

Borås Declaration
**Of the Private Sector on Moving Towards Resource Efficient and Zero Waste
Societies**

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Sustainable waste management is a critical necessity for realizing 21st century cities. The Rio+20 outcome – *The Future We Want*, which highlighted sustainable and resilient cities as one of the priority areas for sustainable development, calls for resource efficiency and environmentally sound management of wastes through new and innovative partnerships among the stakeholders.

We, the undersigned, acknowledge that the role of private sector is important for achieving sustainable development in the world. Through Public-Private Partnership (PPP), the private sector can take an active part in the development. PPP provides a number of benefits for both local authorities and the private sector, such as introduction of better technologies and management, greater financing and investment, improved cost efficiency, and creation of new market and jobs.

We further recognize that partnerships provide win-win solutions both for the public utilities and private sector—if duly supported by appropriate policy and financing frameworks.

We express our strong intention to contribute towards the objective of the *International Partnership for Expanding Waste Management Services of Local Authorities (IPLA)* by fostering PPP in the world cities.

We further call on local and national government authorities, international bodies, development banks and other relevant stakeholders to collaborate with the private sector in developing and implementing sustainable waste management projects.

Representatives from the Private Sector present at the 2013 IPLA Global Forum

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