

PARTNERSHIP FOR CIRCULAR VALUE CHAINS IN ADDIS ABABA

Joint solutions for economic transformation

Addis Ababa as Ethiopia's capital and economic powerhouse is experiencing fast population growth, to a large part from people drawn to the city by its economic opportunities. The city's slowly developing infrastructure struggles to manage the increasing amount of waste generated. This causes many challenges, with inefficient waste collection and management leading to pollution of life supporting natural resources, increased risks of flooding through clogged drainage channels, in addition to the loss of economic resources. Plastic waste in particular is causing long-term environmental harm. The challenge is even set to aggravate over the next years, with projections showing a 24% increase in waste generation by 2025.

STEWARDSHIP FOR A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Natural resources stewardship means that all users of natural resources take responsibility for the shared resources nobody owns but everybody relies on. Forming partnerships, public sector, private companies and civil society work together on eye-level to ensure the sustainable management of natural resources.

Under the current waste management system in Addis Ababa, valuable resources are lost in landfills and burned, additionally causing air pollution. Effective and efficient waste management is vital to build resilient cities, but cannot be achieved by a single stakeholder. By bringing solid waste collectors and recyclers together with key public institutions and civil society, collective long-term solutions for a more effective waste management system can be developed, protecting natural resources and contributing to a social-ecological transformation. This transformation supports a Just Transition towards a circular economy, taking the rights and needs of all societal actors into consideration to leave no one behind.

PARTNERSHIP FOR CIRCULAR VALUE CHAINS

The multi-stakeholder partnership is active since 2020, with members from public agencies, policy makers, private recyclers and civil society organisations. It focuses on protecting water bodies and other natural resources from pollution, while empowering stakeholders along the solid waste value chain. Through creating business linkages, provision of trainings for small and micro scale enterprises on business skills, and provision of waste management equipment among others, partners promote and support circular value chains.



GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS & ACADEMIA



- Federal Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)
- Addis Ababa Cleansing Management Agency
- Addis Ababa University - Institute of Technology

PRIVATE SECTOR



- Ethiopian Beverages Manufacturing Industries Association
- KUBIK Inc.
- Soil & More Ethiopia
- EKT Trade and Investment PLC
- Solid Waste based MSMEs

CIVIL SOCIETY & NGO ORGANISATIONS



- C.I.F.A ETS
- UN-HABITAT
- Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)
- TecnoServe
- ACEN Foundation
- C40 Cities
- PETCO Recycling Community Organization
- Tamra for Social Development

PARTNERSHIP RESULTS

- Alignment of stakeholders on joint activities along the plastic value chain, increasing the efficiency of waste management in the city and reducing environmental pollution
- Safeguarded more than 570 waste collectors' jobs through provision of personal protective equipment and trainings on safe waste collection and disposal
- Improved working conditions for 250 female waste collectors through training on safe waste collection
- Enhanced recycling capacity of businesses through training members of plastic collecting enterprises on correct identification and sorting of plastic waste
- Increased efficiency of the plastic value chain by creating a market linkage between waste collectors and upcycling companies, improving collectors' income
- Support public institutions with development of policies and regulations along the waste value chain
- Sensitization of more than 300,000 pupils about proper waste disposal

"The business skills training has helped our association a lot in managing the finances and growing our business. I personally learned how to keep track of my expenses, negotiate better prices, and market my services to potential clients in the city. I feel more confident in running my own business now and can make my contribution to reduce the environmental impact of plastic waste."

Tamene Tizazu, Tamene and his friends Plastic Waste Collection Association.



Mrs. Abaynesh Liben, weaving baskets from recycled plastic.



Partners are signing the Letter of Intent for the Partnership for Circular Value Chains in Addis Ababa.

ABOUT NATURES

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