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EXPERIENCES ON PROGRESS OF WORK IN PILOT COUNTRIES

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Background



1. January 2018 participated in the first meeting of experts in the field of waste held in Geneva, Switzerland.
2. Objective: The development of the methodology for indicators of sustainable development (ODS), 11.6.1, 12.4.2 and 12.5.1.
3. It was proposed that Costa Rica was part of the countries in the pilot Plan.
4. "Small-scale financing agreement" was signed in August 2018.
 - Two workshops nationwide
 - To hire a consultant to identify and develop the statistics using the ODS



National workshop of statistics of residues No. 1 (19th to 21st November, 2018)



1. Objectives:

- Introduce and publicize the methodologies defined in the first meeting of experts.
- Carry out a national survey of waste, to assess the application of the methodologies.
- Rating methodologies proposed for each of the indicators
- Identify national priorities, as well as the strengths and weaknesses.
- Make recommendations.



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1. **November 19, 2018:** meeting with authorities of the Ministry of health, National Institute of statistics and census (INEC), and municipalities.
2. **20 and 21 November 2018:** related work with stakeholders on the issue of waste (municipalities, Ministry of environment and energy (DIGECA, environmental auditor), external consultants, managers of INEC, waste, food Chamber, Ministry of health (, Ministry of agriculture and livestock, among others)



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3. Work in two groups:

Group No. 1: indicator 11.6.1 (municipal solid waste) and 12.3.1 (food residues).

Group 2: Indicator 12.4.2 (generation capita of hazardous waste and amount of waste treated, by type of treatment). 12.5.1 indicator (rate of recycling national nationally)



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4. Conclusions:

- Although there are sources of data, media information (reports of generators and managers), this information is segregated, not consolidated and systematized. In addition, gaps in the information.
- There is the will to report data to a second level when it comes to food waste.
- While the Government recognizes the importance and usefulness of striving for a full report at level 3, this would be one major challenge and would require strong coordination within the Government, as well as greater participation and openness in the private sector.

5. Final decision:

In response to the first conclusion and the importance of having a line basis at the national level, it was decided that the application of the indicators of ODS project focuses **on indicator 12.4.2: hazardous waste generated per capita and proportion of waste treated by type of treatment.**



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4. It's important:

- There aren't no specialized hazardous waste landfills in Costa Rica
- According to our law, producers must give the information about hazardous waste generation each 6 months.
- We're creating an information system called SINIGIR to get easily the information.
- The most of the hazardous waste is coprocessing in cement kilns and exported.



CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT

- Meets a consultant hired for the project of "Diagnostics and inventory of hazardous wastes in Costa Rica to meet sustainable development goals (SDGS)"
- Professional name: Eng. Kathia Elizondo Orozco, chemical engineer.
- Term of contract: five months.
- Aim of project: The goal of this consultancy is a report with the diagnostic and national inventory of hazardous waste to comply with the objectives of sustainable development (ODS) in Costa Rica report will serve as a baseline for decision of political and technical decisions.

Thank you

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