



Waste management - can it be more sustainable and inclusive?

Waste is a problem for many local governments but can be a livelihood for waste picker. An ICLD funded research project on inclusive and sustainable waste governance has put forward several policy recommendations. As a help for municipal officials or politicians to discuss and develop your thoughts and actions for your own community, ICLD has developed educational materials including video policy brief with discussion questions.



3 minutes video policy brief:

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Publications:

- *Inclusive and sustainable waste governance* - policy brief
- *Community Currencies as means of Local Economic Empowerment* - policy brief
- *Organising grassroots initiatives for a more inclusive governance: constructing the city from below* - research report
- *Co-production of Services in Informal Settlements* - research report



The research project: *Transforming the city from below: Localizing Grassroots initiatives, institutional entrepreneurship and inclusive urban governance*



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Discussion questions:

-  What inclusive waste management practices and innovations (e.g. technological, social, managerial) do already exist in your city, and particularly in the informal settlements?
-  What can different departments in your local government do to support existing practices and local innovations?
-  How can waste pickers be involved in collecting data on waste management challenges and achievements, e.g. in informal settlements and on waste dumps where they operate?
-  Do waste pickers have access to waste collection e.g. in dumps/landfills, in informal settlements households? Are their rights recognized?
-  How could the recognition of their rights be improved within the scope of the local government (e.g. providing license to operate, reserved procurements to grassroots organizations, etc.)?
-  Are waste pickers paid for the environmental services they provide? How could this be improved?
-  What can you do today to contribute to more inclusive and sustainable waste management?