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## Waste Wise Cities Campaign at 1<sup>st</sup> UN-Habitat Assembly



The first UN-Habitat Assembly took place in Nairobi from 27th to 31st of May with the theme “Innovation for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities”. It hosted over 3,000 delegates & visitors, 4 heads of state

& government, over 50 ministers & vice ministers and about 60 mayors. The new Governance Structure of UN-Habitat, which comprises of a universal assembly and an executive board, was set up and resolutions were passed concerning the strengthening of UN-Habitat’s mandate as the focal point for SDG #11.

Waste Wise Cities Campaign was present during the whole week with different activities and side events, that we like to share with you.

## Waste Wise Cities Campaign Clean up

Already before the official inaugural session of the Assembly member cities organized Clean Ups to raise awareness that solid waste is everyone’s responsibility. An example is the city of Ndjamen, Chad. With 30 volunteers two hectares in one district of the city were cleaned.

Douguengar Masra Arsene, Head of Sanitation Division at the Ministry of the Environment reports: “We collected garbage from households, bars, restaurants, streets, and public spaces in the demarcated area. Then, we deposited this garbage in the temporary landfill with the help of the company ABLOUGA’s hats. These 200-liter capacity carriers made it possible to make ten (10) trips from the collection to the temporary dump. This operation took us five (5)



hours, according to which we collected 2 tons of household waste. This waste consists of paper and cardboard, kitchen and food waste, plastics, and a lot of sand. At the end of the clean-up operation, some women gave their opinion of satisfaction and are happy to live in a healthy environment without the disease.”



## Waste Wise Cities Press conference

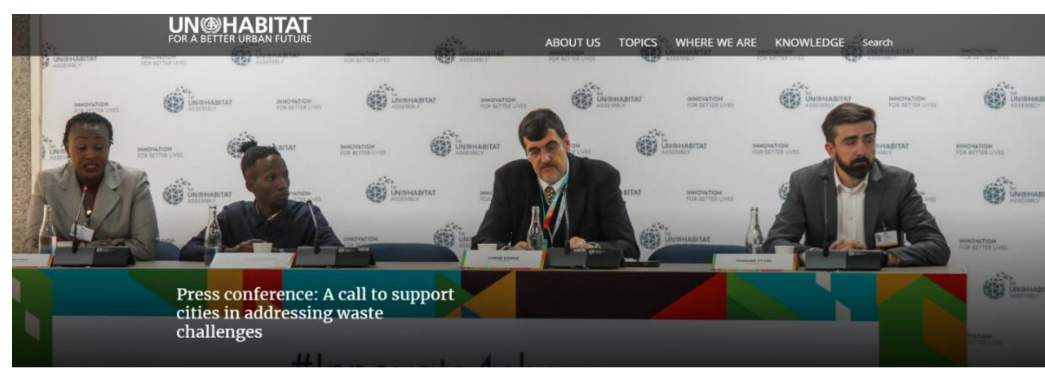
During the press conference Andre Dzikus, Coordinator of the Urban Basic Services Branch at UN-Habitat, presented the global challenge of solid waste management and Waste Wise Cities Campaign as part of the solution. He confirmed UN-Habitat's commitment for sustainable solid waste management and introduced the four key action areas Waste Wise Cities Campaign will focus on: Knowledge & Good Practices Sharing, Waste Data & Monitoring, Advocacy & Education, and Project Finance & Bankability Support. He also renewed the call for action to tackle the solid waste management challenge.

Isaac Mutisha Muasa, Chairman of Mathare Environment Conservation Youth Group, won the 2018 UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour for the Youth Group's work in improving the living qualities in Mathare, a low-income settlement in Nairobi, Kenya. He illustrated the daily waste management problems slum dwellers are facing and how to involve everyone in taking active measures.

Przemek Pyziel presented the work of his start-up Planet Heroes, the world's first eco-crowdfunding platform, through which community-based organizations and waste management entrepreneurs who are actively engaged in cleaning cities or recycling on the ground are matched, receiving financial support for their work through online funding.

Last but not least, Dr. Skitter Mbugwa, Kisii County Executive Committee Member for Energy, Water and Environment & Natural Resources, part of Waste Wise Cities Campaign, demonstrated the efforts the County has been undertaking to reach more sustainable waste management in partnership with UN-Habitat, as well as Kisii County's expectations on the Campaign.

[Here](#) you can download the presentations of Przemek Pyziel and Dr. Skitter Mbugwa.



## Film Screening – the sound of waste

**TESTIMONIES** is an audio-visual project that showcases the sound of waste, waste treatment and the people working with waste. It consists of four parts that were featured at the UN-Habitat Assembly:

After some introductory words from Graham Alabaster, Chief of Waste and Sanitation at UN-Habitat, Testimonium, an abstract and intimate portrait of waste, was screened. The images and sound were reflected in a discussion between Mohammed Hassan Mohammed (waste picker at Dandora Dumpsite), Mary Waithe Mwangi (waste picker at Dandora Dumpsite), Imanol Zabaleta (EAWAG), Joyce Klu (Waste

Management Unit, UN-Habitat) and David Makori (Chief Environmental Officer, Nairobi City County Government). Afterwards Testimonial # 1-3 gave voice to three different people working at Dandora Dumpsite in Nairobi, each with their own unique personal story, including their daily life at the dumpsite, personal challenges, and expectations for the future. The event concluded with further discussion between the panel members and the audience regarding the challenges solid waste management is facing in Nairobi (and in many places around the world), as well as waste as a source of income.



The three Testimonials can be watched here:

Testimonial # 1 WAMBUA:

<https://youtu.be/CHbBlkxJsx8>

Testimonial # 2 MAM: <https://youtu.be/hXCK4U4Koyg>

Testimonial # 3 MOHAMMED:

<https://youtu.be/k2ujfRtAQ38>

## Waste Wise Cities Campaign – Bringing together partners for innovative solid waste management approaches

This side event enabled UN-Habitat, UN Environment, Ministry of the Environment of Japan, International Solid Waste Association, and Swiss Aquatic Research Institute (EAWAG) to strengthen the partnership for addressing the global and regional waste management challenges through Waste Wise Cities Campaign and African Clean Cities Platform. It was agreed that innovative financing and private sector involvement are key aspects regarding the acceleration of active progress for solid waste management.

Waste SDG indicator monitoring, and waste data collection will be the first step to attract worldwide investment for waste management, with the UN agencies taking the lead. The pilot testing and data collection of SDG 11.6.1 (Proportion of Municipal Solid Waste collected and managed in controlled facilities out of total Municipal Solid Waste generated in the city) in Nairobi, Kenya, demonstrated the effectiveness of the indicator in finding the gaps in infrastructure investment and capacity development of local governments. Mombasa County, Kenya, is now committed to work with UN-Habitat and EAWAG to conduct another pilot, which will contribute to the global SDG monitoring framework development while addressing the waste management challenges in the county. As the discussion explored waste management measures to move towards a circular economy, policymakers were recommended to hold producers accountable for providing easily recyclable products (Extended Producer Responsibility).

A video of the event can be watched at the [UN-Habitat Facebook page](#).



## Consultation for the Advisory Group of Waste Wise Cities Campaign

A consultation for Waste Wise Cities Campaign Advisory Group was successfully carried out on May 29<sup>th</sup> during the Assembly. The participants were: EAWAG, German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), Global Alliance of Waste Pickers, International Solid Waste Association (ISWA), Let's do it world, The Global Green Growth Institute, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), UN Environment, Waste Netherlands, Sanergy and the City of Dortmund (observer). The United

Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) was unfortunately not able to join. During the consultation an overview of Waste Wise Cities Campaign was given and its current Theory of change was discussed, as well as the online questionnaire and the way forward for the campaign. Another Advisory Group Call took place on 10<sup>th</sup> of July. Cities, city networks and private sector are still invited to express their interest for the Advisory Group.

## Waste Wise Cities Campaign Booth



A booth informed about Waste Wise Cities Campaign during the whole UN-Habitat Assembly and gave cities the opportunity to join. New members include Banjul, Brikama Area and Kanifing Municipality from The

Gambia and Manzini from Swaziland. Furthermore, a “red chair” was offered for people to talk about waste management and send their message to the global community.

## Theme of 2019 World Habitat Day has been announced

This year's world Habitat Day will be celebrated on 7<sup>th</sup> of October with the theme **“Frontier technologies as innovative tool to transform waste to wealth”**.

The Global Observatory will be held in Yaoundé, Cameroon (a member city of Waste Wise Cities Campaign). World Habitat Day is observed every year on the first Monday in October and supports UN-Habitat's mandate to promote sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all. The 2018 topic was Municipal Solid Waste Management and the beginning of Waste Wise Cities Campaign.

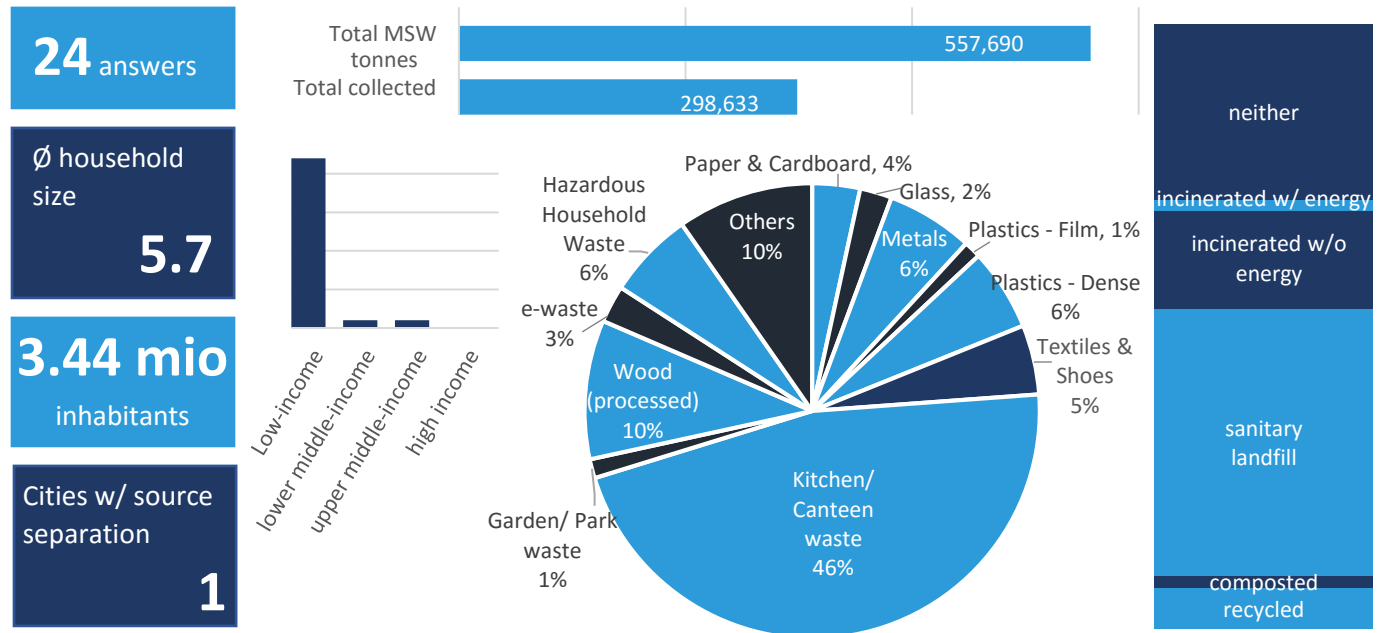
Impressions from last year:



## Some results from our member questionnaire

After receiving the letter of intent to join the campaign and promote the 12 principles of sustainable waste management, cities are asked to fill in a questionnaire about the status of waste management in their city.

In the following we present some results. Member cities who haven't filled the questionnaire in yet, are kindly asked to do so.



## Advisory Group

The Advisory Group consists currently of 12 members, ranging from UN Agencies over NGOs, Associations and research institutes to the private sector. Cities, city networks and private sector are still invited to express their interest for the Advisory Group.

It will meet twice per year along major international events. In between the members will have regular calls to advise UN-Habitat, discuss the way forward and build partnerships.



## Call to Action

- Promote and push sustainable waste management in your city and worldwide!
- Share innovative ideas and approaches as well as success stories with Waste Wise Cities Campaign!
- Contact us if you want to start monitoring the waste flow in your city!
- Build partnerships and include all stakeholders, then tell us about it!