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Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing

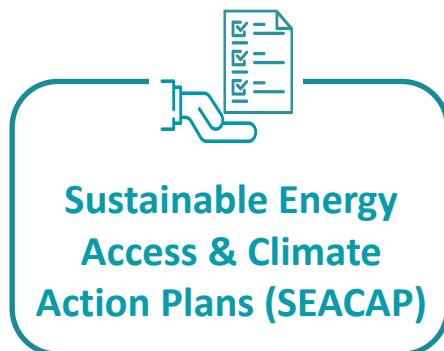
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CoM SSA is an initiative of cities & sub-national governments committed to climate and energy action. Cities make a voluntary political commitment to join the initiative.

- African regional chapter of the **Global Covenant of Mayors network of 11,000+ cities**
- **300+ local administrations** in sub-Saharan Africa are signatories
- Ambitious climate change **commitments**, and **sharing best practices** at city level
- CoM SSA is committed to the **Paris Climate Agreement** and contributes to the UN's **Sustainable Development Goals**, mainly **SDG 11, 7, and 13**.



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# Climate planning and project development



# City partnerships, dialogues and trainings



# Capacity Building



Many Sub-Saharan African Cities, especially secondary cities, have **little experience with external funding and infrastructure development**. Capacity gaps are therefore addressed through various approaches:



## **Trainings & coaching:**

- basic training (virtual and in-person) on “Climate Finance and Project Development”,
- specific sector trainings targeting prioritized projects in a given city
- coaching on specific topics of project development and advocacy



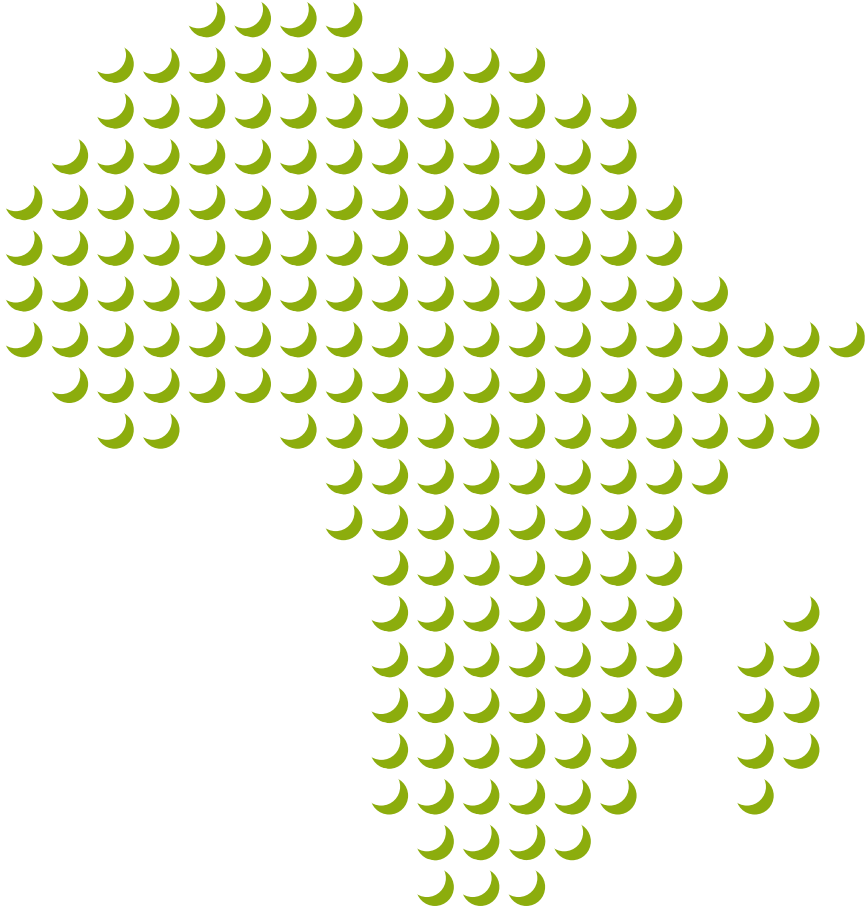
## **People & organizations:**

- trainings are adapted to different target groups (e.g. political or technical level, wider stakeholder groups)



**Spotlight on:**

**Capacity Building in  
Waste Management**



# Waste Management Trainings for Local Governments (LGs): Why?

An essential service for LGs...

- **High priority:** Nearly 50% of CoM SSA project proposals
- Up to **30-50% operational annual budget** of some LGs in SSA



... and yet, developing effective SWM projects is a challenge

- Unstructured sector and stakeholder roles
  - Lack of waste audits to identify appropriate tech & business models
  - Lack of budgets and funding sources
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- ***Gap in capacities and institutional structures at the local level***



# Waste Management Trainings for Cities: Approach

- Collaboration with **UNHabitat Waste Wise Cities** - expertise on waste data collection and project development
- **Aim:** Increase awareness and capacities on waste management in the context of COVID-19 recovery

## Approach

- **Tailored to needs:** Detailed capacity needs assessment & workshop prior to training
- **Encourage exchange:** Between cities for peer experience sharing
- **Practical and hands-on:** Group exercises and sessions
- **Diverse inputs:** Cities, SWM experts, development partner, national govt

2 countries: Kenya (7 counties) & Burkina Faso (deep-dive Bobo Dioulasso)



# Waste Management Trainings for Cities: Topics Covered

- **DAY 1: Planning for Municipal Solid Waste Management**
  - Data collection (using Waste Wise Cities Tool)
  - Using data for SWM plan and project development
  - Exchange of experiences
- **DAY 2: National solid waste management policies and financing SWM**
  - Applicable national frameworks for SWM at local level
  - Finance principles, models and possibilities for SWM actions
  - Workshops and exchange from national level
- **DAY 3: Developing “bankable” projects**
  - Concept note development
  - Feedback from financing institution (JICA) and experts





# On-the-job / Hands-on trainings



**Embu County:** Developing an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan

- **Consultative and stakeholder-driven** process
- Comprehensive situation analysis incl. **waste audit with County staff**

- Thematic series of **technical committee working sessions** (5) and **workshops** (3)
  - SWM Planning Roadmap
  - Physical aspects of waste flow
  - Governance
  - Financing aspects
  - Action planning
- Reviewed by ECG stakeholders



**Integrated Solid Waste  
Management Plan  
(ISWM)**



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# The Power of Participation: Embu ISWM Plan



- Technical committee formed w sub-working groups
- High stakeholder ownership & political commitment: **Waste, My Responsibility**
- Willingness to put in enabling environment, institutional structures
- Action implementation already beginning



# Capacity Building Across the CoM SSA Network



## Documenting best practices



## City-to-city exchanges



# Thank you for your attention

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