

NATIONAL E-WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

“Towards Zero E-Waste in Kenya by 2030”

Executive Summary

The National E-waste Management Strategy is a five-year plan covering the period 2019/20 to 2023/24. The E-waste Strategy has five thematic areas aimed at resource mobilization for proper E-waste management, raising awareness, strengthening Kenya’s E-waste coordination structures at national and county levels, putting in place a monitoring and evaluation mechanism for E-waste management, promoting research and innovation in E-waste management and have a legal and regulatory framework for E-waste management in Kenya. This Strategy applies both to the national and county governments.

The strategy spells out the priority E-waste management strategies together with specific actions to help actualize them. The strategy estimates the size of investment required to execute the National E-waste Management strategy, the targeted potential sources of funding as well as capacity building measures. Further, the strategy highlights the key target outcomes and the indicators, which will assist in measuring the success of the implementation of the plan. The roles and responsibilities of the various stakeholders in executing the strategy are also defined. This Strategy is a five-year plan covering the period 2019/20 to 2023/24, its vision and aspiration span a medium to long-term period of about 10 years.

This strategic direction is pertinent in aligning the short to medium-term interventions into the perspective plan of E-waste management. The National E-waste management strategy has been developed on the backdrop of the E-waste challenges posed by the rapid diffusion of information and communications technologies (ICTs) in the country’s economy. These challenges range from increasing stockpiles of E-waste in the region to potential environmental and health problems associated with E-waste. Another key factor driving the formulation of the E-waste Management strategy is the need to build the capacity of the county governments in sustainable collection and management of E-waste. Several initiatives are leading to the development of the national E-waste Management Strategy. Below are some of the key factors leading to the formulation of the E-waste strategy.

- Lack of a readiness assessment within both the national and county governments. The country has not assessed to inform the E-waste situation in Kenya
- The establishment of the East African Communications Organization (EACO) regional E-waste management steering committee and a regional strategy. The regional steering committee has prioritized E-waste management activities and they’re mainstreaming within East Africa.
- Establishment of national E-waste management steering committees and/or E-waste management technical working teams

Strategic Direction The strategy charts the aspirations, goals, and building blocks for sustainable management of E-waste in Kenya. These are as follows:

Vision: “Towards Zero E-Waste in Kenya by 2030”.

Goal: “Achieve a sustainable E-waste management system in Kenya”.

To realize the above goal and steadily move towards attaining the vision; the following strategies have been prioritized:

- (i) Strengthen the policy, legal and regulatory framework for sustainable resourcing of E-waste management activities for effective protection of human health and environment in the country;
- (ii) Put in place the requisite E-waste management infrastructure and rationalize its distribution across the counties to harness the unique value and enhance synergy;
- (iii) Establish mechanisms for comprehensive and sustainable mobilization of E-waste management resources (physical, financial, and human resources);
- (iv) Promote research and innovation in E-waste management;
- (v) Put in place a monitoring and evaluation (M & E) mechanism for E-waste management; and
- (vi) Build capacity and create awareness for effective E-waste management in Kenya

These strategies resonate well with Article 69 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, which states that the government shall eliminate all activities and processes that are harmful to the environment. In addition, vision 2030 envisioned the development of solid waste management systems in the five leading municipalities and the economic zones. The strategies and their corresponding actions address the binding constraints identified in each of five (5) strategic areas of intervention/themes, namely:

- i. Policy, Legal and Regulatory framework
- ii. Infrastructure for E-waste management
- iii. Resource mobilization
- iv. Awareness creation, Capacity building, Education and Research
- v. Monitoring and Evaluation

IMPLEMENTATION

The strategy requires at least a 2.5Billion to fully implement in the next 5 years. This amount of money can be raised through partnerships with the various stakeholders within the EEE industry. We are therefore requesting for the CS signature on the document so that the stakeholders within the E-Waste management sector can be able to work with the government in ensuring that the strategy achieves its objective.