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The purpose of the UNIDO project is to provide stakeholders in and beyond Kenya with an overview of available options matching with local contexts and needs so that they could take necessary actions to reduce plastic waste leaking to the environment in their country. The country study in Kenya collected information on current legal, policy and institutional framework in relations to the plastic value chain including production of alternative materials and single use plastics, distribution, and waste management including available treatment paths.

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List of abbreviations

DKS Draft Kenya Standard DRS Deposit-Refund System EA **Environmental Audits EAC** East Africa Community

EIAs Environmental Impact Assessments

ELC Environmental Law Court

EMCA Environmental Management and Co-ordination Act

EPR Extended Producer Responsibility

EPS Expanded Polystyrene HDPE High Density Polyethylene

JICA Japan International Cooperation Agency **KAM** Kenya Association of Manufacturers Kenya Association of Waste Recyclers **KAWR**

KEBS Kenya Bureau of Standards

Kenya Extended Producer Responsibility Initiative **KEPRI**

KEPRO Kenya Extended Producer Organization **KNBS** Kenya National Bureau of Statistics

KPAP Kenya Plastic Action Plan **LDPE** Low Density Polyethylene

NEMA National Environment Management Authority

PES Payment for Ecosystem Services **PET** Polyethylene Terephthalate **PETCO** Kenya PET Recycling Company

PP Polypropylene

PRO Producer Responsibility Organization

PS Polystyrene **PVC**

Polyvinylchloride

SAC Standards Approval Committee

SEAs Strategic Environmental Assessments

SPC Standards Projects Committee **SWM** Solid Waste Management TC **Technical Committee**

UN Habitat United Nations Human Settlement Programme

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Waste from electric and electronic appliances WEEE

WG **Working Group**

WMCA Wildlife Management and Conservation Act



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