**20 Zero Waste Cities: Nominate Yours!**

In response to the UN Secretary-General’s call for transformative waste action, the Advisory Board on Zero Waste is inviting cities to submit a brief project outline and complete the below by **by 19 September 2025 at 23:59 EAT (UTC+3)**. Selected cities will be celebrated among the “20 Zero Waste Cities”, gaining global visibility and high-level endorsement to inform policy and catalyze peer learning. Your city’s participation is a unique opportunity to showcase leadership in innovation, inclusiveness, and holistic sustainability, and to inspire others to replicate your success. Coastal cities in particular are encouraged to apply.

**1. City & Contact Information**: City name, country, and lead contact (name, position, email).

**2. Why Choose Your City?** In one sentence, explain why your city deserves to be recognized among the top 20 Zero Waste Cities worldwide.

**3. Impact & Sustainability:** In 2-3 sentences, describe your city’s most significant measurable achievements in waste reduction, recycling or resource recovery over the past three years.

**4. Zero Waste Communications & Outreach:** Describe how your city raises awareness and engages residents on zero waste. Include one example of a successful communication campaign or outreach effort that has helped build a zero-waste culture locally and inspire broader action.

**5. Policy Framework:** List any municipal zero-waste or circular-economy policies in place and note one recent example of how they’ve been implemented.

**6. Partnerships & Collaboration:** Identify up to three key multi-stakeholder partnerships (public, private, community) that support your zero-waste efforts and briefly describe their roles.

**7. Inclusiveness & Social Equity:** Give one concrete example of how marginalized groups (informal waste workers, youth, persons with disabilities, etc.) are actively included and benefit from your waste management system.

**8. Innovation & Technology:** Name one innovative technology or process your city has adopted to optimize collection, sorting, or extend material life, and share a brief outcome.

**9. Financial Sustainability:** Describe one financing mechanism (e.g., fees, EPR contributions, public-private funding) that ensures the continuity of waste services in your city.

**10. Scalability & Transferability:** Provide one example of a tool, toolkit, policy brief, or case study your city has published or made available to help other municipalities replicate your success.

**11. Monitoring & Reporting:** What key performance indicator (KPI) do you use to track waste reduction or recovery, and how often do you report it publicly?