

Yokohama Action Guidance for the ACCP

The African countries and cities joining the African Clean Cities Platform (ACCP), the Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the City of Yokohama, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), and the organizations who support the vision of the ACCP, having gathered at the Second General Meeting of the ACCP in Yokohama, Japan from 26 to 27 of August 2019,

Taking note of the Maputo Declaration, adopted at the Preparatory Meeting of the ACCP in April 2017, and the Rabat Declaration, adopted at the First General Meeting of the ACCP in June 2018,

Recognizing sound waste management, in line with the Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as a critical issue in view of ensuring sanitation and environmental conservation as well as efficient use of resources, in the context of increasing generation of municipal solid waste toward the future, due to the rapid urbanization and economic growth in Africa,

Noting that sound waste management minimizes risks to public health and the environment, realizes clean and resilient cities, contributes to improving resource efficiency, transition to a circular economy, reduction of marine plastic litter, and promotes innovation, employment and sustainable economic growth through increases in investments and sustainable tourism in Africa,

Affirming the ACCP activities so far and emphasizing the importance of the further strengthening of the ACCP activities,

Hereby agree to promote the following actions in accordance with capacities of the respective organizations towards the TICAD 8:

Expanding the ACCP participation

1. Expand the network of the ACCP with a view to aggregate the knowledge and experiences of various stakeholders and enhance the information

sharing through the platform. Especially, encourage a participation of development partners to the ACCP with a view to enhance mobilization of financial resources for sound waste management, and strengthen the cooperation with private sector, academia, relevant alliances and philanthropic organizations.

Strengthening the ACCP secretariat function

2. Facilitate proactive utilization of local good practices and lessons learned and increase ownership of the African countries of the ACCP. To fulfil this purpose, request UN-Habitat to play a core role in the ACCP secretariat in Africa, in coordination with the MOEJ, the JICA, the City of Yokohama and UNEP, to strengthen the ACCP secretariat function.

General Meeting of the ACCP

3. In future, convene the General Meeting of the ACCP to share the activities of the participating countries and organizations, in conjunction with the TICAD where a large number of governments, international organizations, private sector and NGOs engaging with the development in Africa assemble. In addition, encourage the initiatives of the respective countries, cities and organizations to hold a workshop and/or seminar on various occasions as a part of the ACCP activities.

Capacity building and co-creation of knowledge

4. Provide an opportunity to learn good practices and lessons learned on the policy, institutional, organizational and technical approaches of waste management, mutually among African countries, by organizing a training program in Japan, establishing a local training centre in Africa and conducting study tours in Africa. Cooperate to create the knowledge to empower decision makers and stakeholders to take action and support policy-making aimed at sound waste management tailored to national and local circumstances in the African countries, and disseminate it through the ACCP.

Continuous collection of the basic data

5. Recognize the importance of the collection and update of the basic data on

waste management to promote sound waste management. Acknowledge JICA's contribution to the ACCP for compiling the "Africa Solid Waste Management Data Book 2019" and encourage continuous collection, update and sharing of the basic data in African countries.

Monitoring progress towards achieving the SDGs

6. Encourage the development of methodologies for data collection and monitoring on the SDGs indicators 11.6.1, 12.3.1, 12.4.2, and 12.5.1 related to waste management, with a view to adequately empower decision makers and stakeholders to take action and support policy-making aimed at sound waste management in the African countries. Promote sharing of relevant experiences and knowledge among the African countries through the ACCP.

Improving waste collection and transportation system

7. Strengthen the cooperation with the relevant stakeholders when establishing and improving the waste collection and transportation system, noting that an informal sector plays important roles in many parts of waste management flow, including collection of recyclable materials at landfill sites.

Enhancing safety at landfill sites

8. Encourage controlled waste disposal at landfill sites in the African countries, in order to prevent fire, collapse and environmental pollution caused by uncontrolled management at landfill sites, and to contribute to securing safety and health of people and protect healthy ecosystems. In this regard, recognize the value of applicable technologies for landfill site control, including the "Fukuoka Method" (semi-aerobic landfill system), which has already been applied in some African countries supported by UN-Habitat, and disseminate this method through developing operation guidance and management manual, as well as developing this method as the "Fukuoka System" by combining with human resource development.

Promoting 3R and proper waste treatment

9. Promote 3R (reduce, reuse, recycle), energy recovery and proper treatment of waste, in accordance with the waste management hierarchy, in order to keep resources in use for as long as possible as part of a circular economy

approach in the African countries. Encourage necessary institutional and regulatory frameworks for realizing sound waste management including 3R, noting that waste generators have substantial responsibility for their own waste. Enhance public-private partnerships to increase investment opportunities for waste management business and to facilitate innovation.

Encouraging awareness-raising activities

10. Recognize the importance of raising environmental awareness of citizens and encouraging environmentally-friendly behaviour, including 3R and potentially 5R (rethink, refuse and 3R), to promote sound waste management. Acknowledge the usefulness of the ACCP's "Guidebook for Environmental Education on Solid Waste Management in Africa" compiled with contribution from JICA, for promoting awareness-raising activities in schools and communities in various areas.

Creating impacts on the ground

11. Considering the importance of using advanced and/or proven experience and technologies to build practical capacity on waste management in the African countries, welcome the implementation of the ACCP pilot projects, such as the project for safe closure of the Hulene dump site under the cooperation agreement between Japan and Mozambique, and rehabilitation of the Koshe dump site in Ethiopia with the support from UN-Habitat. Bearing in mind that local governments in Japan, including the City of Yokohama, Tokyo metropolitan government, the City of Osaka, the City of Fukuoka and the City of Kitakyushu, have extensive experiences in waste management operation, facilitate a training program in Japan and/or in local areas in cooperation with them, and encourage practical capacity building for the African countries and cities on waste management. Also request development partners to strive to realize success cases which can be showcased to other African countries and cities to stimulate utilization of their lessons learned and advantages.