



Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The **Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA)** is a professional organisation, whose main objective is to promote the science and practice of integrated waste management.

Professional and integrated waste management involves a holistic approach which ensures that waste is dealt with in an environmentally responsible manner, from its generation at source through to its ultimate disposal (cradle to grave concept).

The Institute thus endorses the **Integrated Waste Management** concept which comprises and promotes:

- Pollution prevention through Cleaner Production Practices and cradle to cradle material / waste minimisation.
- Financially viable and sustainable, industrial, commercial and domestic resource recovery, reuse and recycling initiatives.
- Volume reduction and processing to improve waste handling methods thereby reducing environmental health and safety risks.
- Environmentally acceptable disposal methods on permitted and controlled landfills.
- Reduction in the use of resources, eliminating wastage

The Institute, however, also encourages **appropriate waste management** technologies by supporting the following concepts:

- Integrated Environmental Management especially consultation with Interested and Affected Parties.
- Best Practical and Sustainable Environmental Option.
- Training and education for waste management professionals.

In order to promote the **science and practice of waste management**, the Institute encourages:

- Research and Development in this field.
- The Duty of Care.
- The channelling of all waste into the Formal Waste Stream

The Institute achieves its **objectives** through education, technology transfer, and input into and support of local legislation. It also recognises international conventions. It supports the **Basel Convention** but opposes the importation of hazardous waste into Southern Africa.

The Institute **promotes** co-operation with any person or body with complementary or similar objectives to its own.

Finally, where possible, the Institute enforces member compliance with its objectives through its code of ethics.