

Goal and Objective

The objective of IPLA is to enable local authorities (LAs) to expand their waste management services by accelerating the uptake of waste-related infrastructure and services at various stages of waste management through promotion and facilitation of meaningful collaboration with a wide range of partners such as governments, business and financial sector, and civil society. The final goal of IPLA is to help LAs move towards a Zero Waste scenario on a global level.

Projected Outputs

IPLA aims to support the following six activities via focusing on facilitating a world-wide network and promoting knowledge-sharing and partnerships among a wide range of stakeholders.

- 1 Member LAs introduce **institutional, business or financial models** and/or improve their current practices in waste management services.
- 2 **International financial mechanisms** (including carbon financing) are accessed by member LAs.
- 3 **Awareness and capacity** of member LAs are enhanced.
- 4 **Innovative projects that apply appropriate technologies** are implemented and replicated in the jurisdictions of member LAs.
- 5 **Sustainable waste management strategies** such as ISWM and the 3Rs are mainstreamed/integrated at the national and local levels.
- 6 **Database on waste generation, technology performance and standards, benchmarks, and key performance indicators (KPIs)** are collated.

Benefits

IPLA provides multiple benefits to its members:

- Sharing of knowledge, data, and information;
- Accessing expert advice and training;
- Addressing critical and emerging issues;
- Seizing new opportunities;
- Showcasing and recognition; and
- Expanding further collaborations.

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International Partnership
for Expanding
Waste Management
Services of
Local Authorities

Registered under the United Nations
Commission on Sustainable Development
(UN CSD)

Background

At the Intersessional Conference of the Nineteenth Session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-19) on Building Partnerships for Moving Towards Zero Waste held from 16 to 18 February 2011 in Tokyo, Japan, the establishment of the International Partnership for Expanding Waste Management Services of Local Authorities (IPLA), with the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) being its Global Secretariat, was unanimously endorsed. IPLA was officially launched during the CSD-19 held in May 2011.

What is IPLA?

Local authorities (LAs) of emerging and developing economies face capacity constraints in terms of technological, financial, institutional, and policy aspects in implementing waste management infrastructure and associated services. The rising volume and complexity of waste streams are posing challenges to LAs threatening human health and ecosystem as well as the security of resources. In order to respond to these challenges, an international partnership that focuses on networking LAs across the world is necessary. The international partnership is expected to stress the link between waste and resources, and aim to connect all key stakeholders through knowledge networks following the principles of Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM) and strategies such as Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle (3Rs).

Mission

IPLA is a dynamic knowledge platform as well as a decentralized network established to address the needs of LAs in achieving sustainable waste management with the mission "to share knowledge, communicate across national boundaries, and work to spread best practices in order to accelerate the uptake of waste-related infrastructure and services at various stages of waste management such as avoidance, prevention, minimization, segregation, collection, transport, recycling, recovery, reuse treatment, and disposal".

Membership

IPLA is expected to become a world-wide knowledge network and a dynamic platform to address various needs of LAs in waste management by promoting and facilitating collaboration with a wide range of partners such as cities, private sector, academic/research institutions, international organizations as well as UN and donor agencies. IPLA aims to provide a meaning platform to develop public-private partnerships (PPP) in sustainable waste management.

IPLA membership is open to all interested entities that align with its mission of expanding waste management-related services of LAs. Although IPLA is unique in terms of giving specific focus to LAs, it would draw synergies with existing international initiatives and partnerships on waste management.

IPLA Website: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp/env/ipla/>

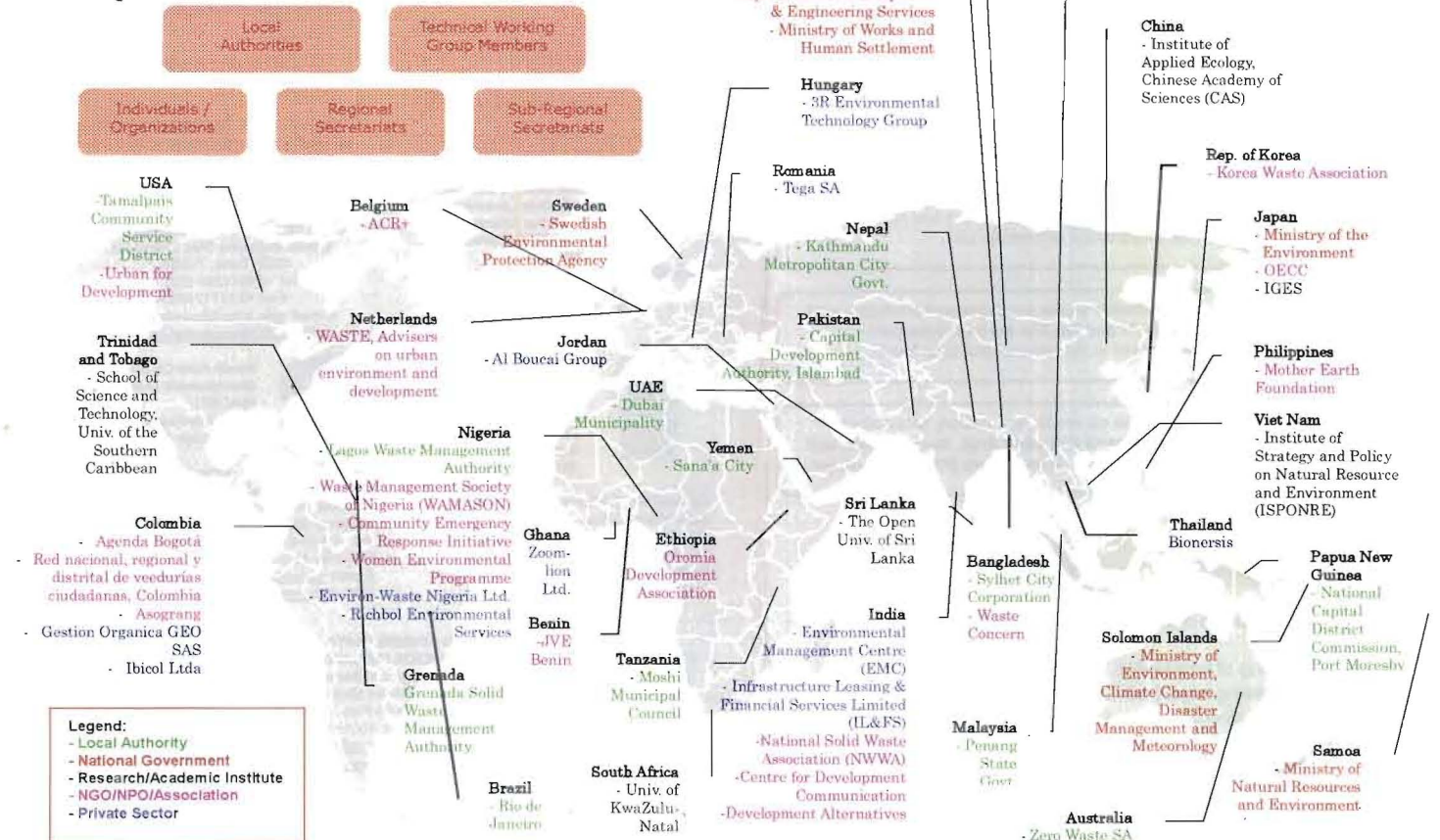


Top: CSD-19 Intersessional Conference on Building Partnerships for Moving Towards Zero Waste, 16-18 February 2011, Tokyo, Japan
Bottom: Official launching of IPLA at the side event, "Building Partnership Moving Towards Zero Waste" held on 12 May 2011 during CSD-19 in New York, USA

Registration for IPLA Member

You are welcome to join IPLA by registering on-line. Please visit our website: <http://www.uncrd.or.jp/env/ipla/>

You will be requested to register under one of the following five categories.



Partners (as of August 2011)

Global Secretariat	Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)
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Sub-regional Secretariat	REC, SWEEP-NET, SPREP, SACEP, Griffith University, and UAESP
International Organization / Donor Agencies	IDB, OECD, GIZ and JICA
International Association / NGOs	ISWA, CWG, and IWWG

Note: National governments, local authorities (LAs), research/academic institutions, NGOs/NPOs/Associations, and private sector are indicated in the map below.