

ANNEX 4:

Profiles



Presentation of ISWA

ISWA The International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) was founded in 1970 as an independent, non-governmental, non-profit making association.

The objectives of ISWA are to promote sustainable waste management practices worldwide through scientific, economic and social instruments. ISWA works to protect human health and the environment and to ensure sustainable resource management. ISWA is the leading international association of reference for high quality professional information and advice regarding all aspects of waste management

ISWA is open to all countries in the world, and the activities are solely in the public interest. ISWA's members are kept abreast of new developments and trends in waste management around the world. ISWA members are kept informed on legislation and environmental policies on regional, national and international levels. Members are present in most international fora where decision makers meet. This means that ISWA is probably the biggest network within waste management in the world.

- ISWA's main activities are carried out in the 34 National Member countries. In addition there are members in some 42 other countries, thus ISWA activities cover 76 countries worldwide.
- ISWA is an association of members from all over the world, and is open to national associations, public or private companies, municipalities, public authorities, universities, research institutions, individuals, and other organisations or associations.
- There are member categories for National Members, Organisation Members, and Individual Members with a discounted fee for students and individuals from lower and lower-middle income countries.

Technical activities

ISWA's technical activities are based on the work carried out in ISWA's 12 Working Groups on different solid waste topics:

- biological treatment of waste
- collection & transportation technology
- communication & social issues
- developing country issues
- economic analyses for sustainable development
- hazardous waste
- health care waste
- legal issues
- recycling & waste minimisation
- sanitary landfill
- sewage & water works sludge
- thermal treatment

ISWA publishes a scientific journal *Waste Management & Research* six times a year as well as books, a news magazine *Waste Management World* six times a year, a newsletter, and other specialist publications, Working Group Reports etc.

The publications are the product of active engagement by members and Working Group activities.

Membership Benefits

All members receive

- free subscriptions to *Waste Management World*, *Waste Management* and *ISWA News*.
- Access to join ISWA's Working Groups as Corresponding Members

Organisation Members (Gold and Silver) receive:

- access to an international network of professionals in waste management
- information from international organisations
- participation in all Working Group activities with one employee in each group
- link from ISWA's home page (for gold members only)
- 25% discount on all ISWA publication
- discount on registration fees for ISWA's Annual Congress, conferences, and seminars
- free listing of products and services in the Directory Issue of *Waste Management World* and ISWA's waste management service database
- listing in *Waste Management World* (Gold members only)

Individual Members

- access to an international network of professionals in waste management
- 25% discount on all ISWA publication
- discount on registration fees for ISWA's Annual Congress, conferences, and seminars

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About the UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics

The mission of the UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics is to help decision-makers in government, local authorities, and industry develop and adopt policies and practices that:

- are cleaner and safer;
- make efficient use of natural resources;
- ensure adequate management of chemicals;
- incorporate environmental costs;
- reduce pollution and risks for humans and the environment.

The UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (UNEP DTIE), with the Division Office in Paris, is **composed of one centre and four branches**:

The International Environmental Technology Centre (Osaka), which promotes the adoption and use of environmentally sound technologies with a focus on the environmental management of cities and freshwater basins, in developing countries and countries in transition.

Production and Consumption (Paris), which fosters the development of cleaner and safer production and consumption patterns that lead to increased efficiency in the use of natural resources and reductions in pollution.

Chemicals (Geneva), which promotes sustainable development by catalysing global actions and building national capacities for the sound management of chemicals and the improvement of chemical safety world-wide, with a priority on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and Prior Informed Consent (PIC, jointly with FAO).

Energy and OzonAction (Paris), which supports the phase-out of ozone depleting substances in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and promotes good management practices and use of energy, with a focus on atmospheric impacts. The UNEP/RISØ Collaborating Centre on Energy and Environment supports the work of the Branch.

Economics and Trade (Geneva), which promotes the use and application of assessment and incentive tools for environmental policy and helps improve the understanding of linkages between trade and environment and the role of financial institutions in promoting sustainable development.

UNEP DTIE activities focus on raising awareness, improving the transfer of information, building capacity, fostering technology cooperation, partnerships and transfer, improving understanding of environmental impacts of trade issues, promoting integration of environmental considerations into economic policies, and catalysing global chemical safety.

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The UNEP - DTIE International Environmental Technology Centre

Established in April 1994, the International Environmental Technology Centre (IETC) is an integral part of the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). It has offices at two locations in Japan - Osaka and Shiga.

The Centre's main function is to promote the application of Environmentally Sound Technologies (ESTs) in developing countries and countries with economies in transition. IETC pays specific attention to urban problems, such as sewage, air pollution, solid waste, noise, and to the management of fresh water basins.

IETC is supported in its operations by two Japanese foundations: The Global Environment Centre Foundation (GEC), which is based in Osaka and handles urban environmental problems; and the International Lake Environment Committee Foundation (ILEC), which is located in Shiga Prefecture and contributes accumulated knowledge on sustainable management of fresh water resources.

IETC's mandate is based on Agenda 21, which came out of the UNCED process. Consequently IETC pursues a result-oriented work plan revolving around three issues, namely: (1) Improving access to information on ESTs; (2) Fostering technology cooperation, partnerships, adoption and use of ESTs; and (3) Building endogenous capacity.

IETC has secured specific results that have established it as a Centre of Excellence in its areas of speciality. Its products include: an overview on existing information sources for ESTs; a database of information on ESTs; a regular newsletter, a technical publication series and other media materials creating public awareness and disseminating information on ESTs; Local Agenda 21 documents developed for selected cities in collaboration with the UNCHS (Habitat)/UNEP Sustainable Cities Programme (SCP); advisory services; Action Plans for sustainable management of selected lake/reservoir basins; training needs assessment surveys in the field of decision-making on technology transfer and management of ESTs; design and implementation of pilot training programmes for adoption, application and operation of ESTs; training materials for technology management of large cities and fresh water basins; and others.

The Centre coordinates its activities with substantive organisations within the UN system. IETC also seeks partnerships with international and bilateral finance institutions, technical assistance organisations, the private, academic and non-governmental sectors, foundations and corporations.