



solving the e-waste problem

Taking the necessary step forward on an international level

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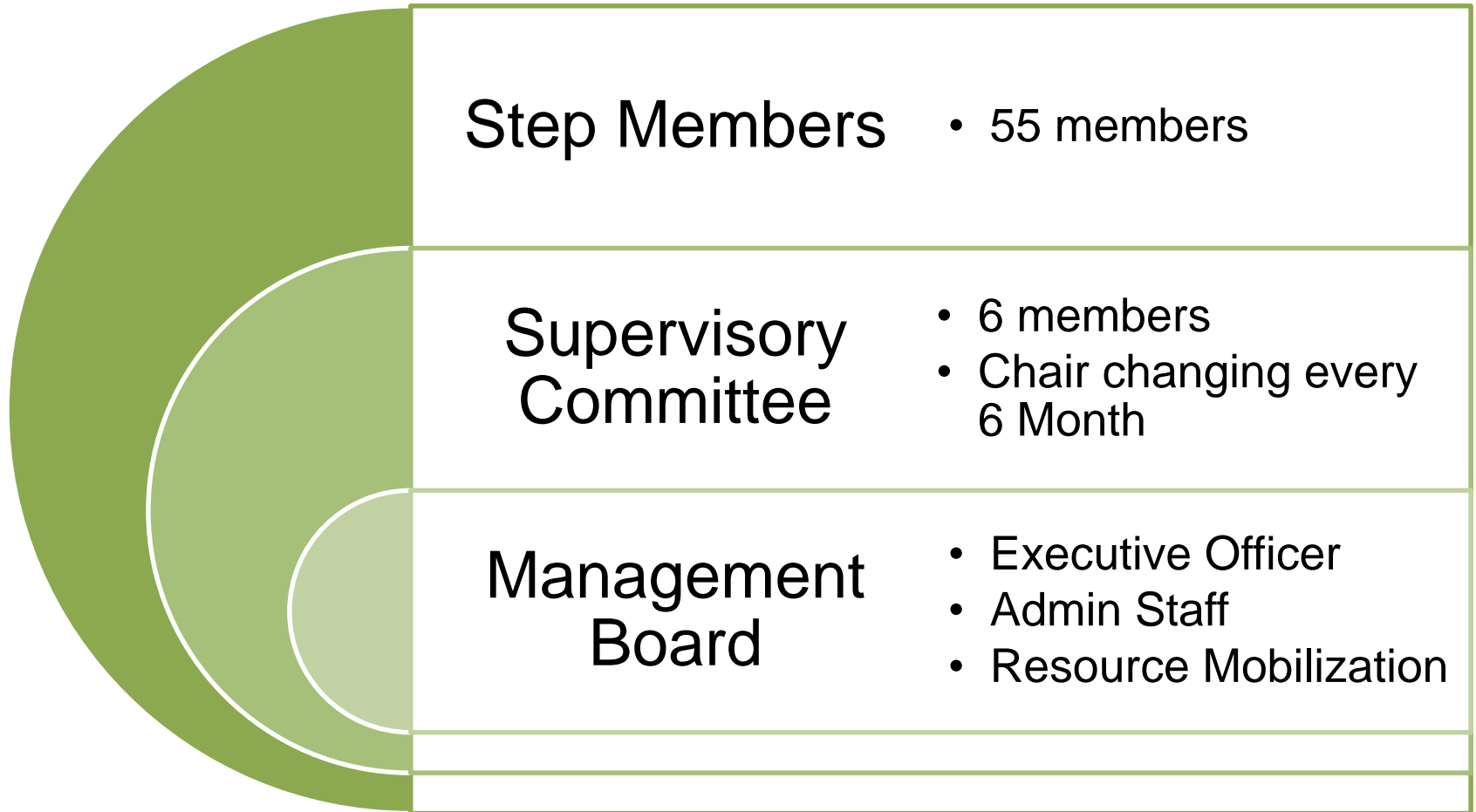
Background

- Network of organisations engaging themselves in developing sustainable solutions for e-waste management on an international level from a life-cycle perspective
- Founded in 2004 and formally launched in 2007
- Diverse group of members:
 - UN-Organisations
 - NGOs
 - Academia and research organisations
 - Private companies
 - Governmental organisations
- Hosted by United Nations University





Structure of Step





Vision

To be agents and stewards of change,

uniquely leading

global thinking, knowledge, awareness and innovation

in the management and development of

*environmentally, economically and ethically-sound e-waste
resource recovery, re-use and prevention.*



Objectives

- provide a **global platform** for sharing information, knowledge and recommendations
- facilitate inclusive solutions-oriented **members dialogue and cooperation**
- **work internationally** to develop fair and objective policies
- lead the **e-waste management discussion** worldwide
- provide a scientific basis to **change the awareness, knowledge, attitudes and behavior** of the international business and consumer public





Areas of work & recent achievements

- E-Waste Research & Piloting:
 - Study on “Leaded glass form CRT recycling”
 - E-waste world map
 - Transboundary e-waste controversy map

- Strategy & Goals-Setting:
 - Recommendations on collection and recycling schemes in developing and emerging countries
 - White paper on “WEEE systems and legislation”
 - White paper on “Legislative principles towards solutions of the e-waste problem”



Areas of work & recent achievements

- Training & Development
 - Organization of StEP E-Waste Academies for Students and Managers
 - Business plan development tool
- Communication
 - assess and research the member base about needs, priorities and benefits
 - Continuous awareness raising and about issues and opportunities in e-waste prevention, processing and disposal





Outlook

- Focus projects / areas of work in 2017 & 2018
 1. Partnership models between the informal and the formal sector
 2. Visionary Paper – E-waste in 2050/60
 3. Establish strategic alliance for sustainable WEEE-management
 4. Jobs and e-waste

- Regular webinar series

- Physical meeting in 2018 of all Step members

- Strong focus on facilitating communication between the members to share experience and knowledge



Benefits of Step Membership

- Access to e-waste data and information
- Neutral platform to actively engage in solutions-based discussions
- Direct work and collaboration with other StEP members
- Encouragement of innovative ideas
- Support and counsel on e-waste and related problems through a wide range of experts within the network
- Increased visibility of members' efforts to address e-waste problems



Join the community!

- Open to companies, governmental organizations, academic institutions, NGOs and international organizations
- monetary and in-kind contributions to support the Initiative and its projects
- Signature of MoU
- More information on the application process:

www.step-initiative.org



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Thank you for your attention!

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