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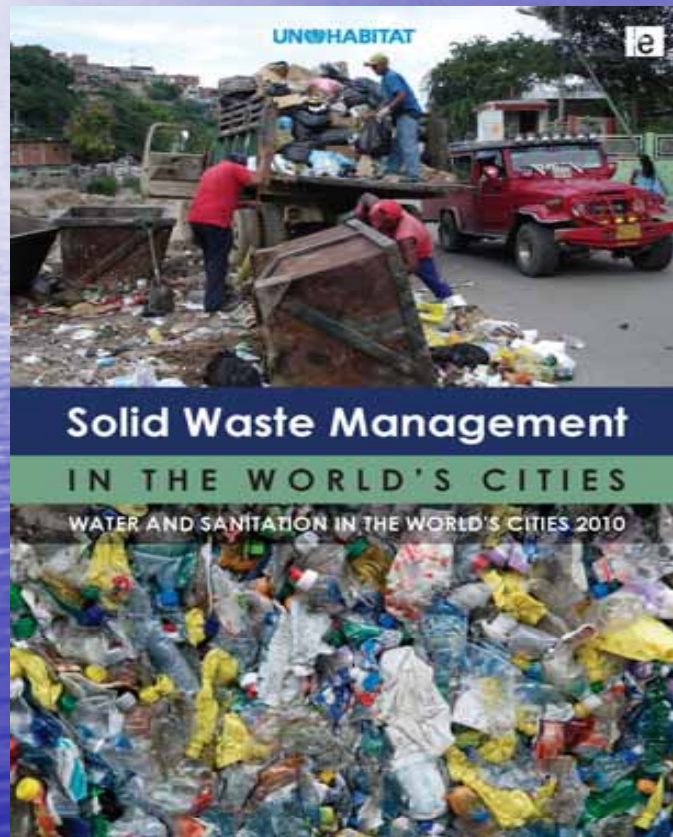
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**Sustainable Waste
Management in World's
Cities - Challenges and
Opportunities**

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- Information on Solid Waste Management is severely lacking. UN-HABITAT has recently published a major publication on the theme





- This report has been produced by UN-HABITAT based on a survey of over 20 cities worldwide and over 50 people have contributed to its production led by WASTE Consultants.



- The report provides an opportunity to understand waste management processes and gives guidance on sustainable approaches covering the whole life cycle of solid waste. It is of interest to policy makers, practitioners and all those interested in studying waste management issues.



- Solid Waste:
Insurmountable problem
or golden opportunity?



- Solid waste management is a vital municipal responsibility, requiring a cradle to grave approach to adequately protect environment and health



- Phasing out open dumping & controlling disposal is an important first step





- There are no magic solutions but rather the right combinations of good practice. urban areas of different sizes need different approaches



- Waste is a resource and should be recognized as such In fact the whole waste management system should be designed around recycling and resource recovery



- The private sector (both formal and informal) is a key player in solid waste management. They can support the local authority and innovate in recycling



- Establishing your current costs for waste management is an important first step in designing an overall plan



- There is no single right answer, Choose a system that best fits your needs

Conclusions

- Solid Waste: a forgotten part of the Sanitation MDG
Collection of information and data is a prerequisite for planning & management: start with profiling
- Finance is not so much an issue as recognizing responsibility and the untapped opportunity through resource recovery
- Effective partnerships between local authorities and the of private enterprise essential (consultative approaches & local bylaws)

Conclusions

- Regional approaches should be considered to enhance recycling markets and exchange of technical approaches
- Effective solutions to managing the organic fraction are needed
- Urban areas of different sizes need different approaches
- UNHABITAT focuses on critical pre-investment capacity building