

MAPUTO DECLARATION

On the Establishment of the *African Clean Cities Platform* Towards the Realization of Clean Cities and Healthy Lives Through Appropriate Waste Management in Africa

The participants, who are from the governments and cities from African countries, namely Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo, Senegal, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, and from Japan, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the City of Yokohama, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), having met in Maputo, Mozambique from 25 to 27 April 2017 to share Mozambican knowledge and experience on waste management, and, with regard to the Preparatory Meeting of the African Clean Cities Platform, to consider a declaration on the establishment of the Platform for the promotion of networking in the Africa region,

Building upon the necessity of setting national targets and implementing monitoring for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on waste management, achieving nationally determined contributions under the Paris Agreement and realizing the African Union's Agenda 2063 – The Africa We Want,

Recognizing the importance of mutual learning in Africa as pointed out at the Joint Seminar on Waste Management in Africa, held at the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) in Nairobi, with the aim of reporting concrete results of activities related to the improvement of waste management based on the Platform at TICAD VII, to be held in 2019,

Affirming the importance of improvement of not only the hygiene situation and environment, but also the significant contribution of solid waste management to the economy including promotion of investment and tourism through organized waste collection and transportation, intermediate

treatment for recycling, detoxification or volume reduction, and appropriate final disposal suitable for the circumstances of each country or city in Africa, which is facing rapid urbanization and population increase,

Recognizing the increasing importance of the establishment of a sound material-cycle society and a circular economy including the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) approach, which achieves a good balance between the environment and economy by efficiently making use of resources,

Emphasizing the importance of partnership among African countries, Japan, the United Nations, the private sector and other stakeholders in order to realize waste management systems which accommodate national circumstances through appropriate policies and human resources as well as quality infrastructure on waste management,

Hereby declare the following non legally binding commitments, under the Co-chairs from Japan and Mozambique:

1. Unanimously endorse and welcome the inauguration of the *African Clean Cities Platform* with the overriding objectives of sharing information and experience of appropriate waste management practices including the 3Rs in Africa, building capacities of human resources and institutions as well as developing and applying good practice guidance accommodating national circumstances in Africa.
2. Welcome all African countries, development partners, and other organizations, striving for appropriate policies and human resources as well as quality infrastructure on waste management, to join the Platform for the expansion of clean and healthy cities that is the foundation of well-being, investment and tourism promotion.
3. The government of Japan, in consultation with African countries, UNEP, UN-HABITAT and other organizations, will explore and identify sustainable modalities for the Platform under the ownership and active participation of African countries.