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An opportunity for local governments: the 1% waste initiative

This initiative was given great plausibility when the May 2005 Ordinance on Local Government (Ordinance N05-18) was introduced. The Ordinance N05-18 sets out the principles for the implementation of the 1% waste initiative. This Ordinance also highlights the need for action with respect to waste management, a major environmental issue which affects the daily lives of our fellow citizens.

10 years after the implementation of the 2005 Ordinance, the 1% waste initiative is particularly welcome in the context of today’s waste management, including those of international partnerships. It therefore urges local governments to mobilize in support of the 1% waste initiative and to explore new means to promote the development of waste management as a tool for local governments to improve their living conditions, and, more especially, to raise their awareness of the need for action on sustainable development.

The 1% waste initiative is a crucial lever for development in Southern countries

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Cooperation and Development for managing the Urban Hygiene Service and staff

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For further information:

To consult decentralized cooperation projects in the world and in France:
- French Atlas of Decentralized Cooperation (www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fi), in French
- Platform for the Atlas (www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/Atlas/), in French

To find out about best practices in waste management in developing countries:
- Platform for the Atlas (www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/Atlas/), in French
- AFD (www.afd.fr/lang/en/home/index.html), in French
- Veolia Foundation, GDF SUEZ Foundation, etc.
- Compostri, with EU financing, in partnership with Southern local governments in a two-pronged strategy for improving climate-quality of life and addressing the challenge of adaptation to climate change.

To consult the « 1% waste » initiative: Programme Solidarité Eau (pS-Eau) (www.pseau.org), in French

Publications:
- Étude PPS pour le projet de service communautaire en eau inhabituel de la république centrafricaine, in French, by AFD, in partnership with decentralised cooperation and intercommunal cooperation (study on the implementation of the 1% waste initiative, in French), BASIC. March 2014. (www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fi/IMG/pdf/BASIC_Stage_Dechets_Rapport_Final_4ed14df0c.pdf)
- Vélinémue cooperation décentralisée et inter communautaire, in French, by AFD, in partnership with decentralised cooperation and intercommunal cooperation (study on the implementation of the 1% waste initiative, in French), BASIC. May 2012
- Vélinémue déchets en place du dispositif 1% déchets, in French, by AFD, in partnership with the Decentralized Cooperation Committee of the National Commission on Decentralized Cooperation (CNCD). May 2012.

Local government partners to support your projects. The main stakeholders include:

Institutional partners:
- The Delegation for the External Action of Local Government (DAECT) at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development (www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/action-exterieure-des), in French
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development (www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/politique-etrangere-de-la-france/action-exterieure-des), in French
- French Development Agency (AFD) (www.ademe.fr/en)
- ADEME (www.ademe.fr)

French public actors:
- Cité Unies France (www.cites-unies-france.org) in French
- International Association of Francophone Mayors, AIFM (www.aimf.asso.fr), in French
- Agency for sustainable development (French Development Agency, AFD) (www.ademe.fr/en)
- ADEME (www.ademe.fr)

Foundations:
- Clinton Foundation, Veolia Foundation, GDF SUEZ Foundation, etc.

European Union (ec.europa.eu/europeaid)
- Enda (www.enda-europe.org), in French
- International Association of Francophone Mayors, AIFM (www.aimf.asso.fr)
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