Promoting sustainable e-waste management systems in developing countries

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Background to e-waste (1)

 Current regulatory loopholes that allow exports of "used" EEE & WEEE from developed to developing countries



 At the same time, e-waste is growing in developing countries: by 2030, they will discard 400-700 million obsolete PCs/year compared to 200-300 million in developed countries

Background to e-waste (2)

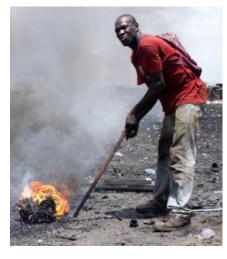
- **Urban mining**: 40-800 times more gold in 1t of Printed Wiring Boards (PWB) than in 1t of ore
- But it also yields <u>hazardous substances</u>: POPs, Ba, Cd, Pb, Hg, Cr, Pd, etc.
- Products of main concern: Cathode Ray Tubes, flat screens, batteries,
 CFCs in refrigerators, Hg in lamps





Background to e-waste (3)

- <u>Poor / illegal "recycling"</u> of e-waste and <u>"cherry-picking"</u> of valuable fraction
- Few recycling options for critical fractions
 - Only 5 smelters globally can treat PWB according to international standards
 - Treatment of CRT glass, Hg-lamps, contaminated plastics,...





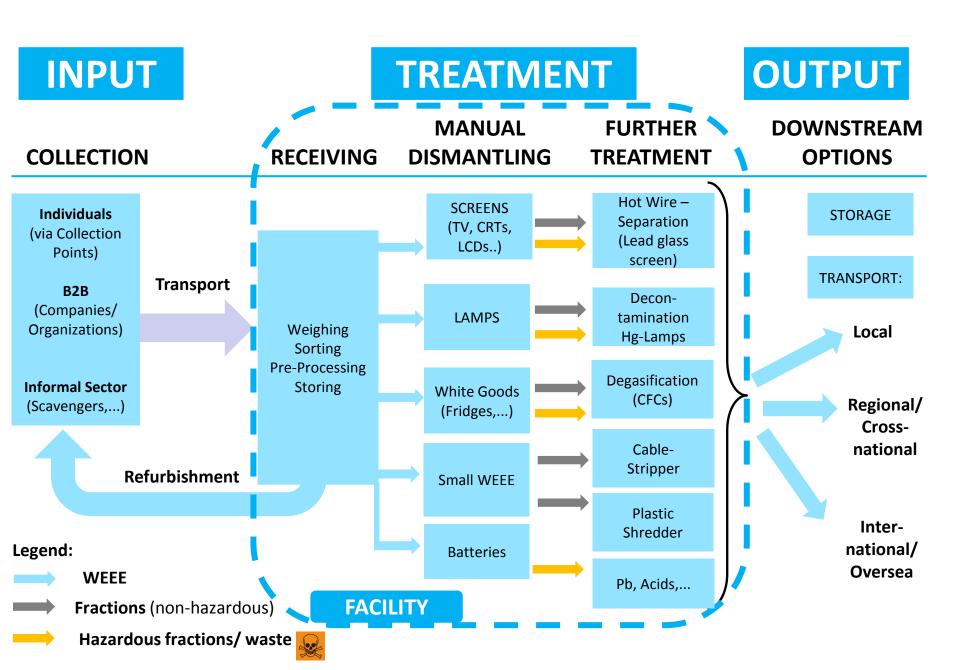
General UNIDO E-Waste concept

Help build and consolidate local capacities to promote sustainable e-waste recycling industries, to efficiently recover marketable resources, while generating quality jobs and caring about the environment and health.



- Support green industries that safeguard the environment and create quality jobs
- Promote partnerships for knowledge exchange and technology transfer
- Help countries develop their e-waste management systems and strategies based on the whole recycling chains and life-cycle
- Enhance North-South, South-South, and triangular cooperation and knowledge sharing

Process of E-Waste Flows



Key elements of UNIDO's approach

- 1. Detailed inventory of existing volumes and ongoing initiatives
- 2. Design of collection and processing schemes
- 3. Set-up / scale-up of national e-waste treatment options, including the establishment of sustainable business models
- 4. Connection to downstream markets at national, regional or international level, in accordance with international conventions, e.g. Basel Convention
- 5. Policy and legislation development or enhancement, including collection strategies and financing mechanisms
- 6. Capacity building, training and awareness-raising











Inventory

Initial inventories to get an overview of:

- Existing policies and ongoing initiatives
- Financing mechanisms and stakeholder networks
- Collection, treatment and downmarket schemes
- Units in stock, current and future e-waste flows- e.g. volumes:



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