

# Building E-waste Management Systems

*Developing and Implementing E-waste Policy and Regulation for a Circular Economy*

**Date:** Monday 6th July 2026

**Time:** 14:00 - 16:45 (CEST)

**Venue:** Room H2, ITU Montbrillant Building

**In-Person Registration:** <http://www.itu.int/go/0ROR>

**Online Registration:** <http://itu.int/go/R1QV>

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# Background

The session comes at the time of the closure of a project implemented by ITU and financially supported by the Communications, Space & Technology Commission (CST) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The project ran between July 2023 and July 2026, with the objective to provide the beneficiary countries (Rwanda, Zambia and Paraguay) with the tools and steps underpinning the system requirements for the management of e-waste in a circular economy.

Representatives from the three beneficiary countries, plus from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, will provide their perspectives on the regulation of e-waste and the need for government and industry collaboration.



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# Why build e-waste management systems?

62 million tonnes of e-waste is generated annually, with less one quarter of this formally collected and recycled.

The estimated economic value of the annual generation of e-waste is 91 billion USD. If managed poorly, e-waste can impact human health and the environment.

40% of countries have an e-waste legislation in place, however few have the means to implement these.



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# Programme

**Objective:** A call to action for policymakers and industry to work together to develop e-waste policy and regulation for a circular economy.

Session	Duration	Description
Opening	14:00 – 14:30	CST opening remarks. ITU opening remarks. Project video.
Saudi Perspective	14:30 – 15:05	Perspectives by <u>CST</u> on tackling e-waste in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, including the Recycle Your Device efforts by <u>CST</u> .
Rwandan Perspective		Perspectives from <u>RURA</u> on the collaboration between policymakers and importers of electronics to tackle e-waste in Rwanda. Open discussion with questions and answers session engaging the physical audience through discussion and Zoom chat questions online.
Refreshment Break	15:05 – 15:15	
Panel Discussion	15:15 – 15:55	Exchange among panelists (no presentations) and interaction with the audience on the importance of building a collaborative relationship between policymakers and industry to transition to a circular economy for electronics at the national level. Moderated by <u>CST</u> . Panelists: <u>Lenovo</u> , <u>GEC</u> , <u>UPU</u> and <u>BRS</u> .
Paraguayan Perspective	15:55 – 16:35	Perspectives from <u>CONATEL</u> on the drafting of regulations to tackle e-waste and the estimated costs of managing e-waste in Paraguay.
Zambian Perspective		Perspectives from <u>ZICTA</u> on the potential role of ICT dealers and mobile network operators and the estimated costs of managing e-waste in Zambia. Open discussion with questions and answers session engaging the physical audience through discussion and Zoom chat questions online.
Closing Call to Action	16:35 – 16:45	Closing remarks by <u>CST</u> with a call to action to regulators to tackle the growing e-waste challenge.

Online programme at <https://shorturl.at/D3Wtb>



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