

20 Cities Towards Zero Waste Initiative

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Recently, Varkala has been named in the inaugural 20 Cities Towards Zero Waste initiative.

About 20 Cities Towards Zero Waste Initiative

- It is an initiative led by the **UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Zero Waste**, with support from **UN-Habitat and the UN Environment Programme** (UNEP).
- It highlights cities demonstrating ambitious and **innovative approaches to reducing waste**, advancing circular economy solutions, and building more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive urban systems.
- **It aims to**
 - Recognize city leadership and innovation
 - Promote exchange of good practices and lessons learned
 - Inspire other cities to accelerate their transition toward zero waste
 - Support implementation of circular economy approaches at the local level

Key Facts about United Nations Environment Programme

- It is the leading global **authority on the environment**.
- It was **founded in 1972** after a UN General Assembly resolution.
- **Mandate:** It was conceived to monitor the state of the environment and coordinate responses to the world's greatest environmental challenges.
- **Headquarters:** Nairobi, Kenya.
- **Functions**
 - It **develops and supports global environmental treaties**, such as the CBD, CITES, and Minamata Convention.
 - **Hosts secretariats of major environmental conventions** and supports the negotiation of new environmental agreements.
 - It **publishes authoritative research and assessments**, including the Global Environment Outlook and Emissions Gap Report.
 - It supports **developing countries with environmental capacity building**, funding, and technical assistance.

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