



WOMEN AND E- WASTE IN KENYA

Soldiers of Ill fortunes



ABOUT EMERGING LEADERS FOUNDATION

ELF is a Nongovernmental organisation headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya founded in 2010

Vision:

A sustainable society where the needs of humans reconcile with those of the others that share the planet

Mission:

To link research to policy formulation and development planning that promotes achievement of sustainable development goals thus improve human well being, social equity and environmental sustainability

Situation in Kenya

- Electronic waste processing has become a priority in Kenya as it strives to become the "silicon savannah" of Africa, despite the health risks
- An estimated 600 people climb the municipal dump site every day in search for sellable items. The scavengers consist mostly of women, old men and children.
- Some of the women have worked on the dumpsite for over 10 years exposing them to long term health risks.
- Kenya's informal market manages most of the local and international e-waste, estimated at more than 37 000 tonnes a year. Without registration, authorization or adequate skills, informal recyclers recover scrap metals and burn or dispose of the remaining parts. This exposes them to more health risks
- Chemical exposure to e-waste is associated with cancer, cardiovascular disease, fetal loss, neurobehavioural disturbances and genotoxicity

Legal and Regulatory Framework

- The E-waste guidelines published by NEMA in 2011 provides procedures for collecting, transporting and treatment of e-waste
- Kenya has developed a proposed Environmental Management and Co-ordination of E-Waste Regulation currently pending in parliament for approval
- The law demands all producers to register with the e-waste registry and disclose all their equipment entering the local market
- The law also requires producers of electric and electronic equipment to set aside money for treatment of the equipment at end of life and also register with a recycling facility
- The legal framework provides opportunity for business development as entrepreneurs can set up collection and treatment facilities that are properly monitored to health and safety

2nd Pan Africa e-waste Forum

- Will take place in Nairobi, **04-06 November 2015** at UNEP headquarters
- Provide an opportunity for networking and sharing of experiences on the progress of implementation of Bamako and Nairobi declarations as well as “call for action on e-waste in Africa , set of priority actions ”
- The envisaged target group will comprise policymakers, manufacturers, government officials, academia, investors, and international organizations as well as SMEs and informal sector from Africa (mostly recyclers & refurbishes’)
- Forum will have Plenary sessions, panel discussions, working groups and exhibitions
- Opportunities available for financing, sponsorships and in-kind support



Thank you

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