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## ENTREPRENEUR CHANGES LIFE IN UGANDA BY TURNING WASTE INTO FUEL

An entrepreneur has found a way of providing fuel and saving local trees from being felled. Sanga Moses grew up in bare feet in a small Ugandan village of thatched roofs that lacked electricity.

"When I was young, our home was surrounded by national forests," he says. "Now all those trees are gone, and children must walk longer and longer distances to gather wood." So Moses began working with engineering students to design kilns and briquetting machines. Four years later, 2,500 farmers use his kilns to turn farm waste—coffee husks and waste from sugar cane and rice—into charcoal.



See more: [http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2014/12/141215-sanga-moses-uganda-energy-wood-burning-fuel/?utm\\_source=Twitter&utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_content=Basel+20141216page](http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2014/12/141215-sanga-moses-uganda-energy-wood-burning-fuel/?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=Social&utm_content=Basel+20141216page)

## LAWMA to convert Olusosun dumpsite into golf course, says MD

Nigeria's Lagos State Wastes Management Authority (LAWMA) said on Monday it would soon turn the Olusosun dumpsite in Ojota into a golf course. The country's most popular refuse dump has been a subject of foreign documentaries in the past because of the many activities of scavengers at the site.

The managing director of the authority, Mr Ola Oresanya, appears now to have found a new use for the site. He said the golf course project would come under the agency's second 10-year-rolling plan.

"Our landfills development is a real focus, we already sign contract for development of our state of the heart landfills sites at Epe and Badagry. And those landfill sites are the real focus for the next rolling plan and a site also will be located in Ogun state. That is around Mowe/Ibafo area that we took over.

"Then we will close down the Olusosun dumpsite completely and turn it into golf course. We will continue to build transfer stations and material recovery plants in Lagos.

See more: <http://www.pmnewsnigeria.com/2014/12/29/lawma-to-convert-olusosun-dumpsite-into-golf-course-says-md/>



Photo: Olusosun dumpsite in Lagos, Nigeria



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## Nigeria generates 1.1m tonnes of e-waste yearly, says UNIDO

THE United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) says Nigeria generates about 1.1 million tonnes of e-waste annually.

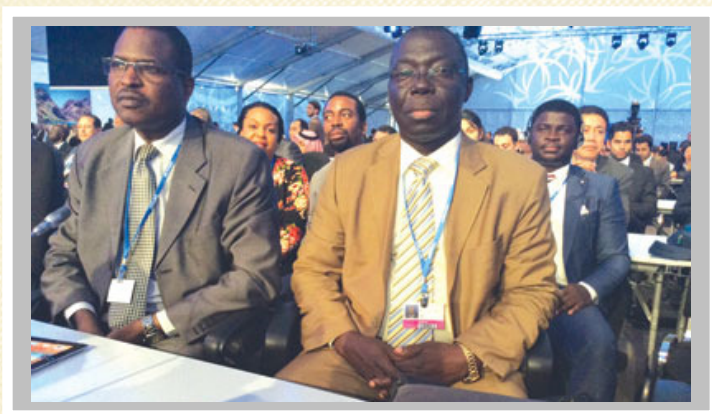
The UNIDO Country Representative and Regional Director for West Africa, Dr. Patrick Kormawa stated this at a Stakeholders' Consultative Workshop on Electrical and Electronics Waste Management for Nigeria.

“About 1.1 million tonnes of e-waste is generated annually, which is far more than the combined e-waste volume generated by most other countries in the ECOWAS region,” he said.

According to him, statistics has shown that approximately 100,000 tonnes of e-waste illegally enter Nigeria every year through Lagos and other ports in the country.

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**See more:** <http://www.nguardiannews.com/property/property/189451-nigeria-generates-1-1m-tonnes-of-e-waste-yearly-says-unido>



*Photo: Mr. Reuben Bamidele, UNIDO's National Programme Officer with Mr Abdul-Kazeem Bayero, the acting Director, Pollution and Environmental Health Department*

## Philippines wants Canada to take back tons of garbage sent to their country illegally

Philippine customs officials are still looking for a way to return 50 shipping containers filled with garbage that arrived in their country from Canada. The garbage was discovered in an illegal shipment in February. CCTV America's Barnaby Lo reported this story from Manila.

The illegal garbage was labeled “recyclable plastic”, which would have been legal, but the containers actually had a mix of plastics, papers, household waste and used adult diapers.

So far there's no indication that the Canadian government has taken any steps to ship the garbage back to where it came from.

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## China Published Electrical Waste Disposal Guidelines

On Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, the Chinese Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) and Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) jointly issued [E-Waste Dismantling and Production Management Guidelines \(2015 version\)](#) to further standardize the waste disposal activities of companies involved in electrical or electronic product disposal.

The Guidelines applies to e-waste handlers who are licensed and in the list of companies approved for E-Waste disposal subsidies. The list now contains 106 companies and is managed by the Ministry of Finance (MOF), National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), MEP and MIIT. The subsidies come from a national fund established by the State Council. According to the Regulation on the Administration of the Recovery and Disposal of Waste Electrical and Electronic Products (State Council Decree 551), e-product manufacturers, consignees of imported e-products or their representative agents are obligated to contribute to this fund.

Since the enactment of Decree 551 and other related regulations and policies, China's management of e-wastes has improved significantly with the total permitted processing capacity reaching 127 million pieces per year.



Photo: Chemical News

See more: <https://chemlinked.com/news/chemical-news>

## India to Beat China in e-waste

The e-waste market in India is expected to grow at a CAGR of 26 per cent during 2015-19, while the e-waste management services market in China is forecast to grow at a CAGR of 19.41 per cent between 2013-18, according to a report by the US-based ReportsnReports.com.

It also said the country's e-waste market was likely to grow at a higher rate than in China in the next few years. E-waste broadly describe loosely discarded, surplus, broken, obsolete, electrical and electronic devices.



Culled from: The New Indian Express

See <http://www.newindianexpress.com/business/news/India-to-Beat-China-in-e-waste/2014/12/31/article2596608.ece>

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