

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

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### 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**

