

## **National Stakeholders Workshop on e-Waste Management in Kenya**

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### **Recommendations**

The meeting adopted the following recommendations by acclamation.

#### **A. Assessment actions**

##### **Recommendation 1**

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) in cooperation with all the relevant stakeholders is encouraged to undertake a comprehensive national baseline assessment of e-waste in Kenya within a year to determine the extent of the problem.

##### **Recommendation 2**

UNEP, in partnership with relevant organizations, is encouraged to undertake global and regional assessments of the e-waste problem

#### **B. Policy and legislative framework actions**

##### **Recommendation 3**

All stakeholders consulted on addressing the e-waste issue in Kenya are invited to submit comments on NEMA's draft guidelines on e-waste management by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010 to the Director-General of NEMA by email to [dgnema@nema.go.ke](mailto:dgnema@nema.go.ke) or by post to P.O. Box 67839-00200, Nairobi.

##### **Recommendation 4**

UNEP is encouraged to support future initiatives on developing policy and law for the management of e-waste in Kenya.

##### **Recommendation 5**

The Government of Kenya is encouraged to take the necessary steps to ensure that, in accordance with the waste hierarchy, reuse is prioritized by legislating reuse targets and standards to provide appropriate economic incentives to catalyse further investment in recycling and final disposal facilities.

### **Recommendation 6**

The Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources (MEMR) is encouraged to develop a legal framework (based on e-waste policy) for e- waste by March 31, 2011.

### **Recommendation 7**

The Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources (MEMR) and the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) are encouraged to undertake comprehensive resource mobilization activities in cooperation with development partners to support future work on the e-waste problem.

### **Recommendation 8**

National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) is encouraged to promote the 4R principles of recycle, refurbish, re-use and reduce to complement NEMA's e-waste guidelines and review existing procedures on the disposal of e-waste.

## **C. Policy implementation actions**

### **Recommendation 9**

Service providers, manufacturers, dealers, assemblers, distributors and importers are encouraged to establish procedures (for example, collection centres and storage facilities) for the voluntary take back of electrical and electronic equipment.

### **Recommendation 10**

Producers of electrical and electronic equipment are encouraged to maximize the reuse potential of their goods through effective product design and consumer education about the environmental benefits of reuse and recycling.

### **Recommendation 11**

The Ministry of Environment and Mineral Resources (MEMR) and the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) are encouraged to establish a formal forum where various initiatives by stakeholders (Government, private sector, civil society, academia and international organizations) are discussed and integrated with actions to address the e-waste problem.

### **Recommendation 12**

Entrepreneurs considering the establishment of recycling plants in Kenya are encouraged to conduct comprehensive environmental impact assessments.

## **D. Local, regional and international support actions**

### **Recommendation 13**

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Secretariat for the Basel Convention are encouraged to support national efforts in Kenya to address the e-waste problem including promotion of initiatives that support the green economy and job opportunities in the area of recycling for sustainable development and improved human health and well-being.

### **Recommendation 14**

International Conferences, Workshops and Exhibitions (ICWE GmbH) and other stakeholders are encouraged to continue drawing attention to the e-waste issue in Africa and to disseminate best practice on solutions to the problem through, inter alia, ICWE's eLearning Africa series of conferences.

### **Recommendation 15**

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) and other stakeholders are encouraged to undertake awareness-raising activities at local, national, regional and global levels to address the e-waste problem.

### **Recommendation 16**

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) is encouraged to consult similar regulations in other regions and monitor trends in the industry prior to formulating e-waste regulations for Kenya.