

KIWAN SACCO: A good practice in

Waste actors federation

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Introduction

- Kisumu Waste Actors Network (KIWAN) SACCO started in April 2017
 - Member platform for sharing ideas
 - Comradeship for advocacy
 - Mobilise resources for member capacity growth
 - Make Kisumu clean through material recovery and clean ups
 - Coordination of the sector
- 52 members
 - Waste transport
 - Recyclable traders (scrap metal, paper , plastics)
 - Waste art
 - Dump site

Confederation history

- Many attempts at confederation with mixed results
 - Green Towns–too early?- no local responsibility
 - Kisumu CORE – clique control – no local investment
 - Clean Up Kisumu- donor driven, clique control
 - Neighborhood waste management- groups to enterprises- BAMATO, Gasia Poa, Kibuye WM CBO
 - KIWAMA – project led- infiltration by non waste actors
 - KICOMOG- CGK support for monthly clean ups
 - KIPWA- select private waste collectors project- slow implementation

Confederation challenges

- Meetings by JOOUST – April 2016
- Governance challenges
 - Poor communication- cliques controlling information
 - Lack of transparency and accountability –
 - loss of members benefits
 - Mistrust amongst members
 - Formations did not have clear objectives
 - Unsynchronised expectations
 - Timelines
 - Dependency on donors –hand outs for the activities
- Political interests overriding sectoral interests
 - Infiltration by non waste actor who outvote genuine actors
- Weak enforcement mechanisms



KIWAN solution to the challenges

- Membership criteria
 - Waste actor
 - Doing waste business
 - Your own contributions
- Clear rules and Enforcement
 - SACCO registration by laws
 - Delegation of duties
- Membership driven
- Communication
- Clear linkages with partners
 - County government of Kisumu and NEMA
 - JOOUST



Achievements

- Legal entity
- Bridged gap between members - profiles, regular activities
- Members given priority during trading
 - Private waste collector prioritise sale to member waste dealer. - ensures flow of clean material – less material loss
- Partnership with the county government of Kisumu
 - Consultative meetings with Minister and CM
 - Lead stakeholder participation in waste management under KUP
 - Some member groupings awarded contracts
 - Working relationship with NEMA
 - Participation in the national policy stakeholder workshop on plastic (UN Environment)
- Partnership with research institutions
 - JOOUST
 - Recycling network conference



Plans

- Modernise the waste sector
 - Set up a waste park along the KIPWA model for a one stop material recovery and recycling system
 - Increase member income
- Help members meet regulation requirements
- Pursue a clear legal framework for engaging CGK
 - Business and space
- Contribute to a clean and prosperous Kisumu
- Seek partnerships and experiences from all over the world

Conclusion

- Success brings
attracts all sort of
proposals
- “Wan Kanyakla,
wadongo Kiwan”
(We are one in building
ourselves, our way)

