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Letter of Intent: Waste Wise Cities

On behalf of the city of _____, I wish to state our intention to join UN-Habitat's Waste Wise Cities programme and commit to make efforts to:

1. Assess quantity and type of waste generated by residents, establishments and businesses.
2. Improve collection and transportation of waste.
3. Ensure environmentally safe disposal of waste.
4. Promote the 5 Rs –Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Refuse the use of single-use items, to derive maximum value from waste.
5. Empower and work with civil society, NGOs, private and informal sectors.
6. Establish better working conditions for waste workers, whether in formal or informal employment.
7. Carefully evaluate and implement innovative technological alternatives, e.g. waste-to-energy schemes, and learn from other cities.
8. Make long-term strategic plans for urbanisation, which fully consider solid waste generation and treatment.
9. Design financial and other incentives, promoting a transition to a more circular economy and reducing waste.
10. Encourage "Rethinking on waste" through public education and awareness efforts to change public attitudes towards waste.
11. Regularly review progress on Municipal Solid Waste Management in the city and provide achievements and success stories annually on the Waste Wise Cities website.
12. Strive towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as the goals of the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda.

We recognize that the signing of this letter of intent is not binding and does not imply any legal or financial obligations or otherwise, by the signatory parties. We further recognize that by signing this letter, we permit UN-Habitat to use and share the data provided on its website and for the Waste Wise Cities. We, the city of _____ are confident that the collaboration between us and UN-Habitat will be fruitful and of mutual benefit for achieving our goals.

We accept to also join [African Clean Cities Platform](#), an African focused waste initiative.

Date: [Name, Title, Signature and Stamp of City Representative]

Name of focal person:

E-mail address of focal person: