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Title : 5. Case Studies and Knowledge Sharing on Waste Management in Africa

(1) Public Private Partnership on Waste Management in Morocco

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Summary

Trash collection and street cleaning is a major concern for local authorities today. A brief historical overview is needed in order to understand the current state of this sector. The management of waste disposal was by far the main intervention of the municipalities in the field of environmental protection, and its action was organized as a municipal public service. This mode of management quickly showed its limitations in the face of urban change and in enhancing city attractiveness.

Direct management of the collection and cleaning service by municipalities was characterized as follows: inadequate infrastructure and equipment, low functional rate due to lack of maintenance, lack of qualified personnel and insufficient financial sources.

Due to such situation, an idea emerged to entrust these services to the private sector at the end of the 90s. The first contracts began with no real legal framework, and no strategic vision. Waste treatment, whatever its nature, was not yet integrated into the process. The majority of collected waste was disposed of in dumpsites, the priority was given to remove the waste from the cities. After such time, so far, 109 contracts have been made in 152 cities with 20 companies and annual turnover is 2.34 billion dirhams at present.

As a part of this institutional dynamic, the AMCN was developed. Its objective is to protect interest of members, and contribute to the community.

Morocco is a leader today in Africa in the management of city cleanliness and waste treatment, and even exports its know-how within the framework of South-South cooperation. Today, Moroccan companies manage many capitals in Africa.