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**Reporting on intersessional meetings**  
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Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOEJ) hosted the “CSD-19 Intersessional Conference on Building Partnerships for Moving towards Zero Waste” from 16 to 18 February 2011 in Tokyo with the co-organizers, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD).

The conference was attended by approximately 180 participants including representatives of local and national governments, public waste utilities (PWUs), the private sector, academia, and NGOs, and international resource persons from 50 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America, and Oceania as well as UN organizations (UNDP, UNEP, Secretariat of Basel Convention, UN ESCAP, UNIDO, WHO), development agencies (GEF, GIZ, IDB, JICA), regional organizations (REC, SACEP, SPREP), and others.

Agenda of the conference are policies and actions for expanding waste management services of local authorities, such as capacity development, financing mechanisms, participation of the private sector, partnerships among various stakeholders and so on.

As an output of this conference, “Chair’s summary” was adopted, which is to be distributed as a background document in this IPM. Moreover, the conference unanimously endorsed the establishment of International Partnership for Expanding Waste Management Services of Local Authorities (IPLA) to be launched during CSD 19 in May.

The Mission of IPLA will be “to share knowledge, communicate across national boundaries, and work to spread best practice in order to accelerate the uptake of waste-related infrastructure and services.

The IPLA will be a knowledge network to connect all key stakeholders by Web-portals, workshops, regional and international events, training and awareness programs, piloting innovative projects, and so on.