

LEARNING ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY: A UCLG ROLEPLAY

Integrated management and circular economies require local governments to think outside the box, look for new solutions, and make pragmatic and consolidated decisions.



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This roleplay allows players to discuss and jointly evaluate the impact of different solutions by playing with possible scenarios.

The goal of the game is to understand the concept of the circular economy, the variables that influence decision-making on waste management, and the positioning and behavior of different actors, as well as to build their capacity to debate and look for joint solutions. It is a contribution to the localization of the SDGs, in particular Goal 12: responsible production and consumption.

1.

THE CHALLENGE:

High season has just ended on Bonito Island. It was the busiest season yet, with over 20,000 tourists visiting the tiny island of 6,400 inhabitants. However, it can hardly be seen as a success. The season ended with the viral social media video that became a scandal.

The video was made by one of the tourists. It shows the island's most famous beach filled with garbage, the image of a dead bird with plastic in its stomach reached international media. The video ends with a question "Is this the paradise you want to visit?". As a way to deal with this difficult situation, the municipality decided to create the *Waste Crisis Think Thank* and invite the main stakeholders to take part in finding a solution. **Jointly they will decide how to deal with the challenge. Some figures for decision are provided.**

2.

5 PLAYERS WILL PARTICIPATE:



3.

EACH STAKEHOLDER RECEIVES INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ROLE PLAY:

1. Read your role and prepare for the negotiation (25 - 30 minutes).
2. Start the role play by presenting your character and interests briefly.
3. Negotiate the best possible agreement for you.
4. During the game you can think of any solutions that are not contradictory to the information given in the instructions.
5. The role play ends by writing down the negotiated agreement accepted by all the parties.

Finally, we will listen to a real experience and share lessons learnt!



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