



WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

- ✓ DEA (Malcom) indicated that support is provided to Municipalities through training on tools such as IWMP web-portal, tariff model, and model by-law and targeted training for municipal officials and councillors on waste management.
- ✓ Financial support is made available by DEA to municipalities through Environmental Programme and Infrastructure Projects (EPIP). Other financial support sources are amongst others Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG), Division of Revenue Act (DORA) and International donors (GIZ, UNIDO, OXFAM and KFW).
- ✓ Youth jobs in Waste Programme is currently being implemented in various municipalities.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- What has happened since the Waste Act came into effect and Waste Information Regulations were enacted, what are the successes and challenges faced by provincial waste information systems established i.t.o Section 62 of the Waste (IPWIS and GWIS experience).
- There is a need to understand what kind/type of waste that is generated in ones region and the quantities thereof. This in turn will assist in customising the waste information system. The waste information collected and captured can be area specific but must be able to feed to the national reporting requirements of SAWIS.
- Waste information from Western Cape and Gauteng Provinces are aligned with that of National waste information system.

CHALLENGES

- Illegal dumping
- Limited land resources to establish new landfills
- Disposable nappies leaching to groundwater resource and some of these nappies are disposed of in the river(s).
- Not enough is being done to promote separation at source.
- Funding criteria not clear for municipalities (e.g. 60% of the grant for a project used for salaries on implementers)
- Councillors not allocating enough budget for waste management at municipalities
- Municipalities unable to close landfill sites according to the minimum requirements
- No deadline on submission of IWMPs and designation of WMOs at municipalities
- Inadequate stakeholder engagements on waste management issues at municipalities.
- Some municipalities are not creating an enabling environment for DEA to support them effectively.
- Insufficient number of weigh bridges at landfill sites
- Lack of recent and updated statistics on waste in all spheres of government

CHALLENGES

- Training at municipalities is not attended by relevant officials (e.g. EHPs instead of Environmental officers) which compromises effective implementation
- Working in silos amongst the three spheres of government.
- Over regulating waste management
- Lack of specialised skills

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- “War on waste” to be expanded to rural municipalities
- More focus towards rural municipalities is required for improving waste management
- Systems to assist municipalities in terms of reporting and validation of reports need to be established/developed.
- Youth jobs in waste was found to be beneficial and must be continued
- Increase and prioritise budget allocation for waste management at municipalities
- Funding criteria for waste project needs to be re-considered
- DEA to consistently support municipalities with licensing and management of landfill sites. Municipalities need to create an enabling environment in order for DEA/Provinces to effectively provide support .
- Municipalities need to be given deadlines with regards to the submission of IWMPs and designation of WMOs
- Strengthen collaboration in terms of stakeholder engagements
- Accurate waste information needs to be updated and made available to all
- Promote/roll-out waste separation at source to all municipalities
- Strengthen corporative governance at all spheres of government

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Support provided to municipalities by national/provincial departments must be consistent (e.g. criteria for licensing of unlicensed landfill sites)
- Waste management training provided to municipalities should be targeted at relevant officials dealing with waste (Environmental officers instead of EHPs)
- Waste management funds from Treasury/National to be ring-fenced for waste management activities.