

**ENVIRONMENTAL SECTOR COOPERATION (SSC) BETWEEN  
Kenya & Denmark,  
Annual report for 2018**



### Project description

The purpose of the SSC is to assist Kenya in meeting both the need of economic and industrial growth and of environmental protection by pursuing a green and circular economy road map, through:

- Piloting and demonstrating a conducive industry-authority collaboration, circular economy strategies and business models and regulatory operational approaches in an industrial zone in Nairobi, Ruaraka, among 35 industries and other commercial and human activities. This entails a multi-stakeholder collaboration among authorities, researchers, BMOs and the private sector. The long-term objective is to make Ruaraka a model for eco-industrial parks in Kenya and a practical example to convince the private and public sector of its advantages.
- Providing a structural multisector and stakeholder approach to the adoption of circular economy policy making and development through awareness raising and capacity building among politicians, Ministries, Counties, and other decision makers.
- To direct support for development of new policies related to industrial development and the national planning system.

The national Vision2030 targets to make Kenya an upper middle-income country by 2030. It is being implemented through a number of sector strategies and national plans. This is supported by President Kenyatta's priority areas for economic and social development, of which the expansion of manufacturing stands as one of four main pillars and is expected to play a pivotal role in the realisation of the Vision2030. Major contributions will be to increase value add of products in Kenya, the foreign direct investments and the general competitiveness of Kenyan manufacture.

Simultaneously, Kenya is pursuing a low carbon and resource efficient strategy on a green economy. The country is internationally active and a leading nation in the region on many areas around environmental protection and protection of ecosystems.

### Key activities in 2018

Launch of the Ruaraka public-private partnership on environmental management and circular economy as a frame for present and future SSC engagements.

A strategic effort to advance the development of a conducive circular economy based plastic policy and strategy through a strategy process with the Government, dialogue with private sector actors and a study tour to Denmark with sector representatives.

Institutional and technical review of the lead environmental agencies on industrial enforcement and compliance for Nairobi with regard to data management and environmental regulation of industries.

Capacity building of 38 staff across the 9 key stakeholders on circular economy and water governance courses in Denmark.

Two high-level study tours to Denmark on County environmental management and urban and industrial sustainable development.

P4G national platform launch in Kenya, a strong Kenyan delegation at the P4G 2018 summit in Copenhagen with a focus on circular economy and the two new P4G funded projects in Kenya.

A Phase 1 stocktaking and Phase 2 scoping workshop.

### Main achievements and lessons learned in 2018

The Ruaraka partnership and pilot has become a strong platform and is attracting and adding new partners and resources to the sector cooperation, e.g research and commercial relations.

Circular economy is mainstreaming as a strategic direction in environmental and industrial policy development and amongst the key business member organisations, and is on the agenda in the National Treasury and Planning.

The development of policies and sector collaboration for a plastics strategy has strengthened.

SSC has moved into a multiinstrument platform that cross-fertilises the synergies from research to market funding.

**Status:** Phase I programme finalised in 2019 and Phase II, >2019 under preparation.

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