

WORKSHOP ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT - 13TH FEBRUARY 2008

NAME OF THE ORGANISATION

Mega Cities Association

VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP

Bangalore

TOTAL NO. OF PARTICIPANTS

100

PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palika, Municipal Corporation of Chennai, Urban Management Centre, USAID, UDD, Govt. of Karnataka, Officials from BBMP, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Bangalore, City Managers Association - Karnataka, Orissa and Gujarat, City Managers Association – Phoenix, KUIDFC, Bangalore, EMPRI, IDECK, Media.



A Workshop on Solid Waste Management was organised by MCA in association with Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palika (BBMP) in Bangalore on 13th of February 2008. The Workshop was attended by **Dr.S.Subramanya, IAS, Secretary, MCA and Municipal Commissioner, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palika (BBMP)**, Mr. Krishna Kumar, IAS, Advisor to Governor, Govt. of Karnataka, Mr. Dilip Rao, Administrator, BBMP, Mr. Lee Baker, USAID, Chief of party, Mr. N. Bhattacharjee, Urban Team Leader, USAID, Mr. Subhash Chandra, Patron MCA & Secretary, UDD, GoK, Mr. Alapan Bandyopadhyay, Joint Secretary, MCA and Municipal Commissioner, KMC, the other respective Commissioners, delegates of ICMA, representatives of BBMP and media people.

Issues related to Solid Waste Management starting from collection, transportation and disposal were discussed. The participants learned from the unique initiatives of BBMP of using plastic waste for road construction, use of GIS in collection vehicles in Delhi and successful engagement of rag pickers in collection of solid waste thus leading to income generation. The need to bring in public private partnership within SWM and include the participation of citizens were discussed. Focus of the Workshop was on use of different technologies, methods of disposal, adoption of energy efficiency methods. It was pointed out that various State Govt. are taking proactive role in following the Supreme Court order on SWM and complementary arrangements have been done by the State in this regard. During the last 10 years some major improvements have taken place in Acts, rules and regulation and legal frameworks related to SWM. Inadequate citizen interface is the missing link in the whole issue of SWM. Though the mega cities have given priority to PPP initiatives in SWM there is a need to introduce ward level or locality level participation in handling the SWM. In Bangalore City the Residential Welfare Associations (RWAs) are involved in few wards where citizen leaders are frontrunners in SWM, but these are restricted to few wards only. Citizen interface was stressed upon for SWM sustainable.