







E-waste related work in WIPO and ILO

WIPO/ILO

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Agenda

Opening remarks by the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

WIPO Presentation:

Patent Landscape Report on Electronic Waste (E-waste) Recycling and Material Recovery Technologies

The major objective of this report is to provide a comprehensive overview of patent information on available technologies for recycling materials in computer equipment and other consumer electronic equipment after end-of-life is reached, for reclaiming valuable materials such as metals, and for reducing pollutants from electronic waste.

The report will also provide insight into how the patent and business literature can be probed to advance technical progress and maintain a competitive environment.

ILO Presentation:

The global impact of E-waste: Addressing the Challenge

This paper explores the volumes, sources and flows of e-waste, the risks it poses to e-waste workers and the environment, occupational safety and health issues, labour issues and regulatory frameworks, and links this growing global problem with the International Labour Organization's current and future work.

Questions and answers

Conclusion by presenters