

PRESS RELEASE

“Proper Waste Management Is Essential to Reverse Climate Change, Warns ISWA In Global Declaration signed by institutions in more than 40 countries”

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The International Solid Waste Association, on behalf of its members and on the occasion of the ISWA General Assembly 2021, has issued a *Declaration on Climate Change and the Waste Resource Management Sector*. The declaration highlights the substantial Impact that the waste management sector can have towards achieving a greener, more sustainable planet and the practical measures needed to get there.



ISWA's President, Carlos Silva Filho, holds the Declaration on Climate Change at the 2021 ISWA General Assembly in Athens.

The General Assembly, consisting of national waste management association representatives from 46 countries across the world, approved the joint declaration at the end of their meeting on Sunday. "This is seen as an important step in not only recognizing the vital role of the industry in combatting Climate Change, but also in committing to undertake the necessary initiatives that will ensure this role is fulfilled", commented Carlos Silva Filho.

ISWA, through its General Assembly, Board, Working Groups and General Secretariat, commits to work closely with international agencies as well as cities and municipalities to promote the development of proper waste and resource management strategies. ISWA further commits to producing case studies on and taking targeted actions towards tackling greenhouse gas emissions, while increasing



awareness and extending the access to waste management systems across the globe to support the transition to a circular economy.

Consistent waste and resource management solutions, when fully applied, can play a significant role towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions. ISWA estimates that waste prevention, recycling and energy recovery could each contribute a further 5-10% reduction, giving a total mitigation potential from the waste and resources sector of around 20% of global GHG emissions. The Declaration will be presented at the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in November 2021 as an appeal to all global industry stakeholders to play their part.

The International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) is an extensive network of waste professionals and experts from around the world, with a mission to promote and develop sustainable and professional waste management across the globe, while playing a part in the transition to a circular economy. With members from numerous countries and industry representatives involved at all levels of the organisation, ISWA has positioned itself as the largest global network of waste management professionals with the collective commitment to continuously improve methods and awareness within the industry and beyond. In rethinking waste management, ISWA and its members actively contribute to the research and implementation of efficient and sustainable waste management solutions.

About ISWA - International Solid Waste Association

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