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"Good Green Deeds towards a Recycling Economy and Sustainable Land Remediation"



# FEEDBACK REPORT

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## IMPLEMENTATION OF PLASTIC BAG POLICY

- Regulation to restrict the use of non-recyclable plastic
- Do not institute an outright ban, pursue changes in manufacturing  
Material substitution
- Some support for instituting taxes other single use plastic products
- Ministerial consultation on the issue (Plastic Colloquium)there is still a lot of work to be done.



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### SEPARATION AT SOURCE

- Phakisa is a plan (government, private sector & civil society) for unlocking funds from private sector or public, to support SMME's for increasing separation at source
- Three bin system suggested however each municipality to implement an approach that responds to their capabilities
- Standardized Pricing on the selling of recyclables –
- Community incentives on promoting waste education and awareness (incl. School Recycling Programme) should be investigated and partnership with existing waste pickers necessary to address misperceptions



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## NORMS & STANDARDS FOR FUNDING WASTE VEHICLE FROM MIG

- The Norms and Standard for public comments still to be publicized
- MIG Framework inputs to treasury for finalization
- Applicants require to have approved IWMP in order to access the funding
- Suggested 2 options including leasing; and or buying



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## WASTE PICKER INTEGRATION

- Waste picker collection contributes more than 80% of paper and packaging separated waste and deserve recognition



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## GGD MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

- GGD Sustainability: 4000 wards all have CDWss, suggestion to use available resource that already have budget for the effectiveness of the program
- National campaign should be all across: Incorporate messages in all platforms i.e soapies, idols, newsflashes, etc..
- Tree planting, partnering with provinces for internalization of GGD.



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## GGD IMPACT MONITORING AND REPORTING GAUTENG

- Provinces to sustain clean-ups, and also to integrate existing NPOs that are working in the space incl. businesses



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## GGD PRIVATE SECTOR IMPLEMENTATION

- Waste picker initiated recycling, seeking recognition from private sectors
- Partnering with other companies with the GGD mandate
- Returnable bottles must be brought back, print message on packaging.
- Roll out of school recycling in other areas, other provinces



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## GGD IMPLEMENTATION IN NGOs

- Lack of Infrastructure came as a challenge and;
- Sponsorship to be decentralized to provinces, start with municipal system for waste collection in all areas.
- Social engagement, to find the challenges rather than coming with solution
- Waste Picker Integration Guideline to be shared and implemented at provincial and municipal levels.
- IDP inclusion of waste management and strive partnerships with COGTA



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## CHALLENGES

- Funding for initiatives and law enforcement on non-compliance/illegal activities.
- Challenge of waste pickers' perception on school recycling concept
- Communalities engagements when developing strategies
- Pricing of recyclables is contentious

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### WE RECOGNISED THAT



- i. Clean-ups that are not accompanied by interventions addressing root causes of littering & illegal dumping are not sustainable;
- ii. Recyclables price control may be anti-competitive;
- iii. Promotion of recycling in schools and providing incentives (e.g. swap shops) could be perceived as a threat by waste pickers;
- iv. The economic opportunities beyond waste collection in the value chain are largely for whites and the growth has not been inclusive;
- v. Waste pickers are critical to recycling.



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### WE PROPOSE TO RESOLVE THAT

- Government (dtic) should explore ways of protecting the waste pickers from price-related exploitation;
- Government should intervene to ensure inclusive growth (transformed) waste sector all through the value-chain;
- Norms and standards for funding waste vehicles from MIG would be availed to Municipalities and be finalised as a matter of priority;
- Partnerships with private sector and civil society should also be demonstrated rural and impoverished areas.
- SALGA shares tools and techniques that have proven successful in the eradication of illegal dumping





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