

INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS

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CONTEXT OF INSTITUTIONAL BARRIER

- Discussion on the established Waste Management Bureau and how will it function within the waste management space.
- The issue of funding for waste management and how it is managed
- Outlining institutional mechanisms for acceleration of waste management service delivery

BACKGROUND

- Detail presentations on waste management bureau; transforming the lives of people in rural areas through waste management; accelerating the provision of waste services and institutional barrier and Gauteng Resource Efficiency and Industrial Symbiosis programme were presented
- Discussions and recommendations were provided in some of the presentation

QUESTION-WASTE BUREAU

- What will be difference between Waste Bureau and FBI
- What are the function of bureau
- Are there people who already work for bureau and were the post advertised
- When is private sector going to be involved
- When is bureau going to be full operational
- Waste Bureau, is going to be established at provincial level as well
- Will the focus of Bureau focus on single waste stream

ANSWERS

- Federal Bureau of investigation focus on investigation relating to crimes, etc.
- The functions of Waste Bureau are provided for in the Waste Act
- There are people who already work in the bureau and more post will be advertised as per Public Service Act
- Private Sector are welcomed to make inputs and there is open policy for everyone who want make contribution
- The Waste Bureau is at national level and no decision as yet made to establish it, at provincial

ANSWERS

- The bureau is intended to be inclusive as much as possible

INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS/CHALLENGES

- Alignment in waste services programmes amongst stakeholders
- Funding/Prioritisation/Tariffs/efficiencies
- Institutional arrangements and capacity
- Lack of infrastructure
- Limited awareness and understanding from the public.
- Illegal dumping of waste within households

QUESTIONS

- The difference between waste information and waste service
- Concern around the receptacle to be used in municipality
- Concerns around MIG funding channelled for non-waste services at municipality
- The target for the waste service is very low

ANSWERS

- WIS focus on providing information relating to quantity of waste stored etc.
- Municipality were advised to develop municipality bylaws
- The problem will be investigated and outcomes to be communicated
- The target may be viewed as very low, but 6% reflect a huge quantity of waste

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORMS

- DRDLR provided a list of pilot projects relating to waste management and one of such project include the use of human faeces to produce compost

QUESTION

- Safety of the use of human faeces in producing compost
- Public perception on the use of faeces
- Funding mechanisms

ANSWERS

- The results of the project have shown that there are no risk to use of faeces
- Initial there was resistance from the community, but finally it was addressed through public engagements
- Funding still a challenge

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Relevant Depts e.g. **Small Businesses and DTI** should **take the lead in the creation of enterprises**, with other role players playing their part.
- Partner with role players to **educate rural communities** about the importance of waste management and the benefits thereof, through **DRDLR Social mobilization unit and Council of Stakeholders** existing in rural areas.
- Digital Doorways and other **ICT infrastructure** provided by DRDLR and other institutions should be utilized to create awareness on Waste management programmes and Funding mechanisms available

NATIONAL CLEANER PRODUCTION CENTER INITIATIVES

- Provided presentation about economic benefits and environmental benefits associated with usage of cleaner technology and industrial symbiosis

QUESTIONS

- Is there any economic instrument/incentives to be used by government to encourage companies to use cleaner waste technology
- How does cleaner technology idea differ from Ecological Modernization
- Is there any research that was conducted to check if there is balance between the industry that generate waste and the one that consume that waste

ANSWERS

- Using the economic incentives may encourage private sectors to invest in technology
- Cleaner technology and Ecological Modernization are the same
- No research was conducted

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Government need to explore economic instrument to encourage the use of cleaner technology
- Government need to invest in research and innovation.