

Nairobi, 16 September 2021

Dear Let's Do It World Network,

**RE: Call to Action for Proper Solid Waste Management**

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1. I extend warm greetings to the Let's do it World Network from the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), with its headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, and write with reference to the above captioned matter.
2. Taking note that mismanaged waste is one of the major challenges of our times with over 2 billion people having no waste collection services and 3 billion people lacking access to controlled waste disposal facilities resulting in solid waste in all its forms that enters our environment, polluting land and water bodies, invariably negatively affecting public health. As such, the global waste crisis requires our collective attention and action. Therefore, the situation can only be addressed by improving solid waste management systems, increasing awareness and promoting socially and environmentally responsible behaviour at an unprecedented global scale.
3. In light of the above, during World Habitat Day 2018, UN-Habitat launched the "Waste Wise Cities" initiative with the aim of drawing together cities in their efforts to tackle the issue of waste management. Currently, the network includes over 200 cities across the globe as well as 50 reputed organisations who have joined the initiative as affiliates.
4. Let's Do It World has been a member of the Waste Wise Cities Advisory Group since 2019. It leads the World Cleanup Day, which brings together millions of people across the world to dedicate one day to clean up the planet and has engaged over 180 countries and millions of volunteers around the globe, making a vital contribution to awareness raising and behaviour change across the globe.
5. It is worthy of note that UN-Habitat has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Let's Do It World, agreeing to collaborate to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially focused on the topic of solid waste management including by sharing information and knowledge within their networks, and by supporting the implementation of waste management initiatives aligned with national urban policies and programmes.

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6. In view of the foregoing, UN-Habitat wishes to use this opportunity to invite cities and citizens to contribute to the campaigns and initiatives that will take place around the world in the upcoming World Cleanup Day. In this regard, UN-Habitat also encourages the Let's do it Network to contribute to Urban October. Kindly share your events with UN-Habitat through the [Urban October website](#).

7. Nothing in this Letter shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, including UN-Habitat.

Yours sincerely,



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