material markets, as well as rent-seeking. Hence, there appears to be a significant need for guidance in the use of EPR schemes across major OECD and emerging market economies. To address this need, the OECD is currently updating and expanding on the OECD Guidance Manual for Governments on EPR that was published in 2001. As part of this work, a number of country case studies are being developed. These will be used to analyse recent real-world experience with EPR as a basis for deriving updated policy guidance.

Objectives

In this context, the aim of this Global Forum on Environment is to support ongoing OECD work on EPR by taking stock of recent EPR implementation experiences and to provide a multi-stakeholder arena within which OECD and partner countries can discuss draft guidance. A key expected outcome of the Global Forum is a set of guiding principles for the use and design of EPRs.

Co-Organisers

This Global Forum on Environment is co-organised by the OECD Working Party on Resource Productivity and Waste (WPRPW) and the Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOEJ). It is carried out with funding from the European Union, and other partners.

Participants

The Global Forum is a multi-stakeholder event that brings together EPR experts from governments (ministries and local governments), NGOs, international organisations and the private sector, from OECD member countries and elsewhere.

AGENDA

GLOBAL FORUM ON ENVIRONMENT: PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT THROUGH EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

17-19 June 2014, Tokyo Prince Hotel (Tokyo, Japan)

Day 1 Tuesday 17 June 2014	
8:30	REGISTRATION & COFFEE / TEA
9:00	OPENING SESSION Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ryutaro Yatsu, <i>Vice-minister, Ministry of the Environment, Japan</i>• Simon Upton, <i>Director of Environment Directorate, OECD</i>
9:30	Session 1: THE LANDSCAPE OF EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY Global Forum Co-Chairs: Simon Upton , <i>Director of Environment Directorate, OECD</i> ; and Ryutaro Yatsu , <i>Vice-minister, Ministry of the Environment, Japan</i> Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Background on OECD's work on EPR: Shardul Agrawala, <i>OECD Secretariat</i>• Policy context in the EU: Michel Sponar, <i>EU Commission</i>• Insights from the Literature: Reid Lifset, <i>Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies</i>• A Practitioner's View: Christophe Vanderstricht, <i>Ernst&Young</i> Discussion Key Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How is EPR used across the globe? Which product groups are addressed? How have they been designed and implemented in various countries and regions?• What challenges do countries face when designing and implementing EPR policies, and what insights are available from the literature?
11:00	BREAK
11:30	Session 1 continued Discussion
12:30	LUNCH (provided by Japan)

14:00	<p>Session 2: KEY ISSUES AND LESSONS LEARNED IN THE OECD</p> <p>Chair: Rasio Ridho Sani, <i>Deputy Minister for Hazardous Substances Hazardous Waste and Solid Waste Management, Ministry of the Environment, Indonesia</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insights from the Asia Pacific Region - Examples from Japan: Tomohiro Tasaki, <i>National Institute for Environmental Studies</i> • Insights from the EU - Examples from France: Baptiste Legay, <i>Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Energy, France</i> • Insights from North America: Scott Cassel, <i>Product Stewardship Institute</i> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key factors that contribute to successful EPR implementation? • What challenges have been encountered? • What have some of the responses to these challenges been, and what lessons can be drawn from such experiences?
15:40	<i>BREAK</i>
16:10	<p>Session 3: KEY ISSUES AND LESSONS IN EMERGING ECONOMIES</p> <p>Chair: Yu-ran Kim, <i>Deputy Director, Resource Recirculation Policy Division, Ministry of Environment, Korea</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China's e-waste management scheme: Yang Zheng, <i>Ministry of Environmental Protection, People's Republic of China</i> • A Kenyan case study: Klaus Hieronymi, <i>E-waste Solutions Alliance for Africa</i> • Colombian EPR experience: Francisco Gomez, <i>Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Colombia</i> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the key factors that contribute to the successful implementation of EPR? • What challenges do emerging economies encounter and how do they differ from those encountered in more advanced economies? • What are some specific responses to these challenges?
17:50	<p>KEY THEMES from Day 1</p> <p>Peter Börkey, <i>Environment Directorate, OECD Secretariat</i></p>
18:00	WELCOME RECEPTION
<i>END OF DAY 1</i>	

Day 2 Wednesday 18 June 2014

9:00	<p>Session 4: TOWARDS GUIDANCE FOR POLICY MAKERS</p> <p>Chair: Cecilia Mattsson, <i>Senior Advisor, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency</i></p> <p>This session will begin in plenary with the presentation of some guiding principles, position papers and stakeholder perspectives, before breaking up into smaller groups for in-depth discussions. After each intervention, the floor will be open for discussion.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy guidance emerging from OECD work: Andrew Prag, <i>Environment Directorate, OECD</i> • Guiding principles from EU countries' experience: Michel Sponar, <i>European Commission</i> • Guiding principles from a producer perspective: Shelagh Kerr, <i>Electronics Product Stewardship Canada</i> • Policy concerns of Recyclers: Ana Durquety, <i>FEDEREC</i> • An NGO perspective on policy guidance Stephane Arditi, <i>European Environmental Bureau (EEB)</i> • Experiences of a city municipality Reiji Hitsumoto, <i>Kitakyushu City, Japan</i> <p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What guiding principles for successful EPR schemes can be identified from the body of experience that has been assembled, both in advanced and emerging economies? • Which new issues merit further attention?
11:00	BREAK
11:30	<p>Breakout sessions: how to address key challenges in the design of EPR</p> <p>Each of the 4 parallel groups will focus on all the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governance and administrative challenges 2. Economic challenges 3. Issues specific to the start-up phase of EPR 4. New and emerging issues
12:30	LUNCH (provided by Japan)
14:00	Breakout sessions continued
16:00	BREAK
16:30-18:00	<p>Closing Session: FEEDBACK AND WRAP-UP</p> <p>Global Forum Co-Chairs: Simon Upton, <i>Director of Environment Directorate, OECD</i>; and Ryutaro Yatsu, <i>Vice-minister, Ministry of the Environment, Japan</i></p> <p>Facilitators and rapporteurs from the breakout groups report on their discussions, followed by a plenary discussion.</p> <p>Co-chairs will do a wrap-up.</p>
END OF DAY 2	

Day 3 Thursday 19 June 2014

KEY OUTCOMES OF THE FORUM, MOVING FORWARD & NEXT STEPS

This session aims to engage a wider Japanese audience in a discussion of the key conclusions emerging from the first two days of the Forum. It will also outline ideas for moving forward with EPR, with a focus on **Asia**.

9:00	OPENING <i>Tomoko Ukishima, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of the Environment, Japan</i>
9:05	Keynote Speech: THE OUTPUTS OF THE GLOBAL FORUM AND REVISION OF THE OECD GUIDANCE MANUAL <i>Simon Upton, Director of Environment Directorate, OECD</i>
9:30	Introduction of Case Studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience from Japan: Prof. Akemi Ori, <i>Kanto Gakuin University</i>• Experience from PROs in Europe: Joachim Quoden, <i>EXPRA</i>• Experience from People's Republic of China: Zheng Yang, <i>Ministry of Environmental Protection</i>
10:30	Panel Discussion: PRESENT STATE AND CHALLENGES OF EPR SCHEMES IN OECD COUNTRIES AND EMERGING ECONOMIES Facilitator: <i>Tomohiro Tasaki, National Institute for Environmental Studies</i> Panel Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baptiste Legay, <i>Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, Transport and Energy, France</i>• Shruti Rai Bhardwaj, <i>Ministry of Environment and Forests, India</i>• Garth Hickle, <i>Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, USA (State Government)</i>• Masanobu Ishikawa, <i>Professor, Kobe University</i>• Hideaki Kikuchi, <i>Keidanren (Japan Business Federation)</i>• Atsushi Ohira, <i>Japan Food Industry Association</i>• Shinichi Kawaguchi, <i>The Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association</i>• Yuko Sakita, <i>NGO "Genki Network for Creating a Sustainable Society"</i> Introduction (3 min. each) and Discussion Key Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the key factors that contribute to the successful implementation of EPR, and which ones appear to be particularly important in Asia?
11:50	MOVING FORWARD WITH EPR IN ASIA Ideas on next steps for EPR, particularly for Asia Speaker: <i>Tomohiro Tasaki, National Institute for Environmental Studies</i>
12:00	LUNCH BREAK (not provided)
13:30-17:30	SITE VISITS (optional outings, choice of one; details tbc on site) HYPER CYCLE SYSTEMS CORPORATION <u>or</u> PET REFINE TECHNOLOGY
END OF DAY 3	

www.oecd.org/env/waste/gfenv-extendedproducerresponsibility-June2014.htm