

E-waste Management in the Arab Region: The Way Forward

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E-waste Management Programme

- *Work Package 1: Rapid Assessment of E-waste in the Arab Region*
- *Work Package 2: Establish Multi-stakeholder Partnership for E-waste Management*
- *Work Package 3: Implement Awareness Campaign about E-waste Threats and Opportunities*
- *Work Package 4: Develop and Enhance capacities for Environmental Friendly E-waste management System*
- *Work Package 5: Establish E-waste Recycle Trading System*

Multi-stakeholder Partnership on E-waste (MSPE)

- **Objective**

- Act as a platform to advocate and assist in creating **Green** jobs through developing viable plans to initiate collection, refurbishing, and recycling projects.

- **Terms of Reference**

- Recommending appropriate policies and legislation for enhancing the national status of E-waste management.
- Initiate effective awareness campaign on E-waste threats and opportunities especially among youth, such as initiating a Youth network for E-waste.
- Establishing an E-waste Business Support Unit/ Knowledge Hub to support private sector enterprises to adopt viable and innovative business plans for ICT E-waste management that are generated from obsolete ICT equipment.

Business Support Unit / Knowledge Hub for E-waste Management

- **Objective**

- The main objective of E-waste management knowledge hub will be to support private sector enterprises with innovative solutions to manage their end-of-life ICT equipment.

- **Terms of Reference**

- Act as a platform for compiling and disseminating information and lessons learned for E-waste management.
- Interactive advisory assistance for private sector enterprises to assist in developing sound economical and environmental collection, refurbishing, and recycling processes.
- Establishing partnerships with internationally recognized entities in the field of E-waste assessment, refurbishing, and recycling.
- Raise awareness among private sector enterprises on the threads and opportunities associated with end-of-life ICT equipment.

Youth Network for E-waste Management

- **Mission:**

- “E-Waste Youth Network” will work towards raising public awareness among Youth on the serious health and environmental threats resulting from all forms of E-Waste mismanagement. The Network will make the necessary information and knowledge accessible to schools and other youth related entities, through NGOs. It will also provide training and technical support for youth, who will play a key role in executing the safe handling of the subject waste in cooperation with all concerned organizations.

- **Proposed Actions:**

- Raise public awareness on E-Waste hazards and the safe handling of these wastes among young people (eg. E-waste summer camps)
- Develop an interactive youth e-waste website with information, blogs, etc.
- Prepare an action plan for awareness projects including seminars, workshops, and hands on pilot programs designed and made available.
- Showcase successful (sustainable) solutions with potential for creating “green jobs” among eligible youth.
- Identify national Focal points and partners in pilot countries

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