

Follow-up and lessons learned during the visit of Mombasa County, Kenya in Västernorrland, Sweden

Sustainable consumption and waste management – towards the sustainable development goals

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Participants from the Republic of Kenya Mombasa County:

1. Mr Godfrey Nyongesa Nato – County Executive Committee Member, Department of Environment waste management and energy
2. Ms Jeophita June Mwajuma – County Chief Officer, Lands Department
3. Shebe Athuman Salim – Chairman, County Assembly committee on Environment waste management and energy
4. Ms Jane Wandia Githui – Director Budget and economic planning, department of finance and economic planning

Participants from Västernorrland County Council:

1. Märta Molin – Director, Regional development, Region Västernorrland
2. Sofia Mackin – Head of environment- and sustainability issues, Regional development, Region Västernorrland
3. Ilona Novak – Coordinator, Senior International Advisor, Region Västernorrland
4. Ali Qadiri – Coordinator of environment- and sustainability issues, Regional development, Region Västernorrland

1. Märta Molin, Director, Regional development, Region Västernorrland opened the meeting.
2. The agenda was approved by the participants

3. Follow-up and lessons learned during the study visits in Västernorrland:
 - by the representatives from Mombasa

The participants from Mombasa rated each part of the programme as highly informative and developing of knowledge about the project's designated area. The cooperation between Västernorrland and Mombasa benefits the partners both on the level of management and on the political level by raising awareness, aiming at changing attitudes and behavior through education and cross-sectoral cooperation on sustainable consumption and waste management. We have identified the common goals and the target groups but it is important to involve a broad scale of stakeholders of interest and widen the partnership in both countries to reach the goals.

- by the representatives from Västernorrland

The participants from Västernorrland rated the visit very giving. Both organizations have defined that the attitude and behavior within the organizations are the most important issues to make changes within the designated areas. We both have defined the objectives within our own organization and countries. We need to develop methods and different tools through education and cooperation. Participants from Västernorrland agree in the follow-up lessons learned from

participants from Mombasa. Participants from Region Västernorrland have realized that we have a lot to learn from each other through a long term cooperation.

Further valuable inputs are that a continuous and, if possible, higher involvement of external stakeholders in the partnership is useful. This is due to our ambitions on external collaboration, but also as other stakeholders can provide additional aspects and models concerning training and education to improve attitudes and behavior for a more sustainable consumption and waste management.

4. Next steps within the project implementation:

- Follow-up the visit in Västernorrland and dissemination of the results

Ilona Novak drew attention to the importance of follow-up and dissemination during the entire project period. She showed the article published on Region Västernorrland's website about the project and the recent visit from Mombasa. In order to anchor and disseminate the project partnership the Swedish partners have already made several presentations on different political meetings and open seminars. The participants from Mombasa confirmed to process the same sort of activities in Mombasa.

- Preparation of the study visit of Västernorrland in Mombasa

A request was shared by Region Västernorrland on the possibility of involving a segment concerning the civic society of Mombasa in creating awareness on sustainable consumption and waste management. As a prelude to a possible engagement of the civic society in this partnership, the purpose is to attain an overview of the local NGOs/NPOs current work, function and need in these matters on a grass-root level.

Ilona confirmed that the visit from Västernorrland to Mombasa will be according to the agreed dates between the partners. The four persons from Västernorrland, Per Wahlberg, Ilona Novak, Sofia Mackin and Ali Qadiri will land at Mombasa early in the morning on the 29th of November at 3.30 a.m. with the Turkish Airlines. They will leave Mombasa early in the morning on the 4th of December at 4.25 a.m. This means that the programme in Mombasa can start in the afternoon on the 29th of November and finish on the 4th of December in the early afternoon.

- Study visit in Mombasa: meetings with stakeholders, exchange of knowledge and experiences

The partners agreed that **the** programme of the study visit in Mombasa will, like in Västernorrland, focus on knowledge, experiences, conditions and stakeholders within the project area. It is essential to get the stakeholders involved in the project planning and activities as early as possible. Jane Githui, will coordinate the preparation of the visit and send the draft programme to Ilona Novak.

5. Closing the meeting

Märta Molin summarized the results of the meeting and emphasized that the Municipal Partnership between Västernorrland and Mombasa is prioritized in Region Västernorrland. Godfrey Nato confirmed that the partnership is highly valued and embraced also in Mombasa and they are looking forward to a fruitful project cooperation within the sustainable consumption and waste management-towards realizing the sustainable development goals. Märta Molin closed the meeting.