



**PSI Local and Regional Government (LRG)/Municipal Sector Workshop
for French-speaking Africa and the Arab Countries**
Hôtel Palm Plaza Hôtel & Spa, Marrakech, Maroc
26-27 September 2019

DRAFT AGENDA

26 September

9:00 *Round of introductions, followed by*

Welcome and opening

- Representatives of local Municipal Moroccan Municipal waste services unions
- Sani Baba, PSI Regional Secretary, Africa and Arab Countries
- Boubacar Bobaua, PSI Subregional Secretary for Francophone Africa
- Najwa Hanna, PSI Sub-Regional Secretary for the Arab Countries
- Daria Cibrario, PSI Policy Officer, Local and Regional Government

10.00

Meeting Objectives, Participants' Expectations

Everyone is invited to briefly set expectations for the meeting.

10.30

Coffee/Tea

11:00

1. The municipal waste sector: global and regional perspectives and challenges

- Overview: Daria, PSI

Daria will set the background of the discussion by presenting the highlights and main conclusions of the PSIRU-PSI Working paper: "Municipal Solid Waste Management Services in Africa".

- Participant contributions

Participants will be able to react to presentation and provide their comments sharing their direct knowledge, experience and policy recommendations on the topic.

Background documents:

- van Niekerk, S and Wegmann, V. "Municipal Solid Waste Management Services in Africa" PSIRU-PSI Working Paper (circulated by email) in FR and AR
- Cibrario, D. "[To ensure sustainable waste services, we must value waste workers and make sure they are in decent jobs](#)", Spotlight Report 2018 in FR and AR

12:30

Lunch

13:30

2. Working conditions and labour rights in the waste sector in French-speaking Africa and in the Arab Countries: country and city situations

Participants are invited to share their direct knowledge of the challenges and trade union experience regarding the working and labour rights conditions of municipal waste service workers in their country, possibly with a focus on specific cities. This is also a good place to tell the group about any trade union initiative your organization is involved in (campaigns, bargaining, organizing, industrial action, advocacy, training etc.) to defend the rights and improve the lives of waste workers and their families.

- Opening contributions by participants
- Debate

Background documents:

- Preparation Questionnaire (circulated to participants circulated by email) in FR and AR



15:30 *Coffee/Tea*

16:00 **3. Discussion Panel: Working conditions and labour rights in the waste sector in French-speaking Africa and in the Arab Countries: embedding human and labour rights in urban waste management systems**

Waste services feature in many international and national policy commitments, including to prevent, reduce, recycle and reuse – as well as to properly collect and discharge – urban solid waste and halve global food waste by 2030. Although the importance of effective municipal waste services is widely acknowledged, overall, waste workers endure a huge decent work deficit, high levels of precariousness and serious health risks. Many are stuck in poverty wages, cannot afford to live where they work and commute long hours daily. Inclusive national and local waste management plans can set the right framework to ensure that the employment created in waste services is decent and that the working conditions of all workers across the waste service supply chain improve.

Panel speakers:

- Participants
- Guest speakers (tbd)
- Plenary Debate

Background documents:

- PSI website [“What is in and what is not for workers in the final text of the New Urban Agenda: a trade union assessment of the outcome document of Habitat III”](#) 26 May 2016
- African Union’s [Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa](#) (1991)

17:30 *Close of the day*

19:30 *Social dinner*

27 September

9:00 **4. Informal work in municipal waste management: opportunities and challenges for a joint action towards decent work for all**

- *Opening contributions by PSI affiliates*
- *Lucia Fernandez, WIEGO (tbc)*
- *Debate*

Background documents:

- *WIEGO document tbd*

10.30 *Coffee/Tea*

11:00 **5. Fighting privatization and bringing waste services back in-house: union experiences in French-speaking Africa and the Arab Countries**

- *Introduction to waste remunicipalization (Daria)*
- *Cases from the region (participants)*
- *Other participants’ contributions*
- *Debate*

Background documents:

- TNI-PSI [“Reclaiming Public Services. How cities and citizens are turning back privatization”](#) Summary 2017 FR



12:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00	6. Growth, organizing and identification of other labour and union priorities for the waste sector by sub regions (with a city focus) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group Works• <i>Presentation group's action plans to plenary</i>
15:30	<i>Coffee/Tea</i>
16.00	Joint Union Action Plan for the French-speaking Africa and the Arab Countries in the municipal waste sector: review and adoption
17:30	<i>Closing and departures</i>

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