

Environmental Justice Principles for Fast Action on Waste and Methane

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Since COP26, the Global Methane Pledge has generated unprecedented momentum for methane action and more than 150 countries have signed on to date.
- Climate activists around the world are urging leaders to abide by environmental justice (EJ) principles to rapidly reduce methane emissions from the waste sector by scaling up proven organic waste management strategies rooted in EJ principles, with demonstrable co-benefits for livelihoods, quality of life, governance, and community health.
- In 2023, GAIA released the resource “Environmental Justice Principles for Fast Action on Waste and Methane”, a resource for policymakers that provides guidance on how to craft programs and policies for tackling methane that can also help address interconnected equity issues that currently plague our global society.

PARTNERS INVOLVED IN PROJECT

- GAIA
- Global Methane Hub
- Urban Movement Innovation (UMI) Fund
- Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)



ANTICIPATED RESULTS

- National climate policies and strategies for greenhouse gas emission reductions in the waste sector are increasingly ambitious, reflecting greater awareness of and support for the role of justice-centered organics management in methane reduction.
- Increased collaboration among local policymakers, civil society organizations, and cooperatives of waste pickers to build robust implementation plans that deliver overall environmental, social, and economic benefits.
- Expanded interest across geographies to take robust action to implement justice-centered organics management.

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