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Title : 6. Panel Discussion on Public Private Partnerships on Waste Management in Africa

Speakers :

Moderator: Dr. Mitsuo Yoshida, Technical Advisor on Waste Management, JICA

Mr. Mustapha Brakez, Environmental Consultant, SEGU (Societe d'Environnement et de Genie Urbain), Morocco

Mr. Hiroshi Kato, Chief Adviser, JICA Project for Elaboration of the National Strategy for Treatment of Household and Similar Waste in Morocco

Mr. Maxwell Mwewa Nkoya, Director Operations, Zambia Environmental Management Agency

Mr. Patrick Medius Nyirenda, Environmental Officer, Department of Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining

Mr. Patrick Wangombe Theuri, Deputy Director of Environment, County Government of Kiambu, Kenya

Summary

According to recent JICA survey results, 95% of African cities has adopted some form of public-private partnership (PPP) for solid waste management (SWM) projects as public service. However, 36% of these cities said that the service by PPP are not satisfactory, and many of the reasons were attributed to deficiencies in policies, legal systems, administrative regulations, and regulations on public sector. Based on the above situation, in this panel discussion, three guiding questions were set up: "How to promote PPP in African cities?", "How to encourage PPP projects to realize efficient and high-quality SWM service?" and "What do we expect from ACCP?" Five panelists discussed the guiding questions, and the main points were as follows:

Mr. Mostafa Braketz of Moroccan consultant presented PPP framework in SWM projects based on PPP experience on urban SWM services in Morocco, and he pointed issues on economic efficiency, especially importance of grasping the real cost for SWM service. Mr. Hiroshi Kato of Japanese consultant emphasized the necessity to secure the scale of project in the case of forming a PPP project based on the experience of SWM service in local cities in Morocco as well as the experience of national SWM strategy formulation project. He pointed that it is indispensable to clarify the scale of target for securing the success of PPP project, if the scale is uncertain or small, a direct operation by public sector is rather appropriate choice than

PPP. Mr. Patrick Medius Nyirenda of the Malawi Environmental Ministry argued the necessity to develop economic instruments including tax exemption for promoting PPP projects. Mr. Patrick Wangombe Theuri of County Government of Kiambu, Kenya said that the progress of privatization of SWM services is no longer able to turn back in Kenya, but there is still an aspect that cannot be called “partnership”. In order to improve the service quality, strengthening administrative capacity for proper regulation and control is required. Mr. Maxwell Nwewa Nkoya of the Zambian Environmental Management Agency noted that PPP should have the perspective of social inclusion of the informal sector when considering the promotion of PPP.

The results of panel discussion can be summarized with four keywords; Data, Institution, Monitoring, and Information-exchange. (1) Data: In order to promote PPP in SWM, it is necessary to clarify the amount and quality of waste and scale of service area. It means that acquisition of reliable SWM data, which is one of the themes of this ACCP meeting, is required. (2) Institution: For promoting and establishing PPP projects, it is necessary to develop policies, institutions and regulations including economic instruments to promote private investment. (3) Monitoring: The public sector needs to have the ability to monitor the activities of PPP or private companies and regulate them based on laws and contracts. (4) Information-exchange: PPP projects for SWM service are already implemented in many cities in Africa, so it is necessary to exchange information and experience and share lessons among cities. ACCP is expected to be a platform for exchanging information and all Panelists agreed that PPP can play a vital role in improving urban SWM in Africa.

Since there was time constraint, it was not enough to make in-depth discussion about PPP business models in SWM services and PPP application in international donor financing program, which are the subjects to be discussed in another opportunity.