

# Waste Wise Cities Challenge

## - Call for Applications -



The world's cities produce every year about 11 billion tonnes of solid waste. Managing waste properly is essential for building sustainable and liveable cities, but it remains a challenge for many cities.

UN-Habitat is addressing this challenge through its Waste Wise Cities Campaign, a call for action to support cities worldwide to enhance their waste management and resource efficiency.

As part of the Campaign, UN-Habitat is launching the Waste Wise Cities Challenge to clean up and establish sustainable waste management in 20 cities around the world, by 2022. Cities (old and new members of Waste Wise Cities Campaign) can apply either as **CHANGEMAKER CITY**, taking up the challenge, or as **SUPPORTER CITY**, assisting a Changemaker City (civic and technical twinning).

### Why should your city take part in the challenge?

The selected cities will be acting as role models for sustainable waste management and will be supported by UN-Habitat, its partners and the global community of waste management experts. By taking on the challenge, the cities will also have a chance to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, create employment, promote economic growth, decrease operational costs and improve public health.

### Proposed Timeline

15<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Deadline for Applications

March 2020: Selection of Cities

April 2020: Signing of Agreements of Cooperation\* between UN-Habitat and the selected cities

Apr/Dec 2020: Training on Waste Wise Cities tool and implementation; Stakeholder workshops to identify key intervention areas; Development of project proposals and investment plans based on workshops

Onwards: Mobilization of funds; Implementation of projects; Monitoring of progress with Waste Wise Cities tool

2022: Presentation of the achievements at the 11<sup>th</sup> World Urban Forum, in Katowice, Poland

\* The Agreements of Cooperation will set out the terms and conditions of the engagement.

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CHANGEMAKER CITY	SUPPORTER CITY
<p><b>WHO:</b> Cities that are ready to take up the challenge of cleaning up and establishing a sustainable waste management system by 2022</p> <p><b>How:</b> In collaboration with UN-Habitat, international experts and the Supporter Cities, Changemaker Cities will implement changes.</p> <p><b>To initiate the process by applying the Waste Wise Cities Tool, the city has to commit the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Human resources<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 20 - 30 people for 3 weeks</li><li>• 2 full-time employees (project supervisor and manager) <b>for the full time of the Challenge!</b></li></ul></li><li>• Financial resources &amp; in kind contribution: tools (gloves, tarpaulin, buckets, scales, masks, etc.), transport for waste collection and sites visits</li></ul> <p><b>TO APPLY PLEASE SEND AN APPLICATION TO <a href="mailto:WASTEWISECITIES@UN.ORG">WASTEWISECITIES@UN.ORG</a> ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:</b></p> <p><b>WHO:</b> Name of the city, background and current waste management situation (<u>max. 300 words</u>) Name and CV of project supervisor</p> <p><b>WHY:</b> Tell us in <u>max. 500 words</u> why you are qualified to be a Changemaker City</p> <p><b>How:</b> How will your city ensure availability of the above mentioned human and financial resources? (<u>max. 200 words</u>)</p>	<p><b>WHO:</b> Cities that are ready to guide and support Changemaker Cities on their journey towards sustainable waste management</p> <p><b>How:</b> Supporter Cities will share their knowledge and experiences, build capacity of the Changemaker Cities's staff, support the development of project proposals and mobilization of funds, as well accompany the implementation of the projects through field visits.</p> <p><b>They commit for the full time of the Challenge:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Human resources: 10 % of time of 2 full-time employees (project supervisor and technical expert)</li><li>• Financial resources:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For travelling to challenger city (at least 4 trips in 2 years)</li><li>• Organization of workshops/study tours</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>TO APPLY PLEASE SEND AN APPLICATION TO <a href="mailto:WASTEWISECITIES@UN.ORG">WASTEWISECITIES@UN.ORG</a> ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:</b></p> <p><b>WHO:</b> Name of the city, background and current waste management situation (<u>max. 300 words</u>) Name and CV of project supervisor</p> <p><b>WHY:</b> Tell us in <u>max. 500 words</u> why you are qualified to be a Supporter City</p> <p><b>How:</b> How will your city ensure availability of the above mentioned human and financial resources? (<u>max. 200 words</u>)</p>

## Waste Wise Cities Tool

We partner with local governments to implement the Waste Wise Cities Tool, which is based on the monitoring methodology for waste SDG indicator 11.6.1, and provides an image of waste flows and amounts in the city. Key data includes the amount of waste generated, collected and managed in controlled facilities. Based on the data assessment and together with all relevant stakeholders key interventions areas are identified and projects developed. This ensures long-term sustainability of the interventions.