

From Policy to Action – Transitioning to a Circular Economy for Electronics in Uganda

Background

E-waste Policy Implementation Plan-

A National Electronics Waste Management Policy has been in place in Uganda since 2012. The Government of Uganda is currently revising this policy, with the latest draft being from 2022. ITU has been requested to provide assistance with the preparation of the implementation action plan of the policy, working closely in line with the national “e-waste” steering committee. The custodian of the policy is the Ministry of ICT & National Guidance.

Electronics Sector EPR Regulations-

In Uganda, the National Environment (Waste Management) Regulations (2020) set high-level provisions for the environmental policy principle of extended producer responsibility (EPR) in the context of e-waste management. The custodian entity is the National Environment Management Authority. ITU has been requested to provide assistance with the preparation of a specific regulation on the management of e-waste in the context of EPR, whilst also assisting with defining the EPR system in practical terms.

National E-waste Management Centre-

In 2021, Uganda opened the National E-waste Management Centre. It aims to be the main and pivotal e-waste management facility in Uganda, managed by the National Enterprise Corporation, with oversight, regulation and coordination by the National Environment Management Authority. The facility is in need of a reliable e-waste feedstock, which according to studies in Uganda exists in high quantities, however the legal, financial and administrative framework – including extended producer responsibility – are lacking, thus disrupting the flow of materials to the facility. Centred around the e-waste policy implementation plan, the workshop will encompass discussions on the improvement of these frameworks.

Objective

The objective of the workshop on the policy implementation plan and the electronics sector EPR regulations will be two-fold:

- 1) To gather inputs from the national “e-waste” steering committee in order to prepare the policy implementation plan, to be validated during a follow-up workshop later this year.
- 2) To gather inputs from the committee in order to prepare a draft regulation on the management of e-waste in the context of EPR, for further deliberation during a follow-up workshop later this year.

Useful Materials

- Toolkit- [Policy Practices for E-waste Management](#).
- E-learning- [An Introduction to E-waste Policy](#).
- E-learning- [Deep Dive into EPR Principle for E-waste Management](#).

Facilitators (James Mulolo, Christine Sund, Garam Bel)



Workshop Programme

Workshop venue information: Four Points by Sheraton, Elgon Terrace, Kampala.

TIME	ACTIVITY	THOSE INVOLVED
Day One: Tuesday 28th May 2024 - Workshop: E-waste Policy Implementation Plan		
09:30 - 10:00	Brief <i>opening remarks</i> to day one of the workshop, introduction to the committee and the facilitators, and overview of the objective of day one of the workshop.	Ministry of ICT & National Guidance.
10:00 - 10:30	<i>Presentation</i> of proposed concrete activities by policy objective (legal and regulatory framework, e-waste management infrastructure, resource mobilization, awareness and human resource development, investment and job creation) by each entity listed in the institutional framework of the draft revised policy document.	James Mulolo.
Coffee Break		
10:30 - 12:00	<i>Breakout group session</i> to reflect on the proposed concrete activities and to refine these down to 3 concrete activities per policy objective, with corresponding outputs, for the implementation plan, based on the summary of policy strategies in the draft revised policy document.	All Participants (Facilitated by James Mulolo and Garam Bel).
Lunch		
13:30 - 14:00	<i>Presentation</i> of proposed costed roles and responsibilities and key indicators, based on the list of entities in the institutional framework section of the draft revised policy, to be assigned to each concrete activity and output for each policy objective for the implementation plan of the draft revised policy document.	James Mulolo.
14:00 - 15:30	<i>Breakout group session</i> to reflect on the proposed roles and responsibilities and to refine these for each concrete activity and to define key indicators of performance for each of the already defined corresponding outputs for the implementation plan of the draft revised policy document.	All Participants (Facilitated by James Mulolo and Garam Bel).
Coffee Break		
16:00 - 17:00	<i>Facilitated discussion</i> focussing on the budget of the implementation action plan, expanding and deliberating on what would be asked from those with a role and responsibility in the implementation of the policy's action plan.	All Participants (Facilitated by James Mulolo and Garam Bel).
17:00 - 17:15	Brief <i>closing remarks</i> for day one of the workshop, summarising the approach taken to gather inputs on the draft policy's implementation plan and outlining the next steps to finalise the implementation plan and to draft a skeleton of the proposed regulation.	Christine Sund.
Day Two: Wednesday 29th May 2024 - Workshop: Electronics Sector EPR Regulations		
09:30 - 10:00	Brief <i>opening remarks</i> to day three of the workshop, introduction to the committee and the facilitators, and overview of the objective of day three of the workshop.	Ministry of ICT & National Guidance.
10:00 - 10:30	<i>Presentation</i> of a proposed e-waste management system in Uganda based on the environmental policy principle of extended producer responsibility, with direct reference to proposed roles and responsibilities of a core set of actors, based on the requirements of the overarching existing policy and regulatory framework and the inputs provided by participants during day one of the workshop.	Garam Bel.
Coffee Break		
10:30 - 12:00	<i>Discussion</i> among participants in response to the proposed e-waste management system in Uganda based on the environmental policy principle of extended producer responsibility, in particular with a focus again on the roles and responsibilities.	All Participants (Facilitated by James Mulolo).
Lunch		
14:00 - 15:30	<i>Breakout group session</i> to explore participants' opinions, interests and perspectives in response to the following core elements of extended producer responsibility (system nature, product scope, type of producer responsibility, cost coverage, producer registration), which will eventually build the articles of the regulation.	All Participants (Facilitated by James Mulolo and Garam Bel).
Coffee Break		
16:00 - 16:30	Brief <i>closing remarks</i> for day two of the workshop, summarising the approach taken to gather inputs on the proposed extended producer responsibility system and outlining the next steps to further formulate the system design and eventually prepare the skeleton of the proposed electronics EPR regulation.	Christine Sund.