

Greetings from IGES, Japan!!

I would like to share my comments and direct interventions in the attached report (in track change mode) for your review. I hope you will find it useful. Following are my overall impressions:

- 1) The report is well structured, informative and easy to follow.
- 2) Facts provided are also relatively new and it is a good compilation of pollution related information, agreements, initiatives.
- 3) Area that could be further improved are:

- When compared to the seriousness of the problem, the suggestions/recommendations are rather soft. I believe it should be bold enough to draw high attention.
- The central theme "Towards a Pollution Free Planet" is not strongly reflected in the 2 and 3. Only few recommendations points towards 'zero' targets, other seems to be guided by practicality (political, economic, social trends).
- Relation between pollution and some SDGs (and their targets) seems to be forcefully established or over stretched. It is fine to pinpoint only the most relevant goals/targets leaving less significant ones as intended readers would be more interested to know which SDGs or targets are more important in case of pollution. Too much sometimes means nothing.

Thank you for this opportunity to review this document, I really enjoyed reading/reviewing it.

Best regards,  
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