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# Sustainable Lifestyles

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### 1. Conceptual framework

- Sustainable consumption guide for policy makers: Debunking myths and outlining solutions (Asia Edition) (UN Environment, 2015)



Products

- Product **bans** for worst products (eg. Plastic bags, Incandescent light bulbs)
- Product performance standards (eg. Energy efficient refrigerators)
- Require **product information** at point of purchase (eg. Country of origin, disclosure of chemical use)
- Independent third party product testing (eg. Of sustainability claims)
- Certification systems for **eco-labels** (eg. Certification for Organic food, sustainable hotels)

#### **Business models**

- Support for businesses shifting from selling physical products to selling services (eg. Car purchase vs car share)
- Tax incentives or other support for businesses offering **repair and reuse** (eg. Local repair businesses)
- Tax incentives or other support for **social enterprises** (*eg. Community based tourism*)



**Policy approaches** 

- Integrating sustainable consumption into high level policies (eg. 5 year plans)
- Training for government officials and businesses on sustainable consumption
- Establish a coordinating body on sustainable consumption (eg. Interministerial council, inter-department committee)
- Actively involving **stakeholders** (eg. industry and consumer advisory council)
- Improve **public information** about sustainable consumption (eg. Assessment reports to understand the issue, public awareness campaigns)
- Government procures sustainably to kick start demand (eg. government procurement guidelines include sustainability criteria)



#### Using economic measures to shape consumption

- **Taxes** on natural resources and pollution (eg. tax on bulk water use, tax according to effluent loads)
- Subsidies on sustainable products (eg. Energy efficient lightbulbs)
- Full-cost pricing and use charges (eg. Adding environmental costs, no more free water in ag)
- Elimination/reduction of environmentally harmful subsidies (eg. fuel subsidies)
- **Deposit-refund** schemes (eg. can or bottle return scheme)
- Plastic bag charge



### **Distribution and Retail**

- Support for businesses who practice "Choice editing" (eg. Retailers eliminating the worst products)
- Support for businesses who practice "Localising" (eg. sourcing and prioritising local suppliers)
- Support for **consumer co-ops** (eg. farm to table food co-ops) Advertising
- **Restrict** the amount and types of advertising (eg. bans of tobacco advertising)
- Tax on advertising (eg. tax on media space)



### Shifting the social context around consumer behaviour

- Make the more **sustainable choice the default** option (eg. Plastic bag is not automatically provided, landfill bin smaller)
- Provide actionable information and tools (eg. Smart electricity bills that inform you about energy efficiency choices)
- **Reward** and highlight sustainable behavior (eg. Award scheme for businesses supporting sustainable consumption)
- Encourage community/collaboration over individual participation to unlock latent resources before creating new ones (eg. Airbnb, sharing economy)



# 2. Consumption trends in Asia

- 1. 4.2 billion people
- 2. Urbanising
- 3. GDP/capita 2000-2015
  - 1. Doubled in South Asia
  - 2. Tripled in East Asia and the Pacific
- 4. By 2030 Asia 50% of worldwide **spending** (USD 32 trillion)

#### GDP/capita 1965-2015

#### GDP per capita (current US\$)

World Bank national accounts data, and OECD National Accounts data files.

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# 2. Consumption trends in Asia – Household debt

- 1. As people get richer, they are more likely to be in debt, and the size of their loans grows too.
- 2. Thailand case:
  - From 2005-14, household debt rose by 13% per year, almost double the nominal GDP growth rate
  - highest rate of household debts in 8 years, reaching 81% of GDP, and "mostly to buy cars and consumption goods" according to Thailand Business News.





# 2. Consumption trends in Asia – Footprints

- In 2015, global material use was 81 billion tonnes. Of that, Asia accounted for 46 billion tonnes from a consumption (MF) point of view.
- 2. Material footprint growth rates in the Asia Pacific region is still growing at 7% per year compounding.



# 2. Consumption trends in Asia – Food



**Figure 3.** East and South East Asian diets are shifting rapidly towards meat based products, which have a greater impact on the environment unless produced sustainably (FAOSTAT, 2015)

### 2. Consumption trends in Asia – Housing

#### Fewer people per household (= more household per person)

People per household dropping up to 25% in only 12 years (index)



Occupancy	2012
China	3.03
Japan	2.37
India	4.13
Australia	2.40
Korea, Rep.	2.59
Indonesia	3.78
Taiwan	2.88
Thailand	3.08
Malaysia	4.25
Hong Kong	2.91
Singapore	3.46
Philippines	4.50
New Zealand	2.58



### 2. Consumption trends in Asia – Mobility

#### Shift to personal vehicles





Gasoline Diesel ■LPG CNG Electric

2010

Source: Clean Air Asia estimates, 2012



#### ASEAN AUTOMOTIVE FEDERATION

**SALES** : 2016

#### **1. MOTOR VEHICLES**

	COUNTRY	PASSENGER VEHICLES	COMMERCIAL VEHICLES	2016	2015	VARIANCE (%)
	Brunei	12,814	434	13,248	14,406	-8%
	Indonesia	861,329	200,406	1,061,735	1,013,291	5%
	Malaysia	514,545	65,579	580,124	666,677	-13%
	Philippines	133,188	226,384	359,572	288,609	25%
	Singapore	93,490	16,965	110,455	78,609	41%
	Thailand	328,053	440,735	768,788	799,632	-4%
e	Vietnam	158,097	112,723	270,820	209,267	29%
	TOTAL	2,101,516	1,063,226	3,164,742	3,070,491	3%

#### 2. MOTORCYCLES & SCOOTERS

COUNTRY	2016	2015	VARIANCE
			(%)
Indonesia	6,215,350	6,708,384	-7%
Malaysia	396,343	380,802	4%
Philippines	1,140,338	850,509	34%
Singapore	8,336	7,459	12%
Thailand	1,738,231	1,639,090	6%
TOTAL	9,498,598	9,586,244	-1%

# 2. Consumption trends in Asia – Leisure

#### Growth in tourism

#### International tourism, number of departures

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### 2. Consumption trends in Asia – leisure

#### Region influences global china

Highest grossing film of all time (The Mermaid) was an environmental film.

### HOLLYWOOD DOESN'T WORK WITHOUT CH

#### The U.S. manie industry relies on China's investors and its mass audience

#### Screen Rivals

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China's movie box-office totals are projected to surpass the U.S. \$12 billion U.S. 📕 China

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LC ANGELES-February's premit e of "The Great Wall" showca, d the calculated balance bet een two superpowers. Matt D mon walked the

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red carpet with his Chinese co-star, Jing Tian. Director Zhang Yin ou thanked co-producers Ur versal Pictures and China-ow led Dalian Wanda Group C . The afterparty had sweet- id-sour chicken.

The movie's poor showing did t slow the trans-Pacific Maboration. Hollywood has

more than a billion potential moviegoers have made China indispensable to the film

business. The country's boxoffice total last year, at \$6.6 billion, was the world's second-largest compared with the first-place U.S., \$11.4 billion. In a few years, analysts predict, China will be No. 1.

While the U.S. movie-ticket sales have remained relatively flat. China's have more than tripled since 2011.

"We never thought of China 10 years ago. Now, we're at a point where Hollywood can't exist without

#### China Goes Hollywood

Hollywood has become so entangled with China that the movie industry can't run without it. At stake is money, influence and the world's largest sources of new moviegoers.









## Population







## Affluence (GDP/capita)







## Wellbeing (Utility/capita)







## Resource Intensity (Resource/Utility)







## Eco-Intensity (Impact/Resource)







## **SCP** opportunities









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Impacts		Population		Affluence		Wellbeing/ Utility		Resource Intensity		Eco-intensity
Impacts	=	Capita	х	GDP (\$)	x	Utility	X	Kg Plastic	x _	tCO2eq
(Plastic)				Capita		GDP (\$)		Utility		Kg Plastic
Impacts	=	Capita	x	GDP (\$)	х	Utility	Х	kWh	x	tCO2eq
(Energy)				Capita		GDP (\$)		Utility		kWh
Impacts		= Capita	x	GDP (\$)	x	Utility	X	Passenger km	X	tCO2eq
(Low Carbo mobility)				Capita		GDP (\$)		Utility		Passenger km





Benefit?

# Value addition... let's explore fundamental human needs



Maslow's hierarchy of needs

# Value addition... let's explore fundamental human needs



Fundamental human needs, according to Manfred Max-Neef

## Value addition... let's explore fundamental human

### needs

Subsistence: health, food, shelter, work

Protection: being cared for, having choice and autonomy

Affection: being respected, loved, having fun, friends

Understanding: Thinking, curiosity, investigating, learning

Participation: Duties, responsibilities, work, collaboration, opinions

Leisure: Imagination, fun, games, dreaming

Creation: Boldness, invention, designing, building

**Identity**: Belonging, esteem, self-knowledge, religion, values

Freedom: Autonomy, passion, equality, choice, exploration, awareness

Fundamental human needs, according to Manfred Max-Neef Value addition... let's explore fundamental human needs

### Satisfiers of our needs

- Synergistic satisfier: satisfies multiple needs, eg family
- Singular satisfier: satisfies one need, eg water
- Pseudo- satisfier: little or short term effect, eg fast fashion
- Violator: Does not satisfy and might impede other needs, eg drugs

	What needs do you think shopping meets?	What was the last thing you bought and why?
Subsistence: health, food, shelter, work		
<b>Protection</b> : being cared for, having choice and autonomy		
Affection: being respected, loved, having fun, friends		
<b>Understanding</b> : Thinking, curiosity, investigating, learning		
<b>Participation</b> : Duties, responsibilities, work, collaboration, opinions		
Leisure: Imagination, fun, games, dreaming		
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<b>Freedom</b> : Autonomy, passion, equality, choice, exploration, awareness		

	Resource intensive satisfiers	Resource efficient satisfiers
Subsistence: health, food, shelter, work	Beef, incandescent lightbulbs, disposable water bottle, large house	Low meat menus, efficient household appliances, water filters, compact living
<b>Protection</b> : being cared for, having choice and autonomy	Personal vehicle, hygiene of single use plastic	Safe and efficient public transport, awareness about reuse items
Affection: being respected, loved, having fun, friends	Diamond engagement ring, gift wrap	Giving experiences, time; wrapping in reusable cloth or boxes.
<b>Understanding</b> : Thinking, curiosity, investigating, learning	Paper books, over printing in the office	Ebooks, efficient printing
<b>Participation</b> : Duties, responsibilities, work, collaboration, opinions	Latest smartphone	Upgrade software and components without disposal of phone
Leisure: Imagination, fun, games, dreaming	Shopping malls	Leisure mall, investment in parks
Creation: Boldness, invention, designing, building	Fast fashion	Clothing rental, reuse
Identity: Belonging, esteem, self-knowledge, religion, values	Personal vehicle	Bike
<b>Freedom</b> : Autonomy, passion, equality, choice, exploration, awareness	Convenience of single use plastic	Deposit refund system

### Societal values - Which development path?



Developing Countries:	Copy Cat?	Piggy Back?	Leap Frog?	Horse Jump?	
Developed countries:	Business as usual?	Fine Tuning?	Transforming?	noise sump.	
Societal Choices	Technology	Strategy	Objectives	Lifestyle/Values	

Adapted from Ashok Khosla, 2012







Development	path	Copy Cat:	Piggy Back:	Leap Frog:	Horse Jump:
		Business as usual?	Fine Tuning?	Transforming?	game changing?
<b>Societal Choice</b>	es	Technology	Strategy	Objectives	Lifestyle/Values
Models		Obsolescence	Miniaturize/ Durability	Share economy, collaboration	Rethinking wealth
	Food	Large scale monoculture, food waste, atkins	Organic	Urban farming	Adapting to low footprint diets
	Manufact uring	Hardware	Mini hardware	Sharing, Rental	Biomimicry
	Construct	Cement, Steel,	Lightweight	Recycled	Industrial
	ion	Concrete	Elements	Materials	Wastes
Sector	Waste	Dumping, Incineration	Sep. Toilets, Composting Recycling	Biogas, Reuse, Repair, Redistribute	Refuse, Redesign
	Transport	Car, Airplane	Fuel efficient cars, two wheelers	Public Transport, Bicycle	Zoning, IT Internet
	Lighting	Incandescent	CFLs	LEDs	Daylight

### **Myths about Sustainable Consumption**

## Myth #1: Sustainable Consumption contradicts poverty eradication

Misconception	Reality
SC is consuming less	It is about consuming for well being.
SC does not support economic growth.	Sustainable consumption is primarily concerned with the quality of growth, rather than the quantity of growth. The World Economic Forum
	recently recognised SC as a direction for business.
People in rural areas	The rural poor tend to live in fragile environmental
already lead	areas, and their livelihoods heavily dependent on
sustainable lives, thus	natural resource use and ecosystem services.
sustainable	Sustainable consumption ensures that these
consumption is only	resources are exploited in an equitable manner
for people cities.	and with long-term considerations.

### **Myths about Sustainable Consumption**

• **ideologies** ("I should be free to buy what I want" or "Technology will solve environmental problems"),

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- social norms ("I'll look strange if I do it" or "why should I do it if they don't?"),
- Since c 'lock in' to unsustainable capital ("well I already have the car..."),
- involve
  mistrust or denial ("Those eco-labels are just a marketing ploy!"),
- should
  People
  cells don't work reliably?" or "won't my colleagues think I'm poor if I take the train?")
- right in Feel that their actions **won't make a difference** ("I'm just one in 7 billion").

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SC is in consumers with emotional marketing ("You'll be happier with these products."). (27 Dragons of Inaction)
# Dragons of inaction – which ones are barriers to circular economy?

- **ideologies** ("I should be free to buy what I want" or "Technology will solve environmental problems"),
- social norms ("I'll look strange if I do it" or "why should I do it if they don't?"),
- 'lock in' to unsustainable capital ("well I already have the car..."),
- mistrust or denial ("Those eco-labels are just a marketing ploy!"),
- perceived risks of sustainable consumption ("what if the photovoltaic cells don't work reliably?" or "won't my colleagues think I'm poor if I take the train?")
- Feel that their actions **won't make a difference** ("I'm just one in 7 billion").
- the market has developed very effective ways of manipulating consumers with emotional marketing ("You'll be happier with these products."). (27 Dragons of Inaction)

#### **Myths about Sustainable Consumption**

#### Myth #3: Economic growth leads to improved wellbeing

Misconception	Reality
GDP/capita is a measure of	In many countries, including in Asia, growth has led to
welfare and development	rapidly increasing inequality.
Countries can "Grow first	For local pollution of air and water the situation tends
and clean up later".	to improve as countries get richer. But for global issues
	like climate change and overuse of resources, there is
	no such effect. Lock in plays a stronger role.
Heavy pollution and	Better options exist today than the eras when
high resource	industrialised nations went through early stages
consumption are	of development. Infrastructure should be
unavoidable stages of	designed to be Resource Efficient.
development.	

#### **Myths about Sustainable Consumption**

#### Myth #4: Small environmental actions lead to big changes

Misconception	Reality
Small painless actions by	People acting more sustainably in one area (e.g.
otherwise reluctant	buying green products) don't usually act sustainably in
people are "entry points".	all areas (e.g. recycling, energy efficiency).
Over time these small	While sustainable initiatives are growing, the
environmental actions will	unsustainable ones are growing at a faster rate,
add up	cancelling out all the gains. Relative sustainability gains
	do not solve the problem if the whole system remains
	unsustainable.
People do not want	There is empirical evidence that people take strong
government to develop	pro-environmental actions if the measures are justified
strong sustainability	and fair. Research shows that citizens feel left out
measures.	when the extent of the environmental problem is not
	fully communicated to them.

# Outline

- 1. Conceptual framework
- 2. Consumption trends in Asia
- 3. Regional frameworks
- 4. Country policies
- 5. Business sector
- 6. Concepts for Asia



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# 3. Regional frameworks Regional roadmap on SCP (2017-2018) includes SLE chapter

- A. Regional/sub-regional policy dialogues, trainings and networking
- A1: Provide Sustainable Lifestyle and Education (SLE) awareness raising and capacity building
- A2: Regional academic SCP programme for young professionals
- A3: Massive Online Open Course (MOOC) for SCP for Asia Pacific
- A4: "Sustainable consumption week for low carbon lifestyles in Asia" to enable dialogue between policy makers and leaders from the private sector on the policy support required for the private sector to enable sustainable consumption and ensure sustainable production (national governments, NGOs, private sector)
- B. Regional or national awareness raising campaigns
- B1: The 4 Billion Dreams Asia-Pacific Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) multimedia awareness-raising campaign for youth
- B2: SCRIPT (Sustainable Consumption and Recycling Interventions for Paper and Textiles) for Reducing Urban Climate Footprint

# 3. Regional frameworks Regional roadmap on SCP (2017-2018) includes SLE chapter

- C. Regional and national technical analysis for policy development
- C1: Conduct an assessment of lifestyles and develop possible scenarios of future sustainable lifestyles in Asia Pacific, including pathways for realization
- C2: Develop a framework for monitoring programs and projects on sustainable lifestyles and their social and environmental impacts
- C3: Conduct an analysis of business models that can facilitate sustainable lifestyles, and recommendations for government and businesses
- C4: Collect and analyses case studies on government policies, instruments, and programs to promote sustainable lifestyles, highlighting the key features, institutional arrangements for implementation and social and environmental impacts
- D. National training activities
- **D1:** National academic SCP programme for young professionals, private sector professionals or development consultants and young academics (SCP Winter School)
- D2: Development of training packages/curricula on SLE for national level adaptation, including trainings for policymakers

### 3. Regional frameworks SWITCH-Asia Phase 2

Annual dialogue on Sustainable Consumption and lifestyles Awareness raising campaign on SCP.

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### Country policies China

- 13th Five-Year Plan for Economic and Social Development of the People's Republic of China (2016–2020)
  - Major objectives is "Our modes of production and ways of life will become more eco-friendly and low-carbon." (p.17).
  - Sustainable lifestyles are placed under Chapter 34, Section 6 (Frugal Lifestyles) "We will advocate reasonable consumption while opposing waste and extravagance. We will work to see that economy is practiced throughout all stages—from production to distribution, storage, and consumption. We will exercise effective control over the abuse of public funds, take action against overpackaging, food waste, and overconsumption, and work to see that frugality becomes a social norm. We will promote green transport services such as bicycling and public transport. We will restrict the use of single-use disposable products"

### Country policies China

- Opinions of the CPC Central Committee and the State Council on Further Promoting the Development of Ecological Civilization (April 25, 2015)
  - Basic principle "strengthen dissemination and education on the ecological culture, advocate diligent and thrifty, green and low-carbon as well as civilized and healthy lifestyles and consumption patterns, and increase public awareness of ecological civilization."
  - Section XXX "We need to foster the green lifestyle. We will advocate the consumption value of being diligent and thrifty. We will carry out extensive green life campaigns, promote the public to choose the approaches of being diligent and thrifty, green and low-carbon, polite and healthy in the aspects of clothing, food, housing, transportation and travelling, and resolutely resist and oppose all forms of extravagance, waste and unreasonable consumption.

# Country policies Mongolia

#### • Green Development Policy Action Plan

- Strategic Objective 5: Encourage education, science, and technology to serve as the catalyst for green development, and develop cultural values and livelihoods that are in harmony with nature;
  - 5.1 Engrain a resource efficient and effective consumption culture, environmentally friendly lifestyle, and traditional customs of protecting the environment through sustainable development education.
    - Engrain a resource efficient and effective consumption culture consistent with the modern life rhythm while inheriting traditional methods of natural conservation.
    - Engrain an environmentally friendly lifestyle, and traditional customs of protecting the environment through supporting eco school activities.
    - Developed and implement a communication strategy to advertise and publicize sustainable and green development concepts through press and medias.

# Country policies Viet Nam

- LAW ON PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT
  - Article 34 Formation of environmentally-friendly consumption habits
    - 1. The State shall encourage organizations and individuals to consume products recycled from waste, organic products, environmentally degradable packages, eco-certified products and other environmentally-friendly products.
    - 2. The Ministry of Culture and Information, news agencies and the press shall be responsible for coordinating with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in disseminating information about environmentally friendly products and goods and for introducing and promoting environmentally-friendly products and goods for consumption by the people.

# Country policies Viet Nam

- Viet Nam Green Growth Action Plan
  - Theme 04: Greening lifestyle and promoting sustainable consumption
    - Develop green and sustainable urban areas
    - Promoting green life style
      - Implement the campaign of "Green lifestyle"/ Awareness Raising, Institutional Improvement
      - Implement the campaign on building a model of "Energy saving in each household"/ Awareness Raising, Institutional Improvement
      - Guide and encourage sustainable consumption initiatives

# Country policies Viet Nam

#### • Viet Nam National Action Plan on SCP

There are 6 "main tasks", task 5 relating to sustainable lifestyles directly.

- 5. To change consumer behavior and implement sustainable lifestyle
  - Persuading and building environmentally friendly lifestyle, sustainable consumption; raising awareness of environmental protection towards less waste, low carbon and environmentally friendly society;
  - Organizing and implementing communication channels to promote environmentally friendly products and services; enhancing training and dissemination of knowledge, policies and legislation on sustainable consumption and production for officials, entrepreneurs and employees to improve the quality of human resources for the implementation of practical sustainable consumption and production and production of practical sustainable consumption and production and production of practical sustainable consumption and production and production of practical sustainable consumption and production activities;
  - Enhancing the supporting role of civil organizations which protect the interests of consumers in propagation and dissemination and education on legislation and knowledge of sustainable consumption and production for consumers;
  - Continuing to implement Viet Nam Green Label Program, certification of energy-saving label and other eco-labels; promoting the evaluation and certification of environmental friendly products and services;
  - Implementing green procurement activities, giving priority on green public procurement; implementing the pilot and replication of green public procurement;
  - Developing and disseminating the models of sustainable living practices.

# Country policies Thailand

- Environmental Quality Management Plan B.E. 2560 2564 (2017-2021)
  - Sustainable lifestyles sit under Strategy 3 as follows:
    - 3.1: promote sustainable consumption consisted of two plans; change behavior to be environmental society plan and promote green energy plan.
  - There are eight key indicators for Strategy 3 including (1) reduce material footprint and material footprint per capita (2) increase proportion of organizations buying green products and service and increase amount of money spending for green products and services

### Country policies Thailand

- Green City Development -Policy & Implementation (Department of Environmental Quality Promotion)
  - The 20-year National Strategy (2017-2036) includes a strategy for promotion of city growth on eco-friendly life standard. The Thailand Environmentally Green City Indicators include 3 points directly related to sustainable lifestyles:
    - 3. Environmental friendly lifestyle and consumption. Energy, including alternative energy is used efficiently. Water is used efficiently. Production, consumption, and source are eco-friendly.
  - Targets 8 municipalities that can be engaged.

# **Country policies** Thailand

- Green City Development -**Policy & Implementation** (Department of **Environmental Quality** Promotion)
- Linkages with faith based communities

#### Green Temple/Mosque

- Develop criteria for religious places: temples and mosques
  Aim for develop best-practice of environmental-concerned temples and mosques
  166 temples and 20 mosques passed the green criteria in 2016



# Country policies Malaysia

- Eleventh Malaysia Plan, 2016-2020
  - There are Six "strategic thrusts" including "Pursuing green growth for sustainability and resilience" and 6 game changers, including "Embarking on green growth."
  - Chapter 6: Pursuing green growth for sustainability and resilience. Under the 4<sup>th</sup> "strategic thrust" of green growth there are four focus areas, including "Focus area B: Adopting the sustainable consumption and production concept" under this is:
    - Strategy B1: Creating green markets
    - Strategy B3. Enhancing demand side management.
    - Strategy B4: Encouraging low carbon mobility
    - Strategy B5: Managing waste holistically
  - Chapter 8: Re-engineering economic growth for greater prosperity (p8-38) includes Principle 5: Adopting green-based development and practices (place high importance on continuous sustainable growth by enhancing green-based development and optimizing low carbon resources. Environment-friendly practices, such as green buildings, green lifestyles, and sustainable consumption and production, will be embedded within the development plans of these cities.)

# Country policies Bhutan

• Consumer Protection Act Of Bhutan, 2012

Two areas address sustainable consumption:

- Chapter II: Rights and Responsibilities of Consumers
  - 5. The Consumer shall endeavor to promote:
  - (d) Responsibility to consider the impact of consumption patterns on the environment to maintain the ecological balance; and
  - (e) Safe environment for consumption of goods and services by providing information on the supply of goods and services which are harmful and not safe for consumption.

#### • Chapter XIII: Consumer Protection Forums

- 89. The Office of Consumer Protection shall:
- (i) Promote the development of policy on sustainable consumption of goods and services;
- (j) Encourage sustainable consumption by disseminating information on;
- Environmental impacts of consumer choices;
- Impact of products on the environment.

# Country policies Republic of Korea

- Green growth and green lifestyle policy
  - Main 3 objectives of the Strategy:
    - Promote a synergic relationship between economic growth and environment protection;
    - Improve quality of life and promote environmentally friendly behaviors of people of Korea;
    - Contribute to the international efforts to fight climate change and other environmental threats;





# Country policies Republic of Korea

- Sharing City Seoul Project
  - Seoul Metropolitan Government sees the Sharing City Seoul initiative as social innovation measures designed to create new economic opportunities, to restore reliable relationships, and to reduce waste of resources with a view to resolving economic, social, and environmental problems in urban areas all together.
  - Initiatives involve sharing of:
    - Space
    - Goods
    - Skills/time
    - Content



### Country policies India

Addressing the United Nations Summit for the adoption of Post-2015 Development Agenda in September 2015, the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi said; "we must look for changes in our lifestyles that would make us less dependent on energy and more sustainable in our consumption."



# Country policies India

- India's Intended Nationally Determined Contribution: Working Towards Climate Justice
  - India led the call to include sustainable lifestyles in the Paris Agreement. Accordingly, sustainable lifestyles are a part of their Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC), the very first words of which are "India has a long history and tradition of harmonious co-existence between man and nature. Human beings here have regarded fauna and flora as part of their family. This is part of our heritage and manifest in our lifestyle and traditional practices."
  - The INDC contains 8 goals, the very first of which is sustainable lifestyles.
  - "To put forward and further propagate a healthy and sustainable way of living based on traditions and values of conservation and moderation."

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# Business sector Housing – Household energy

#### Opower

Opower is a business based on behavioural change and nudging. They work with utilities to provide customers with smart bills that give them feedback about their energy usage compared to other customers, as well as actionable information to reduce energy consumption.

More than 100 utilities and 60 million households worldwide use Opower products, now also in Japan, South Korea, Singapore, and soon arriving in ASEAN countries.



### Business sector Mobility - P2P car share

- Zoom car and Zap. When you buy your car from Maruti, Honda, Hyundai, Ford, Mahindra, Tata, they can allow you to get revenue to pay off the car cost through Zoomcar/Zap. When you are not using your car, you register it on the app and others can use it without you needing to be there. This business model links the car share company, the car loan company and the car dealership to create an affordable way to buy a car by sharing it.
- Olive trips car and bike ride share in Vadodara India 1 million members in India. OliveTrips also takes great pride by being official Car pool Partner to Car Free Day (India Chapter). It has won the accolade 'VNM TV Environmental Excellence Award 2013' for being an important and significant environmental initiative. The trophy was awarded on Jan 16, 2013 in Vadodara.

# Business sector Mobility - Share bikes

- Mobike (China) a bike sharing service to fulfil urban short trips especially first/last mile. Combining innovation and Internet of Things technology. Unlike many bike share systems, Mobike does not require a docking station as the bikes contain the GPS themselves. Monthly active users has reached to 4.32 million.
- *Ofo (Also China).* Another Chinese bike share company, this time affiliated with Alibaba.



# Business sector Mobility - Share bikes

- Mumbai: Mumbai operates two schemes, and the <u>Ministry of Urban</u> <u>Development</u> is preparing to launch a 10-city public bike scheme as part of its "Mission for Sustainable Habitat".<sup>[216]</sup>
- Ahmedabad: MyByk cycle sharing program in Ahmedabad started with eight stations within the city in 2013. Subscribers can keep bicycles as long as required without having to return them to the stations.
- **Mysuru (Mysore):** Mysore is the first Indian city to initiate cycle sharing in 2009 with 28 locations as of 2009 and 52 planned locations.
- New Delhi: The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) launched the first software based 'Public Bicycle Sharing scheme (PBS)'
- Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore NammaCycle
- Pondicherry University, Kalapet Bike Share
- Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi Desi Wheels
- Indonesia: University of Indonesia, Depok Cycle Share
- Pun Pun bike share in Thailand



### Business sector Consumer goods - Fashion

#### EcoChic Design Award

World's largest sustainable fashion design competition challenging emerging fashion designers to create mainstream clothing with minimal textile waste.

The alumni are a wide range of designers largely from Asia and could be a good network to approach for a sustainable fashion campaign

http://www.ecochicdesignaward.com/alu mni/profiles/





# Consumer goods – Fashion sharing programs

- **Open Closet** is an NGO that has recently been set up in Seoul, with support from Seoul Metropolitan City to allow people to share clothing that they do not need every day. The focus starting out is on formal clothes that young people may need for job interviews. In April 2017, KOICA (Korea International Cooperation Agency) donated 60 suits, 49 shoes, 39 blouses, 16 shirts and 5 ties to the Open Closet.
- That bag I want Bag rental in Singapore
- Secret wardrobe fashion rental in Mumbai
- RentJewels Bridal jewellery rental in India
- Rent a Dress Singapore and Malaysia
- Maternity exchange and rent in Singapore
- *Kiple sharing/redistribution platform for clothes in Korea*





### Business sector Consumer goods – B2P Sharing platforms

- Rentsher. B2P. They have sections for start ups, businesses, parents, parties and events, camping, medical, appliances, cameras and lenses, and musical instruments.
- *Rent Masti:* Rental again interestingly you can also rent medical equipment. This time it is also B2B rental.
- The Baby Specialist renting out hospital-grade baby care equipment



# Consumer goods – P2P Sharing platforms

- Hello Market Online redistribution in Korea
- Kaidee, sharing economy (Thailand)
- **Rentipid** Rent anything (Philippines)
- AdalBdal online bartering platform (India)
- **AALIZWEL** Sharing platform in India India's first online youth social marketplace where students, students of professional courses and passouts can buy, sell and exchange any goods or services.
- Faida online exchange (India)
- **Billiji** is a Korea-based web application platform for P2P lending and sharing.
- Irentshare Online rental of goods in India

# Consumer goods – Sustainable products

- Green the Map: Upcycled and sustainable products
- Interface: A "Circular Economy" approach to carpets (Factory in Thailand).
- H&M: sustainable materials, like Denimite (made of recycled denim), H&M also encourages consumers to machine wash at 30 degrees instead of 60 degrees by adding the Clevercare symbol on their garment labels. The company has launched a Garment Collecting program with the vision to turn old clothes into new.



# Consumer goods – Homeware and Toy rental

**Furlenco**: is online furniture rental company based in Bangalore, India. It is high quality durable furniture for rent, not purchase. (Couch approx. \$12/month - Seems economical for expats, students.)

**Rent that toy -** toy rental in Singapore **Bambaram** – Toy library in Chennai, India **CHILDREN TOY FOUNDATION, INDIA** 

**Rentoys** – toy rental in India

The Revolving Library – Malaysia









# Consumer goods – Repair business

**iFixit** is an app and website that contains links to manuals and youtube videos for repairing a broad range of stuff

HandyHome (India): Uber for repairs. Technicians from brand's authorized service centres, who provide doorstep service.

**Housejoy** (India): Repairs but also other services: laundry, plumbing, carpentry

Jeeves – repair service for household items in India, but with long-term partnerships with Indias biggest retail chains and corporate like the Tata group, Future Group, Aditya Birla Group

**Momoko Bag & Shoes Spa** - more typical SME style repair service for bags, shoes, and all kinds of leather and fabric goods







# Business sector Consumer goods – Waste prevention and Recycling support

**Yingchuang Recycling:** offline and online recyle platform. Its machines for recycle bottles and paper in many subway station, bus station and communities. (44 million bottles collected).

Aihuishou : an electronic recycle platform. Chinese electronics recycling startup Aihuishou withUS\$8 million funding led by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Morningside Ventures.



# Business sector Consumer goods – Plastic bag bans

Plastic bag bans are picking up, with programs at the national or province level in:

*Cambodia:* a sub-decree banning small plastic bags and levying charges for plastic bags given away at supermarkets by the Cambodian government has been signed.

**Bangladesh: b**an was introduced in Bangladesh in 2002 after floods caused by littered plastic bags submerged two-thirds of the country in water between 1988 and 1998. Plastic bags remain a big problem

**China**. A plastic bag ban on ultra thin plastic bags and a fee on plastic bags was introduced in China on June 1, 2008. use of plastic bags remains prevalent

Hong Kong. Hong Kong forbids retailers from giving plastic bags under a certain thickness and for free.

**India**. In 2002, <u>India</u> banned the production of plastic bags below 20 μm in thickness to prevent plastic bags from clogging of the municipal drainage systems and to prevent the cows of India ingesting plastic bags. Due to poor implementation of this regulation, subnational authorities (states and municipal corporations), have had to implement their own regulation.

**Indonesia**. Starting in 2016, Environment Ministry enforced retailers (mini-market, hypermarket, and supermarket) in 23 cities across the archipelago to charge consumers for plastic bags

Malaysia. A tax on plastic bags applies in <u>Penang</u>, while a similar tax in the state of <u>Selangor</u> applies only on Saturdays

**Myanmar**. In 2009, plastic bag factories in <u>Rangoon</u> were ordered by local authorities to stop production by the end of November or face heavy punishment

**Taiwan**. In January 2003, <u>Taiwan</u> banned the free distribution of lightweight plastic bags. In 2006, however, the administration decided to begin allowing free plastic bags to be offered by food service operators.

**Thailand**. In 2015, a campaign was launched that saw the government ask Thais to not use plastic bags on the 15th of every month, which is thought to have saved 15 million plastic bags between its August launch and the end of the year.

# Business sector Finance

*Green Credit card in Korea:* incentive system jointly launched by the government and credit card companies to provide economic incentives with green-conscious consumers.

Alipay's social mobile game Ant Forest: This social game focuses on carbon emission reduction. Low carbonconsuming behaviors through Alipay's app, such as traveling by metro or walking (the pedometer function in Alipay can record these behaviors), paying bills (water, gas, electricity) save paper, these carbon-saving behaviors will be calculated as virtual nutrients to help their digital trees grow bigger. Alipay promised to plant a genuine tree every time a digital tree was grown.

*MasterCard, Green/Eco Credit Card Platform:* Live Green, Shop Green campaign in China: They support environmental protection in China through participation in the Live Green, Shop Green campaign in China, which is aimed at guiding young people toward adopting an environmentally conscious lifestyle.



### Business sector Finance - Crowdfunding

#### Wishberry - crowdfunding and crowdsourcing in India



Funding: \$652,690,000. India's most successful crowdfunding platform for artists and sustainability.

#### Spark the Rise – Funding sustainability projects in India

Spark the Rise

To create disruptive solutions that transform lives. The rise prize is currently focused on 2 challenges relating to sustainability: solar energy and driverless cars.





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# Thank you!

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