

PRESS RELEASE: ASSOCIATION OF SCRAP AND WASTE PICKERS OF LAGOS.

Join to Celebrate the INTERNATIONAL WASTE PICKERS DAY.

1st March , 2023

The first day of March every year has been set aside to celebrate the International waste Day and to commemorate with our comrades in Columbia who was murdered on this day

Nigeria as an active member of the International Alliance of Waste pickers used this day to remind our society and government the important roles We play in the environment and social economy sustainability. Waste Pickers prevent plastic pollution, Drive Environmental sustainability by reducing Greenhouse gas emissions and stimulates the Ecosystem by supplying raw materials to recyclers, Wastepickers are principal actors in reclaiming or recovering PET Bottle or solid waste materials for Recycling industry and finally We make sure our Environment is clean and play important role in Climate change. We're not valued by the Society or Government, We struggle to earn a living and are Vulnerable to abuse, exploitation, arrest and detention by the Law Enforcement Agencies of the Government. We're exposed to health hazards through contaminated materials at the Landfill, Wastepickers suffer alot from widespread prejudice and stigmatization.

We are advocating that as we celebrate this year's International waste pickers day, we the waste pickers in Nigeria demand that we should be :

- Recognized and integrated in the waste management value chain.
- Involved in every waste management policy, plan and implementation

That adequate lands should be allocated for the waste recollection Hubs where waste pickers will do their work with respect and dignity.

And finally, the waste picker's organization needs the 3 tier government Federal State and Local to understand and recognize our importance in the waste Recycling industry because ` Recycling without waste pickers is simply Garbage "

Happy celebration !

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President ASWOL