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Foreword

As per the Local Self-Governance Act, the municipalities of Nepal have been conducting the Solid Waste Management (SWM) activities within their jurisdiction which are so far limited to street sweeping, waste collection, transportation and final disposal. For effective and sustainable SWM, however, the activities related to 3R (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) along with proper treatment of the waste are required for ensuring the decent sanitary conditions of the people and environment as a whole.

Owing to the rapid growth of population and unplanned urbanization, SWM has emerged as a serious environmental issue for local bodies. To confront with this problem, high priority should be accorded to SWM activities. In this connection, Ministry of Local Development (MLD) has already submitted a new legislation on SWM to the Parliament. Furthermore, MLD has been encouraging the municipalities to implement SWM activities, particularly for developing the landfill sites by providing substantial amount of assistance through the Local Development fund called "Reserve Fund" being operated under MLD.

In this regard, it is hoped that the Solid Waste Management Technical Guideline for Municipalities of Nepal, prepared by SWMRMC with the support of UN-HABITAT, will be helpful for municipal staffs and other concerned organizations to understand the basics of SWM system and implement it into their working fields as far as practicable within local conditions. This Guideline will help the concerned institutions perform their task effectively for the betterment of the people and the beautification of the city.

My sincere gratitude goes to the UN-HABITAT for supporting to develop this Guideline. MLD also looks forward to receiving similar support from UN-HABITAT in the future.

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Foreword

Solid waste generation and management is closely related to human living that has followed humanity through its various phases of development. Solid Waste Management (SWM) is one of the high priority service sectors of local governments especially in urban areas of Nepal. The task is continuously growing as extensively heavier and costlier every year in all towns and municipalities due to uncontrolled urbanization, desegregated wastes, social political conflicts and lack of sound waste management laws, policies and practices.

The policy of decentralizing solid waste management authority and service delivery responsibility to the local bodies has been institutionalized through the Local Self Governance Act (LSGA) 2055. Under the Act, municipalities are responsible for collection, transportation and final disposal of solid waste within their territory.

In response to LSGA, municipalities have been conducting SWM activities like street sweeping and collection and final disposal of wastes in dumping and landfill sites. However, due to the lack of policy guideline and inadequate financial, technical and human resources, scientific sustainable and environmentally friendly utilization of waste involving appropriate and technologies is still a far cry. Hence, it has become highly essential to make proper policy guidelines and build municipal capacity for effective and sustainable solid waste management.

In order to provide basic and advanced solid waste management services to the public and also to save environment from degradation, waste management services provided by municipalities required simple and effective legislation and guidelines as well as enforcement mechanism. The policy and legislation should clearly identify the responsibilities of the concerned stakeholders including the government organizations, municipalities and communities and as well the private sector etc.

It is in this context that Solid Waste Management and Resource Mobilization Center is publishing the 'Solid Waste Management Technical Guideline for Municipalities of Nepal'. I believe that this Guideline will be helpful for the municipal staff and other stakeholders in dealing with solid waste management activities.

The Guideline is prepared with the technical support of UN-HABITAT and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to them for their cooperation, hoping that such kind of cooperation will continue in the future also.

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Foreword

With the rapid urbanization in the world, Solid Waste Management has emerged as one of the major challenges of urban authorities of developing countries. Solid Waste Management is one of the core responsibilities of urban authorities. However, the challenge is triggered more due to the rapidly increasing volume of waste, insufficient availability of resources, expertise, and management mechanisms leading towards threatening the health of urbanites and urban environmental pollution. Municipalities of Nepal is also encountering the same challenges in regards of Solid Waste Management.

Although, few municipalities have developed innovative approaches to manage waste through effective participation of Local Communities and Private Sector but the challenge is to guide municipalities for effective and sustainable management of generated solid waste in environmentally friendly manner.

There are various national policies that have mandated municipalities for managing solid waste but no technical guidance in this field is reflected. Thus, in partnership with Ministry of Local Development / Solid Waste Management and Resource Mobilization Center "Solid Waste Management Technical Guidelines for Municipalities of Nepal" has been developed to provide basic guidance on general principles for managing urban Solid Waste.

In this regard, I believe that this technical guideline on municipal solid waste management will assist the policy makers and especially municipalities of Nepal to practise appropriate solid waste management system promoting local technologies. I also believe that this guideline serves as a valuable reference to the municipalities of Nepal that reflects practical steps for planning and implementing integrated solid waste management more effectively and efficiently.

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Abbreviations

BCC	Behaviour Change Communication
BOD	Biochemical Oxygen Demand
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism
COD	Chemical Oxygen Demand
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EM	Effective Microorganisms
HDPE	High Density Polyethylene
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
IEE	Initial Environmental Examination
ISWM	Integrated Solid Waste Management
LDPE	Low Density Polyethylene
PE	Polyethylene
PET	Polyethylene Teraphthalate
PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride
MLD	Ministry of Local Development
MSW	Municipal Solid Waste
NGO	Non Government Organization
NPC	National Planning Commission
SWM	Solid Waste Management
SWMRMC	Solid Waste Management and Resource Mobilization Centre
SWOT	Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats
TNA	Training Needs Assessment

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