KIWAN SACCO: A good practice in Waste actors federation

Bernard Obera
Urbane Solutions Ltd
Secretary
benobera@urbanesolutions.co.ke
+254722407575
Introduction

- Kisumu Waste Actors Network (KIWAN) SACCO started in April 2017
  - Member platform for sharing ideas
  - Comradeship for advocacy
  - Mobilise resources for member capacity growth
  - Make Kisumu clean through material recovery and clean ups
  - Coordination of the sector

- 52 members
  - Waste transport
  - Recyclable traders (scrap metal, paper, plastics)
  - Waste art
  - Dump site
Confederation history

- Many attempts at confederation with mixed results
  - Green Towns—too early?- no local responsibility
  - Kisumu CORE – clique control – no local investment
  - Clean Up Kisumu- donor driven, clique control
  - Neighborhood waste management- groups to enterprises- BAMATO, Gasia Poa, Kibuye WM CBO
  - KIWAMA – project led- infiltration by non waste actors
  - KICOMOG- CGK support for monthly clean ups
  - KIPWA- select private waste collectors project- slow implementation
Confederation challenges

- Meetings by JOOUST – April 2016
- Governance challenges
  - Poor communication- cliques controlling information
  - Lack of transparency and accountability –
    - loss of members benefits
    - Mistrust amongst members
  - Formations did not have clear objectives
    - Unsynchronised expectations
    - Timelines
    - Dependency on donors –hand outs for the activities
- Political interests overriding sectoral interests
  - Infiltration by non waste actor who outvote genuine actors
- Weak enforcement mechanisms
KIWAN solution to the challenges

- Membership criteria
  - Waste actor
  - Doing waste business
  - Your own contributions
- Clear rules and Enforcement
  - SACCO registration by laws
  - Delegation of duties
- Membership driven
- Communication
- Clear linkages with partners
  - County government of Kisumu and NEMA
  - JOOUST
Achievements

- Legal entity
- Bridged gap between members - profiles, regular activities
- Members given priority during trading
  - Private waste collector prioritise sale to member waste dealer. - ensures flow of clean material – less material loss
- Partnership with the county government of Kisumu
  - Consultative meetings with Minister and CM
  - Lead stakeholder participation in waste management under KUP
  - Some member groupings awarded contracts
  - Working relationship with NEMA
  - Participation in the national policy stakeholder workshop on plastic (UN Environment)
- Partnership with research institutions
  - JOOUST
  - Recycling network conference
Plans

- Modernise the waste sector
  - Set up a waste park along the KIPWA model for a one stop material recovery and recycling system
  - Increase member income
- Help members meet regulation requirements
- Pursue a clear legal framework for engaging CGK
  - Business and space
- Contribute to a clean and prosperous Kisumu
- Seek partnerships and experiences from all over the world
Conclusion

- Success brings attracts all sort of proposals

- “Wan Kanyakla, wadongo Kiwan” (We are one in building ourselves, our way)