

GeSI & StEP E-WASTE ACADEMY



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SOLVING THE E-WASTE PROBLEM

Academy Overview

- ➔ Hosted by the United Nations University Institute for Natural Resources in Africa (UNU-INRA) in Accra, Ghana
- ➔ Targeting Western Africa Policymakers, Governmental Officials and SMEs
- ➔ Organized by United Nations University (UNU)
- ➔ Taking place 25-29 June 2012
- ➔ 5 days of workshops, training, site visits

Goals

- ➔ Platform for exchange of best practices
- ➔ Snapshot into the current status of e-waste policy
- ➔ Foster an interactive atmosphere of knowledge sharing and practical first-hand experiences
- ➔ Feedback and advice from e-waste experts and fellow policymakers
- ➔ Establish a sustaining network for continued interaction after the EWA

Target Area



- ➔ Western Africa
- ➔ Participants from other regions (or continents) can submit application forms
- ➔ Further regional EWA being developed

Participants to EWA

- 20 participants including
 - Policymakers, government officials
 - SMEs (recyclers, refurbishers,...)
- Mix of different countries, background and experiences
- Participants selected by Technical Committee according to:
 - motivation & potential for learning from and contributing to EWA
 - involvement in decision-making processes
 - relevance to their business

Programme & Topics of EWA

- Role of International & Country specific legislations in enabling sustainable EEE cycles, Eco-design and DfR
- Innovative tools in financing sustainable take-back and recycling
- Technical advances in dismantling, segregation, recycling and material recovery technologies
- Economic, Environmental and Social impacts
- Modelling techniques for e-waste flows assessment, transboundary shipments
- Reverse logistics in take-back system design, formal & informal sectors in e-waste management
- Role of consumer behaviour & awareness raising

Structure of EWA & Approach

- ➔ Expert lectures by major relevant stakeholders from academia, industry, government, NGOs from around the world
- ➔ Participant presentations, site visits, workshops
- ➔ Group Work
 - ➔ Participants from different countries, areas and background
 - ➔ Foster South-South cooperation on best practices, stumbling blocks and applicable roadmaps
 - ➔ Engaging the participants in a joint group projects



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