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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

"Towards a Circular Economy: Innovations in Sustainable Waste Management"

Date: 19-20 June, 2025 at Southern Sun Hotel, Sandton Johannesburg



OVERVIEW

Join us for an immersive exploration of the latest innovations, technologies, and legislative developments in the field of waste management. With a holistic focus on reducing, reusing, and recycling, our conference seeks to propel the industry towards a circular economy where waste is viewed as a valuable resource.

Join us in rethinking solid waste management, moving away from static end-stations toward dynamic resource utilization. Together, let's revolutionize the way we handle waste and create a brighter, greener future.



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RECYCLE

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Remanufacture and Return to the Economy

Overview

According to a new UN report, if the world embraces a circular economy approach, municipal solid waste could decrease from over 4.5 billion tonnes annually to under 2 billion tonnes by 2050. Every year, the world grapples with the staggering reality of over two billion tonnes of municipal waste, a volume substantial enough to fill 822,000 Olympic-size swimming pools. This immense challenge is compounded by factors such as increasing population, urbanization, and expanding economic activities, particularly in Africa, where solid waste disposal and management pose significant hurdles.

Addressing the pressing issue of waste management is not merely the responsibility of governments and municipalities; it requires a collective shift in mindset at the individual level. While efforts are underway to manage waste effectively, improper disposal practices, including public littering, inadequate waste segregation, and insufficient treatment facilities, continue to have profound global implications.

FOCUS:

The Solid Waste Management conference aims to illuminate the latest trends, technologies, and legislative developments in the industry. Our discussions will delve into:

1. **State-of-the-Art Solutions:** Explore cutting-edge technologies and innovative approaches to solid waste management on a global scale.
2. **Financial Implications:** Assess the financial burdens and benefits associated with waste management, with a focus on transforming African economies toward sustainable and circular models.
3. **Integrated Solutions:** Gain insights into defining and implementing integrated solutions to the challenges posed by solid waste in urban environments.
4. **Resilient Systems:** Learn how to establish waste management systems capable of functioning under challenging conditions, particularly in low-income countries.
5. Designing Effective Environmental Management Plans (EMP) for Sustainable Development

Conference Objectives:

- Empower delegates to make informed decisions in their professional endeavors related to waste management.
- Inspire the implementation of sustainable practices in waste reduction, reuse, and recycling.
- Encourage a paradigm shift in how we perceive solid waste, viewing it not as a burden but as a dynamic resource reservoir for a green economy.

Who Should Attend?

The Solid Waste Management Conference is designed to bring together a diverse range of professionals, stakeholders, and decision-makers from various sectors involved in waste management. Key attendees include:

- Government Officials/ Municipalities
- Environmental Agencies/ Officers/ Managers
- Healthcare Professionals
- Landfill Supervisors/Managers
- Waste Logistics Supervisors/Managers
- NPO / NGO environmental groups
- Waste Awareness Organizations/ Associations
- Technology Providers/ Integrated Waste Management Managers
- Built Environment Faculties at Universities
- Recycling Associations/ Industries/ Researchers
- Manufacturing /Recycling Companies
- Sustainability Managers
- Waste Contractors/Consultants/ Entrepreneurs
- Research Institutes/ Scientists
- All Government Departments
- Educators and Students
- Green Energy Organizations/ Institutions
- Banks (Sustainability Managers)
- Community Leaders

Overall, the Solid Waste Management Conference welcomes anyone passionate about addressing the challenges and opportunities in waste management, fostering collaboration, and driving positive change towards a more sustainable future.

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Marvelous Nengovhela, also known as Mr. Balanganani, is the Director and Specialist of Waste Management at the South African Local Government Association (SALGA). With nearly 20 years of experience in waste management across both public and private sectors, he provides expert guidance and support to South Africa's 257 municipalities. Marvelous is dedicated to advancing solid waste management practices and policies, leveraging his extensive background to enhance municipal waste management systems.



Adriaan Van Wyk is the Head of Projects at Polyco, where he plays a crucial role in steering and managing key initiatives focused on advancing plastic recycling and sustainability. With a robust background in project management, Adriaan is responsible for overseeing the strategic planning, execution, and optimization of projects designed to enhance recycling processes and promote a circular economy. His leadership is integral to Polyco's mission to reduce environmental impact and drive innovative solutions in the recycling sector, ensuring that the organization effectively contributes to a more sustainable future.



Caroline Pepermans - Owner at Pepermans Legal Consulting, where she leverages her extensive legal expertise to provide tailored consulting services. With a strong background in law & a keen understanding of regulatory & compliance issues, Caroline delivers strategic advice & solutions to a diverse range of clients. Her dedication to excellence & her client-focused approach make her a trusted advisor in navigating complex legal landscapes. Caroline's firm, Pepermans Legal Consulting, is known for its commitment to delivering high-quality, actionable legal insights.



Kgauta Mokoena - Chief Director of Chemicals & Waste Policy, Specialist Monitoring Services at the Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment in South Africa. With extensive expertise in environmental policy, Kgauta leads the development & implementation of strategies related to chemical management & waste. His role involves overseeing specialist monitoring services to ensure rigorous regulatory compliance & effective environmental protection. Kgauta's work is pivotal in shaping South Africa's approach to sustainable chemical use & waste management, driving initiatives that support both environmental integrity & public health.



Velaphi Mabiletsa is the Director of Integrated Planning and Waste Strategy at the City of Cape Town. With a strong background in engineering (M.Eng) and business management (MBA), along with ongoing PhD studies, Velaphi leads strategic efforts to enhance waste management and urban planning. His role focuses on integrating sustainable practices into city planning to address environmental challenges and improve efficiency in waste management.



Shoroma Lerato Maite is an Environmental Manager at Greater Letaba Municipality in Limpopo, South Africa, overseeing waste management services in areas like Modjadiskloof Town, Ga Kgapanne, Senwamokgope Township, and rural communal refuse collection. She leads environmental programs, including waste and recycling awareness campaigns and environmental forums with stakeholders. Shoroma develops sector plans such as the Integrated Waste Management Plan, Environmental Management Plan, and Climate Change Response Strategy, aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions from waste. She also promotes recycling and creates opportunities for unemployed community members as waste pickers.



Delanie Bezuidenhout is the General Manager of "My Walk Made with Soul," a project that recycles healthcare waste into durable school shoes for children in need. With nearly a decade of expertise in recycling single-use products in healthcare, Delanie has led initiatives that have recycled 80,000 kg of waste and donated over 100,000 pairs of shoes, thanks to support from Netcare Holdings and Adcock Ingram Critical Care.



Ronald Mukanya is the Director of Sustainability at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, where he integrates sustainability across the Western Cape. With over 15 years of experience in sustainability, climate resilience, and environmental management, Ronald excels in public, private, and NGO sectors, driving impactful evaluations and promoting sustainable development practices. His leadership is characterized by ethical conduct, accountability, and adherence to financial regulations, reflecting the Core Values of the Western Cape Government.



Matjele Phaladi - Director of Licensing at The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE). Matjele is a seasoned environmental specialist with 14 years of diverse experience in the waste management sector. Currently, he oversees the licensing of hazardous waste activities, including recycling, treatment, and waste-to-energy projects. His role involves implementing and administering various norms and standards for waste management, such as storage, shredding, and composting, and promoting beneficial uses to support the circular economy.



Tadiwanashe (Tiwa) Dune is a Project Manager at the National Cleaner Production Centre (NCPC-SA) and a Senior Environmental Scientist. With extensive experience in waste management, including developing waste plans and conducting feasibility studies, Tiwa now focuses on Waste Assessments for the Industrial Symbiosis Programme. She holds an M.Sc. in Environmental Science from Wits University and is a registered Professional Environmental Scientist with SACNASP.



Dr. Gamuchirai Mutezo - Founder at Madam Waste Urban and Energy Planners | Post Doctoral Fellow at the University of Johannesburg's CEI | African Circular Business Alliance (ACBA). Gamuchirai is Velaphi An "Afrocentric Philomath" with many years' work experience spanning across the following sub-sectors: entrepreneurship, urban planning and renewable energy (organic waste-to-energy). Some experience is a culmination of formal education while the other entails on-the-job training and exposure, learning from good and bad experiences, from partners and clients, as well as observations and conversations. Anti-Silos and Pro-Collaboration, hence the multidisciplinary interests



Maria Rakgalakane - Founder and Managing Director of iLanga E-Waste Management (Pty) Ltd, a leading firm specializing in sustainable e-waste solutions. With a passion for environmental stewardship, Maria has established iLanga as a pivotal player in the responsible recycling and management of electronic waste. Her leadership and vision drive the company's mission to reduce e-waste's environmental impact while promoting innovative recycling practices. Maria's commitment to a greener future is reflected in her strategic direction and dedication to advancing e-waste management standards.

Participating Organizations, Exhibitors and Sponsors



RECYCLING



Dear Delegate,

Every year the world produces over two billion tonnes of municipal solid waste, which is enough to fill 822,000 Olympic-size swimming pools.

The Conference will provide a forum for exchange of recent research results among researchers from various organizations focused on learning and sharing Knowledge upon use of recycling and for discussion of future challenges in implementation and application of latest technologies and advances in this field.

For sponsors and exhibitors, this conference is an exciting opportunity to showcase the new technology, the new products of your company, and/or the service your industry may offer to a broad international audience. It covers a lot of topics and it will be a nice platform to showcase recent researches on Solid Waste Management and other interesting topics and information listed below.

- Knowledge Sharing
- Policy and Regulation
- Environmental Impact
- Community Engagement
- Circular Economy
- Health and Safety
- Partnerships and Collaboration
- Capacity Building
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Perspectives
- Actionable Solutions

Highlights

- Municipal Waste Minimization Initiatives
- e-Waste in South Africa
- Food Waste Management and Bio-economy
- Mining Waste and Economic Opportunities
- Agriculture Waste
- Ocean Waste
- Sustainable Construction Solutions
- Medical Waste in Africa
- Alternative Landfill Technologies
- Bio-Plastics, E-Wastes, and Solid Waste Management
- Post-closure Care, Care Management and Technologies
- Onsite Waste to Energy Solutions
- Concepts of Reduce, Recycle, and Reuse
- Innovation and Technology
- Products made from waste

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DAY ONE

08:30 – 09:00 Morning Refreshments & Tea Break

09:00 – 10:00 - **Maria Rakgalakane** – Founder and Managing Director at Ilanga E-Waste Management (Pty) Ltd.

Topic: “Circular Economy Approaches to E-waste Management: Closing the Loop and Minimizing Waste Generation”

10:00 – 10:15 **Tea Break**

10:15 – 11:15 - **Ronald Mukanya** - Director of Sustainability at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning

Topic: Community Engagement and Education.

11:15– 12:15 - **Matjele Phaladi** - Director of Licensing at The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE).

Topic: The licensing of waste infrastructure as a critical enabler for circular economy (Licensing processes).

12:15 – 13:00 - **Kgauta Mokoena** - Chief Director of Chemicals & Waste Policy, Specialist Monitoring Services at the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

Topic: Turning Waste into Wealth: The Future of Converting Waste into Valuable Products and Navigating Exclusion Regulations

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00 – 15:00 – **Himkaar Singh** – CEO at The Composit Kitchen

Topic: Starting a business from food waste.

15:00 – 15:10 **Afternoon Tea**

15:15 – 16:30 - **Dr. Linus Naik** - Head of Sustainability and Business Development at Don't Waste Group

Topic: "Pathways to Achieving Net Zero Waste: Strategies and Innovations“

DAY TWO

09:00 – 10:00 - **Tadiwanashe (Tiwa) Dune** - Project Manager at the National Cleaner Production Centre (NCPC-SA) and a Senior Environmental Scientist

Topic: “The National Industrial Symbiosis Programme: A driver of innovation and sustainable waste management”

10:00 – 10:15 **Tea Break**

10:15 – 11:15 - **Caroline Pepermans** - Owner at Pepermans Legal Consulting

Topic: "National Environmental Management: An Overview of Waste Act 39 of 2008 and Its Current Implications“

11:15 – 12:15 - **Joshua Palfreman** - Freelance Waste Management, Recycling & WASH Specialist

Topic: solid waste management and recycling models and innovative finance models to fund them

12;15 – 13:00 **Adriaan Van Wyk** - Head of Projects at Polyco

Topic: "Innovative Strategies for Enhancing Circular Economy Practices in Solid Waste Management: Insights from Polyco's Project Experiences"

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00 – 15:00 **Marvelous Nengovhela** – Director/Specialist of Waste Management at SALGA South Africa

Topic: "Cutting-Edge Recycling Solutions for Urban and Rural Areas: Advancing Circular Economy Practices in Waste Management"

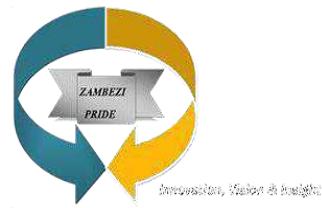
15:00 – 15:10 **Afternoon Tea**

15:10 – 16:00 **Dr. Gamuchirai Mutezo** – - Founder at Madam Waste Urban and Energy Planners

Topic: “Innovative Approaches to Achieving Circular Economy Goals: Insights from Urban and Energy Waste Planning”

16:00 – 16:30 **Networking and Closing Remarks**

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