

4th Technical Working Group meeting on e-waste reduction in displacement settings: 23rd February 2022

Main topic: GOGLA update on toolkit and their e-waste blueprints

1. Introduction round

Everyone is introducing her-/himself

Participants from GIZ, UNHCR, GPA/Unitar, WFP, NORCAP, MSF, Mercy Corps, Energypedia, GOGLA

2. Agenda

- Round of introductions
- Change from Working Group to Humanitarian E-Waste Network
- Introducing mailing list
- Q&A regarding mailing list
- GOGLA update on toolkit and e-waste blueprints
- Q&A session and discussion

3. Changes from Working Group to Humanitarian E-Waste Network

- Due to the growing interest of the stakeholders in this topic, the working group was renamed into Humanitarian E-Waste Network (HEWN) in January 2022
- It is a platform for UN organisations, international organisations, NGOs and others operating in the humanitarian space to combine efforts and advocate for responsible Energy Access and E-Waste Management in and around refugee settlements

4. Mailing list

- All communications will be through a new mailing list
- Everybody in this meeting who received an invitation will be put on the list and get an email with a confirmation link
- Alternatively the registration/subscription can be done by sending a plain email (without subject) to <mailto:list-join@e-waste-network.net> or accessing the following link https://ml-cgn12.ispgateway.de/mailman/listinfo/list_e-waste-network.net
- Communication between network members shall be done through the mailing list by sending a mail to list@e-waste-network.net. Everyone subscribed to the mailing list receives mails sent to this address.

5. Q&A Session regarding mailing list

- No questions regarding the HEWN or mailing list

6. GOGLA gives an overview of E-Waste and Circularity

- GOGLA is the voice of the off-grid solar industry with more than 200 members
- GOGLA circularity working group looks at building a sustainable and circular sector
- Challenges within the OGS e-waste management range from low volume to high costs to weak supply chains
- There are 3 main focus areas in the GOGLA Circularity Programme:
 1. Knowledge and Insights
 2. Circularity WG
 3. Tools & Guidance
- GOGLA advocates for effective e-waste legislation but industry self-regulation remains important in many countries

- Introduction in GOGLA E-waste Toolkit
 - its objective is to identify and share best practise and develop resources to support companies to establish circular models
- There is also the Circularity Toolkit with E-waste Blueprints – this project will define a suite of business blueprints to help companies activate and improve e-waste-management practises
- At the end the Kenya Solar Waste Collective is briefly presented
- KSWC aims to make it easier and cheaper for off-grid solar companies to manage e-waste

7. Q&A session and discussion based on GOGLA input

- Local recycling: Where are they and on which level/ standard do they recycle? Recycling facilities in Kenya, Rwanda and Nigeria
- Transboundary transport of e-waste: not any guidance right now
- Comment: The Circularity Toolkit with E-waste Blueprints maybe useful for humanitarian organizations. Useful for distribution partners.
- Does GOGLA support private sector in setting up EPR or rather support private sector in fulfilling EPR requirements? Generally, all cooperation partner apply principles of EPR and GOGLA supports partners in maintaining this
- Annotation: EPR style regulations, resource and funding for recycling themes in the country

8. Moving forward

Possible next topic:

- Lead acid battery recycling
- E-waste avoiding procurement guidelines
- **Take-back schemes (incl. RBFs) and incentives for repair/recycling**