

Promoting the role of the Waste Management sector in the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions is a key priority topic that ISWA is currently tackling. This short report highlights some recent activities that ISWA has been involved in.



CLIMATE & CLEAN AIR COALITION (CCAC)

The CCAC is a global partnership of countries, international organizations, NGOs, and the private sector, seeking to rapidly reduce Short Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCPs) like black carbon, methane, and HFCs. ISWA, as a partner of this coalition, participated in the 1st convening meeting of the CCAC MSW Initiative in Vancouver from 12-13 March represented by Gary Crawford, Chair of Working Group on Climate Change and Rachael Williams, Technical Manager ISWA General Secretariat. The initiative is working closely with 10 major cities from all around the world including Rio de Janeiro, New York, and Ho Chi Minh City, to develop on the ground action plans to mitigate SLCPs by making improvements in waste management practices that can be scaled-up and include other co-benefits like job creation, improved public health and environmental conditions. Due to the experience ISWA has gained through developing its own knowledge base, ISWA is managing a project for the CCAC funded by UNEP to develop a knowledge platform focused on waste management and climate change, to facilitate city to city sharing of expertise, knowledge and experience.



Press release of the CCAC meeting is available [here](#)

LOW EMISSION DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (LEDS)

ISWA representatives Atilio Savino and Hernan Carlino recently participated in the LEDS Global Partnership Second Annual Workshop - Learning and Leading on LEDS, 27 Feb – 1 March, Pattaya, Thailand.

This convening of the LEDS partnership (which ISWA is a member of) brought together leading practitioners from countries and international institutions to share lessons and to strengthen cooperation on low emission development around the world. The workshop involved peer learning and collaboration sessions on common topics of interest defined by the African Climate & Development Society, Asia LEDS Partnership and the LAC LEDS regional platform.

ISWA will be working with LEDS in the months ahead to develop a dedicated webpage to disseminate best practices; learning courses on waste; face-to-face workshops; and facilitation of the NAMA process.



The reason why ISWA is particularly interested in and focused on the theme of Waste and Climate Change is to:

- Raise awareness of the mitigation benefits
- Contribute to improved understanding of the scientific basis for climate impacts and benefits from waste & recycling
- Promote and exchange best practices, expertise and experience on this important subject
- Help to mobilise funding for waste sector projects in developing countries and transitional economies
- Integrate and prioritise WM & recycling strategies in National plans and initiatives including NAMAs



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP ON WASTE MANAGEMENT (GPWM)

The GPWM is a voluntary and collaborative relationship between various international stakeholders, in which all participants agree to work together and coordinate activities in a systematic way to enhance international cooperation and avoid duplication of efforts. ISWA is leading the focal area on waste and climate change. In this capacity Gary Crawford and Hermann Koller participated in the GPWM Biennium Conference and Steering Committee meeting in Osaka Japan.

UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC)

ISWA in its role as observer organisation of the UNFCCC submitted a formal proposal on the 1st of March to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) with the ambition to have waste management & recycling highlighted in their work programme as a mitigation benefit. The ADP was established in Durban to develop a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention, applicable to all Parties. The ADP is to complete its work no later than 2015, in order to adopt the new protocol or legal instrument at the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties and for it to come into effect and be implemented from 2020. ISWA will be closely following the work of the ADP; and is planning two side events at the next UNFCCC COP 19 in Warsaw, Poland. One of which is being planned in cooperation with Austrian Environmental Ministry for the EU Pavilion

The Submission made by ISWA can be viewed [here](#)



From left to right: Matthias Kern, Secretariat of the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions; Katharina Kummer Peiry, UNEP IETC; Yuyun Ismawati, International POPs Elimination Network; Heidi Savelli, UNEP DEPI; Hermann Koller, ISWA; Rob Visser, UNEP IETC; Matthew Gubb, UNEP IETC; Arab Hoballah, UNEP SCP; Heinz Leuenberger, UNIDO; Bojan Auhagen, UNEP IETC; Mushtaq Memon, UNEP IETC; Carolin Sanz Noriega, UNEP IETC; Smail Alhilali, UNIDO; Gary Crawford, ISWA; Brandon Turner, UNITAR.

Municipal solid waste landfills are the third largest source of global methane emissions

UPCOMING EVENTS

ISWA/UNEP Workshop on GHG Accounting, Paris, France, July 2013

UNFCCC COP19, Warsaw, Poland, 11-22 November 2013

