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## **GCCA+ @COP25: How to conquer waste and reduce emissions. Lessons from African countries**

*IFEMA-NDC Pavillon, Madrid – Spain: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 (12:00 -13:00)*

### **BACKGROUND**

Waste is an issue that cuts across sectors, economies and regions. Depending on its source, its footprint is as distinct as the possible solutions to manage it, be it agriculture, industrial, or post-consumer waste. In many African countries, waste is characterised by uncontrolled dumping compounded by very low collection rates. The Sub Saharan Africa<sup>1</sup> region is the fastest growing one in the negative terms, with waste expected to triple by 2050 according to the World Bank.

More than 90 percent of waste ends up in dumpsites and landfills where it contributes to greenhouse gases and increases risks of disease and urban flooding or is burned generating carbon emissions and environmental pollution. Although waste is not a major contributor to global greenhouse gas emissions, waste management presents African countries opportunities to contribute to global mitigation efforts while achieving very significant public health and economic benefits. For example, waste-to-energy solutions in the agricultural sector can add value and sustainability to supply chains. Solid waste collection and disposal reduces emissions and increases public sanitation. In both cases, improved waste management offers a compelling business case for private sector actors providing their investment risks are addressed through good public policy.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The main objectives of this event are the following:

- To highlight opportunities for African countries to include waste management in more ambitious NDCs;
- To present examples of the kinds of support the GCCA+ can offer African countries to tackle waste management tailored to the specific circumstances of the country;
- To highlight the importance of supportive policy environments including to attract private sector investment;
- To elaborate different approaches for authorities at the national and local level, to build enabling policies to tackle waste;

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<sup>1</sup> Three speakers are from this region (Benin, Liberia and Togo)

- To share examples of opportunities for businesses to invest in waste management and making clear what minimum standards need to be met (e.g. robust methodologies to measure GHG emissions); and
- To share examples of other co-benefits including job creation and public health benefits.

With a brief introduction by a DEVCO official, panellists from four countries will make brief presentations highlighting success stories, followed by a Q&A on the following topics:

1. How to build a waste management system and how to use NDC's as a lever for coordination and an avenue for financing, involving decentralized actors (Liberia)
2. How to reorganize the structure of the waste management at federal and local levels using policy and climate technical tools to assess the possibilities of generating revenues from composting, recycling and waste to energy solutions. (Nigeria)
3. How cities are working to face and cope with waste management problem (Benin and Togo)

## **AGENDA**

### **H 12,00-12,05:** Welcome Remarks

Mr Stefano Signore, Head of Unit, Sustainable Energy and Climate Change at the European Commission, Brussels

### **H 12,05-12,15:** How to conquer waste and reduce emissions- The case of Nigeria

Dr Peter Tarfa, Director, Department of Climate change, Federal Ministry of Environment, NIGERIA

### **H 12,15- 12,25:** An overview of Greater Monrovia's solid waste situation

Mr Tolbert Kerkulah, Project coordinator, Cheesemanburg Landfill & Urban Sanitation project (CLUS) LIBERIA

### **H 12,25- 12,35 :** Projet de valorisation des déchets solides ménagers et de contribution à la lutte contre les changements climatiques dans le Zou, BENIN

Mr Herman Padonou, PAAEDC- CoMSSA, Head of mission and project Coordinator, Department of Zou, BENIN

### **H 12,35- 12,45 :** Gestion des ordures ménagères dans la ville de Tsévié, TOGO

Mr Michel Houndjo, PPED, Coordinator, Co MSSA, Tsévié, Togo

### **H 12,45- 13,00:** Q&A Conclusions

Moderator: Monicalessandra Bonfanti

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## KEY FACTS OF THE EVENT

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