

SESSION 3 : STRATEGY AND EXPECTATIONS TOWARDS THE SWEEP-NET NETWORK

WORKING PAPER

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Approach

- The existing informal contacts of experts and decision makers with regard to solid waste management should be further developed into a functioning cooperation and network structure.
- An important instrument for building-up the regional network and at the same time a significant element of the partner structure is the network-secretariat. It is designed as a slim structure with few technical and administrative personnel that can be economically borne by the member countries after an inception phase. Furthermore will the secretariat enable the network to attract additional contributions of international technical cooperation and to consolidate by providing project-related services. The secretariat's duty is to provide services for both, the network and its member countries, and to promote a mutual exchange. Hence, with regard to organisational issues the regional network aims at an efficient cooperation between the participating countries as well as between relevant institutions and experts.
- The regional network will be supported by national networks in the individual member countries in which the participating institutions and experts have a coordinator available who maintains contact to the other countries. The national networks benefit from the cooperation in the regional context, especially through the possibility of solving specific technical challenges with the support of regional and international expertise. The building-up of an ecological, organisational and financial sustainable solid waste management is a complex task that requires creative solutions, which adapt to the local context. Available experience will be utilized in order to achieve a balanced cost-benefit ratio. Transfer of European approaches and experiences has only limited value for the region due to socio-economic, cultural and climate conditions. Therefore the focus is made on south-south cooperation and the valorisation of the experience available in the region.

Objective of SWEEP-Net

The principles of a sustainable and integrated solid waste management are institutionally anchored in Maghreb and Mashreq countries and in all member countries of the network (SWEEP-Net).

Specific objectives of the network

- Promote the development of waste management in Mashreq and Maghreb countries and create favourable conditions for an appropriate and environment-friendly waste management;
- Build up national capacities in the field of waste management;
- Support the regional cooperation in the field of solid waste management, with a common vision aiming at a sustainable development in the region.

The partner countries of the network

Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestinian Territories, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen.

Partner institutions of the network

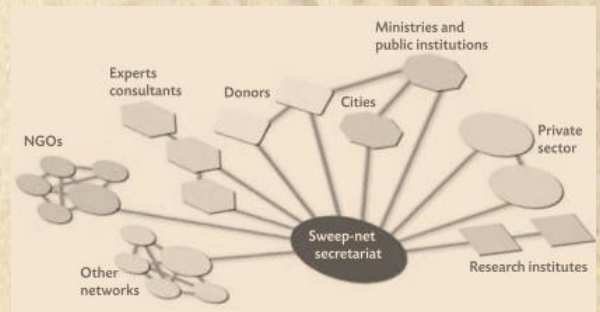
Ministries and agencies responsible for solid waste management in the beneficiary countries. Ten national coordinators have been designated.

Supporting partners

- The German Federal Government through the GTZ
- The Tunisian Government through the ANGED.
- Other countries and partners could join the network.

The network members

Experts, private sector, cities, NGOs, academics, consultants, donors, practitioners, ministries and public institutions, other networks, etc.



Objective of the session

- Presentation of SWEEP-NET and clarification of its missions and objectives;
- Discussion of the strategy and implementation process for SWEEP-Net