

WELCOME NOTE

The conference team welcomes you to an outstanding event: The International Conference on Integrated Waste Management in Western Africa to be held in Accra (Ghana) as the culmination of two years of intensive work under IWWA initiative. Development in Africa needs bottom-up approaches in which the necessities of all actors are taken into account as IWWA project has pursued by adopting a participatory approach in which workshops with relevant actors have formed the basis of political measures proposed by experts from Africa and Europe. The network between Africa and Europe resulted from IWWA project has led us to learn from mutual experiences. We intend to extend this fruitful cooperation to all participants of this conference and widely disseminate the results of IWWA initiative.

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

The general objective of the conference is to bring together members of the IWWA consortium jointly with national and regional decision makers, Solid Waste Management professionals, NGOs, Civil Society Associations and the scientific community to present the results of the project and discuss future trends and directions concerning the large scale implementation of Integrated Waste Management in West Africa.

IWWA is a Coordination and Support Action funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme Theme 6: Environment, including climate change.



MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF IWWA PROJECT

- Regional evaluation of the Solid Waste Management situation in the targeted countries: Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal.
- Assessment of lessons learnt from technological/organizational best practices in Europe and non European countries.
- Guide for selection of adapted ISWM systems in Western Africa.
- Guide for implementation of ISWM systems in Western Africa.
- Guidelines for implementation of policy strategies in ISWM.
- Policy briefs for the development of National and Regional Action plans in Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal.

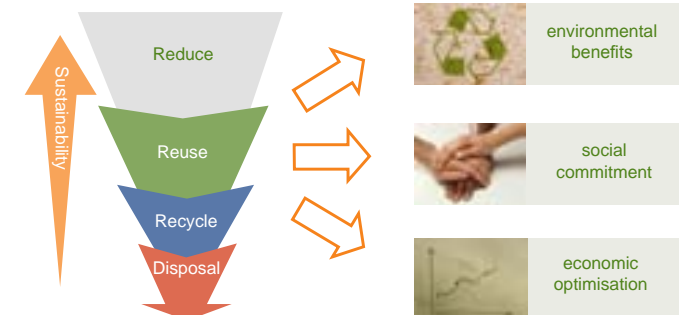


ISWM IN SHORT

ISWM is one of the holistic approaches to environmental and resources management emerging from the concept of sustainable development. ISWM systems combine waste characterisation, collection, treatment and disposal methods with the objective of achieving significant benefits for the environment, the economic optimisation of the whole process and the acceptability of society. In the search for the involvement and commitment of all stakeholders participating in the waste management chain the approach ensures that all local issues affecting waste management in a specific area are taken into consideration.

ISWM systems apply a management structure which ensures that the negative impacts of waste generation on the environment are avoided and therefore that health and pollution / emission problems are eluded. The fundamentals of ISWM systems are based on the following principles:

- **The reduction** of the amount of waste generated (source reduction).
- **The reuse and recycling** of what can be valuable (make the best use of the produced waste).
- **The disposal** of the remaining waste.



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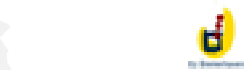
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GENERAL INFORMATION

The International Conference “Pathways towards Integrated Waste Management in Western Africa” will be the closing event of the project IWWA “Integrated Waste Management in Western Africa”, a Coordination Action supported by the European Union under the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7).

The conference, a two days event, will be held the 14th – 15th of May, 2012 in Accra, Ghana and will bring together members of the IWWA consortium in conjunction with national and regional decision makers, waste professionals, scientists and practitioners to expose the results of the Coordination Action and discuss future trends and directions. Linked issues relating to policy, science and practice, concerning the large scale implementation of sustainable approaches towards integrated waste management in Western Africa will also be discussed.

DATES & VENUE

The International Conference will be held the 14th and 15th of May 2012 hosted by ZOOMLION GHANA LIMITED. The venue will be published in the project **web site: [http: iwwa.eu](http://iwwa.eu)**

REGISTRATION

Last day for registration: 30th of April 2012
A limited number of participants (about 150) will be admitted to the Conference.
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SIDE EVENTS

Possibility of having side events during the 2 days of the conference.
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