## THE SOLUTION FOR SUSTAINABILITY **OF PLASTIC INDUSTRY**

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## INTRODUCTION

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Plastics are Used to Create Many Products.

Plastic is an important and ubiquitous material in our economy and daily lives. It has multiple functions that help tackle a number of the challenges facing our society. Plastics are in our packaging, clothing, furniture, cars and more.

## INTRODUCTION

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An Important Source of Growth ang Jobs

- Thailand's plastic production industry has grown rapidly in recent years and currently boasts over 3,000 operating companies.
   The plastics sector employs 300,000 people and
- The plastics sector employs 500,000 people and generated a turnover of THB 745,000 million baht in 2017.



... and every job created in the plastics sector leads to the creation of almost 3 additional jobs in the wider economy.

### **Thailand Plastic Conversion Value in 2017**





There is a lot of plastic being produced every year

### and a lot of it ends up in the oceans.





While that has brought its benefits, such as lower-cost materials or capabilities like water resistance, plastic has also produced a lot of trash. A massive amount of plastic wastes ends up in our oceans every year.

There will be more plastic in the oceans than fish by 2050 if nothing is done.



## Plastics Today: Key Challenges

Plastic value chains and end-of-life plastics

- However, Reuse and recycling of end-of-life plastics remains very low, particularly in comparison with other materials such as *paper, glass or metals*.
- At the same time, landfilling and incineration rates of plastic waste remain high.

61.9%

20.9%

### Recycling rate R<sub>1</sub> (All plastics recycling rate) =

(share of all plastic waste sent to recycling)/ (collected plastic waste in your country/region)

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### Recycling rate R<sub>2</sub> (Packaging recycling rate) =

(share of plastic packaging waste sent to recycling)/ (collected plastic waste in your country/region)



## Plastics Today: Key Challenges

**Compostable properties bring new opportunities** 

Rising environmental awareness among the general population is the major driver for the market growth.

Europe is estimated to be the largest consumer of biodegradable plastics holding more than 35% of the global market share

In Asia, the biodegradable polymers growth is seen due to the restricted usage of plastic bags by the government.









Disposable tableware

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Biowaste Carrier bags bags

Rigid packaging

Flexible packaging





Europe accounted for the highest market share in 2017 and would exhibit CAGR of 18.7% during 2018-2024.

\*\*\*Compound annual growth rate (CAGR)

## Plastics Today: Key Challenges

**Growth of global bioplastics feedstock** 



Source: European Bioplastics (2017), FAO Stats (2014), nova-Institute (2017), and Institute for Bioplastics and Biocomposites (2016). More information: www.european-bioplastics.org

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Assuming continued strong growth of the bioplastics market based on the current stage of technological development, a market of 2.44 million tonnes could be achieved by the year 2022, accounting for about 1.03 million hectares in 2022, or around 0.02 percent of the global agricultural area.

\*\* Including approx. 796 follow land

Global production capacities of bioplastics



#### Source: European Bioplastics

## **Plastics Today: Key Challenges** Part

**Rethinking and improving** 

"Greater cooperation by all its key players"







The plastics industry is very important to economy, and increasing its sustainability can bring new opportunities for innovation, competitiveness and job creation, in line with the objectives pursued by the Thailand **Industrial Policy Strategy.** 



## 3 Turning Challenges into Opportunities:

A Vision for Circular Plastics Economy



Value of products, materials and resources is maintained in the economy for as long as possible, moreover, waste generation is minimized.

Source: Plastics Institute of Thailand

end-of-life,

remanufacture

Source: UNIDO, 2015

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## 3 Part A Vision for Circular Plastics Economy

#### **Outline of a Circular Economy 3** main principle of circular economy I. PRINCIPLE Finite materials Renewables Preserve and enhance natural capital Regenerate Restore By controlling finite stocks and balancing Renewables flow management Stock managemen **Renewable resource flows.** mg/collection Parts manufacture Biochemical feedstock Product manufacturer Recycle Regeneration **II. PRINCIPLE** Service provide Share **Optimize resource yields by circulating** product, component and materials in use teuse/redistribute at the highest utility at all time in both technical and biological cycles. Anaerobio digestion Collection Collection **III. PRINCIPLE** Forster system effectiveness by revealing And designing out negative externalities skage and negative Source: Plastics Institute of Thailand

## Turning Challenges into Opportunities:

### **A Vision for Circular Plastics Economy**

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CREATE AN EFFECTIVE AFTER-USE PLASTICS ECONOMY





## **Turning Challenges into Opportunities:**

**A Vision for Circular Plastics Economy** 

### **PRODUCTION**

- Improve the production process which can use disposable raw material.
- Promote the design that align with the concept " Design for reduce a purchase" (Focus on maintenance).
- Longer use.

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- Easy return non-use product to be a production material.
- Apply technology innovation R&D result with an efficiency resource management and eco-friendly.

### SECONDARY RAW MATERIALS

- Turning production waste to be raw material.
- Determine a policy for reusable material such as plastic, organic waste, construction material, iron, glass.
- Develop secondary raw materials standard.



### **CONSUMPTION**

- Boots the demand/marketing promotion of the product and service that align with circular economy concept.
- Communicate an information to consumer about environmental qualification of the products.
- Easily return expired products.

### WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Develop waste management/ defect product to a reproduction process (Packaging/ Automotive/ Battery/ Electronic waste).
- Determine standard for enhance a responsibility of the manufacturer regarding waste management.



**Circular Plastics Economy** 

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4.1 Improving the economics and quality of plastics recycling

- improve design and support innovation to make plastics and plastic products easier to recycle
- expand and improve the separate collection of plastic waste, to ensure quality inputs to the recycling industry
  expand and modernize sorting and recycling capacity
  create viable markets



In particular, any measure likely to have significant socioeconomic impact will be accompanied by an impact assessment.

### **Circular Plastics Economy**

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### **Product design is one of the keys to improve recycling levels.**



Design for recyclability

 Better product design makes plastics recycling easier. Boosting demand for recycled plastics

 ✓ recycle plastics used in a wide variety of electrical and electronic goods.



Better separate collection and sorting

 raising public awareness and ensure high-quality separate collection.

Circular Plastics Economy

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**4.2 Curbing plastic waste and littering** 

✓ Preventing *plastic waste* in our environment
 ✓ A legislative initiative on *single-use plastics* ✓ Establishing a clear regulatory framework for plastics with *biodegradable* properties
 ✓ The rising problem of *microplastics*

Extended Producer Responsibility schemes have proven effective in several countries.



*Eliminating single use plastics from your life is a perfect place to start.* 

**Circular Plastics Economy** 

4.3 Driving innovation and investment towards circular solutions

advanced sorting

polymer design

Innovation is a key enabler for the transformation of the plastics value chain

### chemical recycling

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The New Plastics Economy aims to overcome the limitations of today's incremental improvements and fragmented initiatives, to create a shared sense of direction, to spark *a wave of innovation and to move the plastics value chain* into a positive spiral of value capture, stronger economics, and better environmental outcomes.

Source: http://www.plasticwastedisposal.com





## The Bio-Economy Scheme

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Thailand's Bioindustry development measures (2018-2027)



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Thailand's Bioindustry development measures (2018-2027)



### **Bioeconomy – Biorefinery Complex**



Bio Intelligence Unit

The plant will increase Polybutylene succinate (PBS) productivity by five times and almost double Polylactic acid (PLA) production capacity

## **Conclusion**:

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Sustainability of plastic industry

Plastics can make a major contribution towards <u>a circular economy</u>, helping to achieve a more sustainable and resource efficient future for all.

> GLOBAL PLASTIC PROTOCOL

DIALOGUE MECHANISM

NEW PLASTICS ECONOMY

**INNOVATION** 

**MOONSHOTS** 

**EVIDENCE** 

BASE

Rethink the way we make, use and reuse plastics.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

## Conclusion:

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### Sustainability of plastic industry

### Harnessing global action

- Many initiatives have been launched at international fora (such as G7 and G20, the United Nations, and in the context of the MARPOL Convention) and regional sea conventions; actions against marine litter are also included in the International Ocean Governance Agenda for the future of our oceans.
- Going forward, there are also significant prospects for developing an innovative *circular plastics industry* in Thailand

### Countries with plastic bag bans



### One pathway to a more circular economy is through "zero waste to landfill"

