

Progressive Formalization of Informal E-waste workers and Green Jobs: ILO Experience with Focus on Asia and the Pacific

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Ms Tomoko Nishimoto's talk will revolve around the key questions "Why is the ILO involved in e-waste? What are the social and labour dimensions of e-waste management? What is the case and route(s) for formalization? What are the findings and recommendations of the ILO studies, specifically the China E-waste country study?"

She will present the case for the ILO's involvement in in this area of work traditionally deemed to be the purview of environmental organizations/specialists. She will talk about the significant social and labour market dimensions to management of waste including e-waste which impinge upon the sustainability of the sector, in particular productive employment, promotion of rights as well as access to social protection of workers. Furthermore, she will discuss the ILO tested tools and approaches including those of social dialogue which would be crucial for stakeholders to effectively address the challenges (especially including the large scale informality in the sector) and maximize the opportunities not only pertaining to job creation and enterprise development but also pertaining to adopting of more sustainable, coherent and inclusive environmental and economic measures. She will present the case for the creation of safe and decent work in the e-waste sector being an important contributor to overall environmental performance of the industry.