

**Press Release**  
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**Experts Meet in Rwanda to Advance Regional E-waste Management**

From 14-16 May 2018, Rwanda is hosting a Regional Workshop on E-waste Management to discuss effective electronic waste management and develop strategies to reach zero negative impact of e-waste in the East African Communications Organization (EACO) member states by 2030.

Policymakers, environmental experts and Telecommunication companies and other interested parties from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Burundi will gather at Park Inn Kigali, under the theme “Implementation of the Regional E-Waste Management Strategy and National E-waste Regulations Awareness”.

The three-day workshop will evaluate the status of the regional strategy on e-waste management. The participants will engage in topics on regulations awareness, distribution of mechanisms for successful strategy execution, and approaches to enhance stakeholder collaboration in the pursuit of hazard-free e-waste management in the region. The topics include:

- Resource mobilization for regional strategy; identifying strategies to earmark funds for e-waste management initiatives/projects.
- Creating a platform and allocating mechanisms to harmonize regional efforts in e-waste management respectively.
- Proposing techniques towards enhancing stakeholder collaboration and partnership for sustainable e-waste management in the East African region.
- Raising awareness on challenges and opportunities relating to e-waste and its management in the East African region.
- Approving sustainable actions and initiatives for e-waste management in the East African region.

The workshop is an opportunity to discuss good practice, challenges and opportunities, and ways to drive e-waste management forward. The participants will visit the Rwanda E-waste Dismantling and Recycling Facility in the Bugesera Industrial Park; the pioneering facility established to solve the electronic and electric waste challenge in Rwanda and the region.

E-waste is already a serious problem in many countries around the world. Not only does e-waste cause significant damage to our natural environment, but it also severely threatens the health and wellbeing of people.

This workshop is organized by the East African Communications Organization (EACO), the Rwanda Utilities Regulatory Authority (RURA), and Enviroserve Rwanda. This is the third regional workshop following the first two held in Kenya and Uganda.

The meetings have helped to advance electronic and electrical waste management and supported strategies to protect more than 150 million citizens of East African community member countries from the dangers of e-waste.

### **Additional Information**

Visit <http://www.eaco.int> for more information on the Regional Workshop on E-waste Management.

Visit [www.enviroserve.org](http://www.enviroserve.org) to learn more about the company's work in Rwanda and in the region.

Visit [rura.rw](http://rura.rw) to get more details about EACO Regional Workshop on Sustainable e-waste Management in the EAST African Region