



ITU-UNEP-UNU Joint Online Workshop

WEEE: Towards regional harmonization of national WEEE policies, regulations and standards in the Arab States

02-03 Dec 2020, 14:00-17:00 PM (Cairo Time)

Overall objective of workshop:

The overall objective of this online workshop is to synergize the ITU, UNEP and UNU activities on the environmental sounds management of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), through a harmonized approach to regional WEEE policy development.

Objective of workshop:

The online workshop aims to explain the underlying concepts and the role that different stakeholders can play in developing WEEE management systems and the policy landscape (for example but not limited to: Business and Finance; Regulation; Technology and Skills; Monitoring and Control; Marketing and Awareness). The workshop will also highlight the importance of international standards in the sustainable management of WEEE and in the developing of WEEE legislation.

Programme

Day 1 - Wednesday, 02 December 2020

Session 1: Key WEEE definitions and concepts, data collection and regulation in the Arab Region

The session aims to:

- Introduce and refresh key concepts and establish common WEEE vocabulary,
- Update participants on WEEE data and regulation in the Arab Region,
- Foster discussion and perspectives from participants on the topics presented.

Moderator: Mrs. Vanessa Gray, Head of Environment and Emergency Telecom Division, ITU

Day 1	Programme
14:00 – 14:25	Welcome and opening addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Adel Darwish, Regional Director for Arab States, International Telecommunication Union</i> • <i>Dr. Ruediger Kuehr, Director, Sustainable Cycles (SCYCLE) Programme, UNITAR & United Nations University</i>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Abdul-Majeid Haddad, Deputy Regional Director, UNEP – West Asia Office</i> <p>Virtual Group Photo</p>
14:25 – 14:45	<p>Intro to WEEE management policy, regulatory approaches and standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Yondeen Sherpa, E-Waste Policy Consultant, International Telecommunication Union</i> • <i>Mr. Garam Bel, E-Waste Officer, International Telecommunication Union</i> • <i>Mr. Paolo Gemma, ITU-T SG5 WP2/5 Chairman</i>
14:45 – 15:10	<p>Intro to WEEE data collection and improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Kees Balde, Senior Programme Officer, United Nations University</i>
15:10 – 15:25	<p>E-waste data from the UNSD/UNEP Questionnaire on Environment Statistics and its widespread use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mr. Marcus Newbury, Statistician, United Nations Statistics Division</i>
15:25 – 15:45	<p>WEEE overview of the Arab region: Arab Regional E-waste monitor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms. Giulia Iattoni, Programme Associate, United Nations University</i> • <i>Eng. Mustafa Al Mahdi, Programme Officer, International Telecommunication Union</i>
15:45 – 16:10	<p>Review of policy and regulatory gaps and WEEE management status in the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Iyngarasan Mylvakanam, Programme Officer, United Nations Environment Programme</i>
16:10 – 16:50	<p>Breakout session</p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Iyngarasan Mylvakanam, Programme Officer, United Nations Environment Programme</i> • <i>Dr. Kees Balde, Senior Programme Officer, United Nations University</i> • <i>Eng. Mustafa Al Mahdi, Programme Officer, International Telecommunication Union</i> • <i>Ms. Carla Ayoub, Chemicals Management Officer at UN Environment Programme</i> • <i>Ms. Yondeen Sherpa, E-Waste Policy Consultant, International Telecommunication Union</i>
16:50 – 17:00	<p>Q&A and Wrap Up</p>



Day 2 - Thursday, 03 December 2020

Session 2: WEEE policy, legislation, and regulation

The session aims to:

- Highlight case studies from the Arab Region,
- Compare and contrast examples from other regions,
- Foster discussion and perspectives from participants on the topics presented.

Moderator: Mr. Abdul-Majeid Haddad, Deputy Regional Director, West Asia Office, United Nations Environment Programme

Day 2	Programme
14:00 – 15:20	Case studies from Arab Region <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Egypt <i>Dr. Shaimaa El Sayed Mohammed Ali, Director of Final Disposal Department - Waste Management Regulatory Agency (WMRA), Egyptian Ministry of Environment</i>• Jordan <i>Dr. Sudki Hamdan, Environmental statistics Expert, Department of Statistics, Jordan</i>• Palestine <i>Ms. Safia Ibrahim, Statistian, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics</i>• Sudan <i>Eng. Eiman Farouk, Head of Environmental Effects Division, TPRA , Sudan</i>
15:20 – 16:15	Examples from other regions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asia (Japan) <i>Mr. Shunichi Honda, Programme Officer, International Environmental Technology Centre, Economy Division, UNEP</i>• Africa (EACO) <i>Mr. Juma Ooro, Chairperson, EACO WG7, E-Waste Management and Green ICT-S.</i>• Europe (Netherlands) <i>Mr. René Eijsbouts, Advisor, Wecycle</i>
16:15 – 16:40	WEEE Impact Story from Namibia <i>Ms. Saara Imbili, Chief Policy Analyst, Ministry of ICTs, Namibia</i>



16:40 – 16:50	Q&A and final thoughts from participants
16:50 – 17:00	Wrap-up and conclusion of the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Abdul-Majeid Haddad, Deputy Regional Director, West Asia Office, United Nations Environment Programme</i>• <i>Ms. Vanessa Gray, Head of Environment and Emergency Telecom Division, ITU</i>