



**CWG**

**Collaborative Working Group on Solid Waste Management in Low- and Middle-Income Countries**

**Knowledge sharing, capacity building and policy advocacy for solid waste management that benefits the urban poor**

**FACT BOX**

Established	1995
Goal	To achieve fundamental improvements in the approach to urban solid waste management in low- and middle-income countries, through knowledge sharing, capacity building and policy advocacy
Partners	There is no formal membership. More than 200 institutions and individuals participate in CWG's activities, to varying degrees. Core Group (2004) members are from GTZ, WASTE (NL), Skat, ERM (UK).
Budget and Donors	There is no standing budget. Workshops and publications have been funded with contributions collected for the specific purpose from different sources. Among the major contributors have been SDC, the World Bank, GTZ, DGIS, DANIDA and SIDA.
Tools for Knowledge Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ International workshops on top priority thematic issues, held every 2 years</li> <li>■ Reports of these workshops, including collections of case studies</li> <li>■ The CWG website</li> <li>■ Publications with a practical emphasis (manuals, guidance packs) published by CWG members following needs addressed and jointly defined at and in between workshops</li> <li>■ Informal co-ordination between members, especially of the Core Group.</li> </ul>
Countries	Worldwide. Present Core Group members are all from Western Europe. To date, the strongest participation from developing countries has been from Asia and English-speaking Africa.

CWG core group members from:



Other members and contributors, institutional and individual, from:



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approx. 200 more – the CWG is an informal network.

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