Let's Close the World's Biggest Dumpsites!

#closedumpsites

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A Global Initiative by ISWA International Solid Waste Association
Dumpsites receive 40% of the world’s waste. 38 out of the 50 biggest dumpsites directly threaten marine and coastal areas.
The 50 biggest dumpsites directly affect the daily lives of 64 million people, a population the size of France.

More than 750 people died in the first half of 2016 because of poor waste management on dumpsites.

Big criminal business: the annual turnover of illegal waste dumps amounts to 10–12 billion USD.

Climate change: without action, dumpsites will account for 10% of GHG (Greenhouse Gas) emissions by 2025.

Dumpsites spread pollutants across our atmosphere and our oceans, they damage the health and violate the human rights of the hundreds of millions of people that are living on or around them. That is why, over the coming years, closing dumpsites will be a top priority of ISWA. ISWA will set clear examples of how to close dumpsites in a sustainable manner and offer support and help to countries and cities looking to take the positive step to do so.
In 2016, ISWA officially released its latest publication "A Roadmap for Closing Waste Dumpsites: The World’s most Polluted Places". This report describes the health and environment emergency created by dumpsites, and sets out how we can move from these dramatically polluted sites to better, cleaner practices.

The report is available at closedumpsites.iswa.org

No matter your profession, even if you are not directly involved in waste, this matters and affects you. Almost everybody is affected directly or indirectly by dumpsites. That’s why we urge you to support our campaign in any way possible. This can be:

- Signing and sharing our #closedumpsites declaration with friends, colleagues
- Raising awareness through social media
- Providing voluntary support, photos and stories, knowledge and case studies
- Sponsoring the ISWA Scholarship programme Trading Trash for Education.

www.iswa.org/programmes/iswa-scholarship-programme
Sign the #closedumpsites declaration!

ISWA is campaigning to close the world's 50 biggest dumpsites, an essential step forward in protecting the health and wellbeing of hundreds of millions of people. We are calling on everyone: individuals, students, companies, politicians - your support counts! Please go to closedumpsites.iswa.org to read the declaration in full and sign.

A silver bullet towards Sustainable Development Goals

Closing the world's 50 biggest dumpsites is a substantial and tangible contribution to all the 17 Sustainable Development Goals that have been adopted by 193 nations worldwide. It will provide direct and substantial health and environmental benefits for 64 million people, and will result in annual climate benefits of more than 20 million tonnes CO₂, equivalent to removing 5 million cars from the planet.

For more information and to join the campaign please go to closedumpsites.iswa.org or contact us directly at iswa@iswa.org