

## DEBATE ON PLASTIC RECYCLING IN BIG CITIES

Plastic recycling is a challenge for both Surabaya and France but they tackle it in a different manner:

- France focuses on recycling rate with the objective to have plastic recycling rate (26% in 2018) to reach the same level as other materials (70% for household packaging altogether)
- Surabaya focuses on reducing landfill disposal while the population strongly increases: the nb of tons per day in landfill has decreased by 4% over the 2014-2018 period while the city population increased by 20%.

In terms of solutions, France focuses on developing recycling technologies, promoting deposit systems and increasing cities sorting equipment while Surabaya focuses in massive engagement of citizens through multiple channels (beach cleaning contest, zero waste at school campaign, promotion of metal straws, municipal waste power plant, fashion shows using recycled materials).

Both speakers agreed that they were complementary approaches and that cross fertilization would be a big plus.

### **SPEAKERS**

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