

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE TF ON GLOBALIZATION AND SWM

The TF on Globalization and SWM (TF – GSWM) has been created by an ISWA Board decision on July 2010.

Recognising that Globalization creates substantial changes and puts new unprecedented challenges for Solid Waste Management, ISWA decided to support a dedicated Task Force (TF) as of September 2010. This TF will examine and make recommendations on a range of issues arising from the interaction between globalisation and waste management.

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Objectives

The project aims:

- a. to promote and raise awareness of the new challenges put by globalization to waste management practices and planning,
- b. to examine the necessity for, and if appropriate to develop, a “road - map” towards substantial improvements to waste management worldwide, as a mean to prevent environmental degradation from improper waste management activities,
- c. to propose measures and policies for reduction and prevention of waste trafficking, and
- d. to highlight successes as well as failures of international aid and cooperation and thus provide conclusions regarding its utilization

Overall, the project will demonstrate the opportunity as well as the threats that globalization poses to waste management and create a conceptual framework for a more successful adaptation of them in future plans and activities.

The outputs of the project will serve as a platform for interaction between (at least):

- Governments of developed and developing countries.
- Developing Countries Organizations and Associations.
- Major global stakeholders (UN, Basel Convention etc)

Deliverables and Timetable

The project deliverables, the status and the timetable for each deliverable are presenting below. The overall project outputs will be presented in ISWA 2012 Annual Congress, in Florence.

DELIVERABLE	DEADLINE	STATUS
Megacities, globalisation and waste management	8/2012	An initial outline has been done – a dedicated BEACON conference in cooperation with the Association of Megacities and NEA will be organized on July 2012 – the deliverable will be ready before Florence 2012
Informal sector as a global stakeholder in SWM	2/2012	A very successful workshop was organized last June at Buenos Aires (see Annex 1 for more). The output of it is already under elaboration and a dedicated MSc will be finished until December 2012. The deliverable will be ready on time.
Global recycling markets and impacts to sustainable waste management - Addressing waste trafficking as a global challenge	2/2013	It has not yet started. It will start after the Korea Conference but an intermediate report must be delivered before June 2012, in order to have the materials required for Florence 2012.
Lessons learnt from international cooperation on waste management	6/2013	It has not yet started. It will start after the Korea Conference but an intermediate report must be delivered before June 2012, in order to have the materials required for Florence 2012.

Budget issues

Up to now, the expenses are 16.000 € approximately, which means that 80% of the 20.000 € allocated this year have been already spent.

Until the end of the year 4.000 more will be spent for supporting the MSc student and for a mission to represent ISWA at a Clinton Foundation initiative regarding 'Viable, Sustainable and Innovative Business Models for the Informal Waste Sector', and 'The Closing of Land Fills: Considerations for Sustainable Solutions'.

For 2012, It is expected that 35.000 € will be spent in order to accelerate the project and prepare the deliverables and materials for Florence 2012.

The rest 5.000 € will be for 2013.

Results achieved

A conceptual framework on globalization and waste management has been prepared and delivered for comments to ISWA Board and STC members.

The project deliverables are being prepared so up to now no deliverable has been presented to ISWA members.

But since there are already papers and presentations delivered during the BA workshop, soon everything will be available through a dedicated tab of ISWA's web-site.

It is important to notice that the BA workshop has changed ISWA's profile and attitude towards the informal sector as it has been recognized by most of the participants. It is the first time in our history where ISWA does not face the informal sector as a potential enemy but as one of the stakeholders involved, with its own pros and cons.

On the other hand, the project has already delivered substantial results in terms of networking. As a result of the project up to now we have:

- Preparation of an MoU of cooperation with GIZ
- Developed a cooperation with CWG which is very active in developing countries
- An official invitation to participate at the initiative "Rethinking Waste" that is driven by the Clinton Foundation
- Started a cooperation, with Global Waste Pickers Association and WIEGO
- Started a cooperation with the Japanese Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

Next steps

The project has to be promoted and marketed worldwide since there is no other similar project to deal with the interfaces between globalization and SWM. A dedicated tab at ISWA's web-site with information and materials of the project will be a good step towards it.

It is obvious that there will be a need of hearing groups for each deliverable and some ISWA members must spend some time to review the deliverables and the final report.

Last but not least, an open call for interesting to contribute parties is going to be made in order to attract the attention of more international organizations and institutions.

ANNEX 1: WORKSHOP “Integrating informal sector recyclers into waste management in developing country cities”, 22-23 June - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Workshop leader: Dr Costas Velis, Imperial College London

Workshop key features and achievements

- Around **25 expert delegates, all-stakeholder inclusive group**, of variable expertise and socio-ideological background and orientation (academics, consultants, municipalities, regional governments, waste picker global representatives, local waste pickers leaders, ISWA leading team representatives, national waste associations, consultants).
- Simultaneous Spanish-English translation enabled effective communication of people with very different background.
- Its globally and positively acknowledged that for the first time an organisation of global importance as ISWA has created open communication channels with the waste pickers communities
- Presentations by leading experts
- Structured debate covered the key themes of: (1) terminology; (2) **categorisation of types of integration interventions** for informal sector recycling activities; (3) **Success and failure factors**; (4) **systems thinking** on interventions; (5) **template for concise and standardised communication** of case studies (6) identification of **key case studies**; (67 framework for an **intervention project management guide**.

Specific outcomes and actions streamlined / ongoing

- Review of suggested **Template** and incorporation of improvements
- **List** of important **case studies**
- (post workshop): participants were invited and sent cases studies in the updated template format – **currently 11 available** and more pending
- Setting up a **Task Force work team** of international experts with hands-on experience to assist on high-level input on the Intervention **Project Management Guide**.
- Discussion basis for a more formal **ISWA / GIZ co-operation**.
- **Summary / review** to be included in the MSc thesis Ms Ondina Rocca: the Workshop has served as a data and information gathering and expert network formation to assist in her **MSc Thesis**, which is part of the **Deliverable 1 TF output**.

Key outcome

Key **systems thinking** novel approach to **Informal Sector Recycling Integration**

