SWEEP-NET

The Regional Solid Waste Exchange of Information and Expertise Network





Increasing quantities of waste and its negative impact on the environment, water quality and health are a growing problem in the countries of the Mashreq and Maghreb countries. More than half of these countries' population lives in urban centres, and is especially affected by the negative consequences on environment and health of an waste management system often in deficit. Due to the complexity of the issue, different actors from the public and private sector in the MENA region are looking for technical, financial and organizational solutions, particularly for the solid waste management in cities, but also in industry, agriculture or medical facilities.

Ten countries from the Mashreq and Maghreb region (Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen) have thus decided by the end of 2008, to launch a Regional Solid Waste Exchange of Information and Expertise Network, the so-called "SWEEP-Net". During its first phase this network will be hosted in Tunisia and will be supported by the German Federal Government through the German Technical Cooperation Agency «GTZ» and the Tunisian Government through the National Waste Management Agency "ANGed".



THE NETWORK MAIN GOAL

The Sweep-Net works at institutionally anchoring the **principles** of a sustainable and integrated solid waste management in Mashreq and Maghreb countries and in all the network's member countries.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE NETWORK

- O Promote the development of waste management in Mashreq and Maghreb countries and create favourable conditions for an appropriate and environment-friendly waste management;
- U Build-up national capacities in the field of waste management;
- Support the regional cooperation in the field of solid waste management, with a common vision aiming at a sustainable development in the region.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The SWEEP-Net will setup a common regional platform for technical assistance, capacity building and exchange of expertises and experiences in the field of Solid Waste Management.



MAIN MISSIONS

- Implementing a regional platform for the exchange of experience and expertise;
- Conducting training and capacity building activities;
- Promoting South-South and North-South cooperation and knowhow transfer;
- O Developing guiding documents, studies, tools for decision makers and pilot operations.

THE MAIN NETWORK PRODUCTS

- O Regional solid waste management symposiums and workshops;
- O Regular reports on waste management;
- O A regional solid waste management portal: www.sweep-net.org;
- Comprehensive database on key stakeholders and information in this field;
- Training workshops and E-Learning activities;
- Technical and advisory services;
- U Field missions and technical visits;
- O Pilot projects;

And other activities...



THE PARNTER COUNTIES OF THE NETWORK

Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestinian Territories, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen.

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS OF THE NETWORK

The ministries and agencies responsible for solid waste management in the beneficiary countries. Ten national coordinators have been designated.

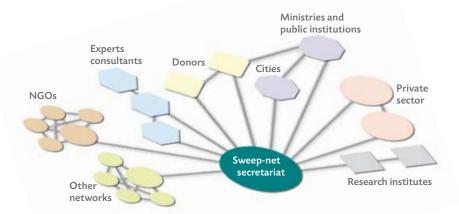
THE NETWORK MEMBERS

Experts, private sector, cities, NGOs, research institutes, consultants, donors, ministries and public institutions, other networks, etc.

SUPPORTING PARTNERS

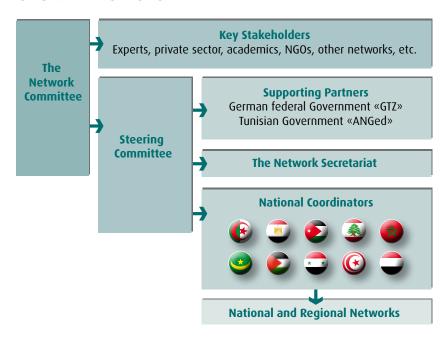
- The German Federal Government through the GTZ
- O The Tunisian Government through the ANGed.

Other countries and partners could join the network.





ORGANIZATION OF SWEEP-NET



THE NATIONAL COORDINATORS OF SWEEP-NET

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