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Title : 2. Data Collection for SDGs

(4) Report on Trial Activity of Data Collection for SDG Indicator 11.6.1 in Egypt

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Summary

The presenter shared experience of the WMRA (Waste Management Regulatory Authority) of Egypt in SDG data collection, using WasteAware Indicators. The Authority seeks to regulate the sector by defining the roles and responsibilities of all parties working in the field of solid waste, and the mandates of WMRA encompasses 23 areas related to SWM, from planning (master plan development), supervision, licensing and technical & advisory support, research, to monitoring & evaluation.

In terms of WasteAware indicators in Egypt, the presentation stated that a national consultation process was undertaken in establishing a set of KPI (Key Performance Indicator) benchmarks to the UNHABITAT-developed indicators in order to incorporate the situation of Egypt to monitor performance at the Governorate level. After the such adjustments, a set of WasteAware benchmark indicators were introduced to for field assessment studies in Egypt.

WasteAware indicators have been used and the use of KPI have been evaluated positive. In order to facilitate the use of the indicators at the Governorate level, an Arabic software has been developed with GIZ assistance. In relation to the next steps, the Presenter pointed out the following: 1) need of a system to continuously collect data and report on indicators; 2) monitoring of progress at the governorate level can take place using the mechanism/baseline of the master plans; and 3) need for provision of incentives to use the indicators for improvements and progress (e.g. linking national government subsidies to performing governorates).

Finally, the Presenter made the following remarks. Methodology for SDG indicator 11.6.1 is well established but needs to take into account the situations of developing countries. Definition of "Adequate

Discharge” need to take account of the existence of controlled dump sites in developing countries, which is a gradual improvement from open and uncontrolled dump sites even if they do not qualify as full sanitary landfills. The word “discharge” needs to be better defined and it is better to use waste “treatment and disposal” which is more common terminology in the waste sector. The challenge of how to capture recycling rates of the informal sector continues to exist which makes reporting accurate figures very difficult.

In answering the query from a participant on the relationship with the Ministry of Environment, the Presenter clarified that WMRA is part of Ministry of Environment. Also, in terms of a question on implementation of WMRA-led master plan at the local level, the Presenter responded that at the moment, WMRA is closely working with the Governorate level government but a new law, which is under development, is expected to further clarify the division of responsibilities.