

TASK GROUP ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Terms of Reference

The purpose of the proposed Task Group on Developing Countries (TGDC) is to serve as the primary technical resource in the IWWG on key issues associated with waste management in developing countries. The primary objectives of the TGDC are: to develop, coordinate, and disseminate timely information on institutional, technological, economic, environmental, and research and development issues in the field of solid waste management specific to developing countries. This will be accomplished through the organization of meetings, participation in conferences, organization of training courses, conduct of discussions and seminars through the Internet, and eventually the establishment of a solid waste information network.

The TGDC will:

- coordinate various activities with existing working groups in IWWG to avoid duplication of effort and utilize expertise from other task groups when appropriate;
- establish working relationships with other national, international, and multinational organizations;
- disseminate scientific, technical, and management information on waste management for developing countries;
- develop and disseminate reports, working papers, and other publications;
- develop discussions and seminars on pertinent topics through the Internet;
- answer requests for technical information and assistance;
- plan and conduct technical workshops, training courses, conferences, and seminars;
- plan and conduct technical sessions at IWWG conferences;
- promote capacity building at educational institutions in developing countries in matters related to solid waste management;
- identify and develop acceptable waste management practices, systems, and technologies from information developed through applied and basic research; and
- seek acceptable institutional approaches to international public policy issues affecting the management of wastes in developing countries.