



GLOBAL ALLIANCE OF
WASTE PICKERS

REPORT
**GLOBAL
WASTE PICKER
DAY**
MARCH 1ST, 2021



This March 1st, 2021, waste pickers paid a new homage to the fellow waste pickers who were murdered in Colombia in 1992. In their honor, this date became a global day in which recyclers coordinate through different days of struggles, activities related to recycling, or to the recognition of our work.

#WastePickersDay
#DiaDelReciclador



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RECYCLING WITHOUT WASTE PICKERS IS GARBAGE

Waste pickers around the world are tirelessly organizing themselves to seek protection and recognition for their work. However, serious threats to the work and rights of recyclers have emerged and become entrenched in different parts of the globe.

Some of these threats are part of a model that seeks to hand over the work and wealth derived from waste to private companies, depriving waste pickers of their livelihood: access to waste and its subsequent commercialization.



Click on the image to watch the video.

This video showcases all the threats to the work of latent waste pickers around the world today. The threats are a constant in their work, but the video assumes that because the threats are global, the resistance and struggle against them must be equally global and in solidarity within the working class.

AFRICA



SENEGAL

Celebration of the 1st of March 2021 of Bokk Diom in front of the police station in Mbeubeus: an homage in memory of the Mbeubeus dead waste pickers and press briefings to address requests to the authorities.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Meeting of women waste picker at the headquarters of the Congolese Women's Rights League to discuss the 1st of March.



MALI



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The #wastepickers Association Malienne des Trieuses de déchets sur les depots d'Ordures (AMTDDO) #Mali marches to the townhall, where the mayor will receive them in person. #WastePickersDay #DiaDelReciclador
TV Live: fb.watch/3YEmrj009/



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GHANA

Kpone Landfill Waste Pickers Association
[published a press release](#) demanding:

1. Due to consultation with the delegates of the Association. Waste pickers should be consulted on what adequate livelihood safeguards measures are needed now that the dumpsite has been decommissioned, and these safeguards should be provided.
2. Government should target waste pickers as a group in need of COVID-19 relief support measures: PPEs, food items, financial aid, medical aid, and other necessities to address the extraordinary drop in earnings and increase in stress and risk caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Immediate integration to the municipal SWM systems through the provision of contracts for recycling service providers and secure conditions for work.
4. Requisite logistics, infrastructure, and subsidies and assisted to secure community waste management contracts.
5. Recognition of, and effective inclusion of waste pickers through their membership-based organizations in decision-making processes and structures that have implications for waste pickers.

MALI

1. From Mali (Ibrahim messages): Nouvelles du Mali Bonjour, suite à notre événement du 1 et mars la mairie nous a fait appel. Nous sommes déjà sur place nous attendons. Merci a tous



NIGERIA

The National Union of Scrap and Waste Workers of Nigeria (NUSWON) has organized a workshop for waste pickers.

It was covered by the news: Consider us among first to receive COVID-19 vaccines – Waste pickers.

MARCH 1ST
International Waste Pickers' Day

Waste Pickers' Workshop

Date: 1st of March, 2021
Time: 10am

Venue: NERDC Conference Centre Plot 3&4 Block B Central Business District NERDC Road Agidingbi - Ikeja

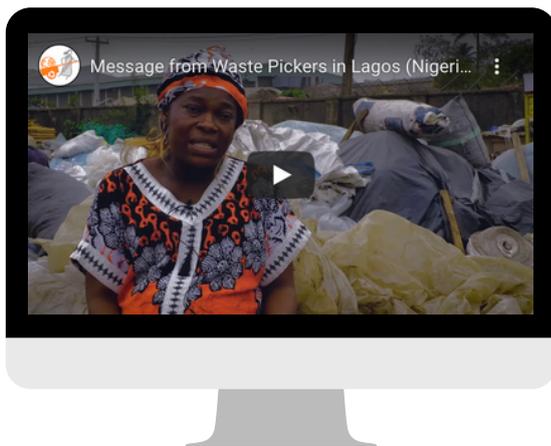
* This workshop is open to **ONLY** waste pickers for enquires please call Friday on 0906 718 3440

Organized by: Rethinking Cities | National Union of Scrap & Waste Workers of Nigeria | In cooperation with: HEINRICH BÖLL STIFTUNG ADILIA

NIGERIA

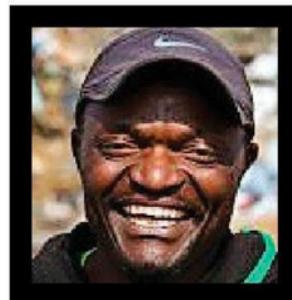


Message from Waste Pickers in Lagos (Nigeria) for Global Waste Pickers Day 2021 – [Click on the image to watch the video.](#)



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COMMENT



WASTE PICKERS' STRUGGLE FOR RECOGNITION

SIMON MBATA

SOUTH AFRICA

SAWPA: Press release on the 1st of March.

Click on the image to read the PDF with the full release.

ASIA

INDIA

Hasiru Dala is painting these murals on a building in the heart of the city. They are on Wastepickers and will be inaugurated on International Wastepickers Day. [More info about the murals.](#)



"Today at Hasiru Dala we had a wastepickers community leadership training and we focused on contribution of the wastepickers in waste management of the city, fundamental rights and organizing".



SWACH (PUNE)

Message from Waste Pickers in Lagos (Nigeria) for Global Waste Pickers Day 2021.



LATIN AMERICA



[Red Lacre](#) (the international network of Waste Picker organizations in Latin America) has released a manifest for Global Waste Pickers Day: “We are living in complex times in every sense, the injustices of the past have new faces and the political, health, environmental and humanitarian scenarios are very critical”. [Read the full statement \(in Spanish\)](#).

[March 1st, 10:00 am. Closing dumpsites webinar](#), organized by Red Lacre, MNRP, FAS Panamá:

CIERRE DE VERTEDEROS
Amenazas y Oportunidades

LUNES 1 DE MARZO
10:00 AM
VÍA ZOOM

Lecciones aprendidas del cierre de otros vertederos y cómo prepararnos

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gaia_lac @reciclomnrp Este primero de Marzo celebramos el Día del reciclador con este conversatorio cierre de Vertederos Amenazas y Oportunidades estan invitados . @aaudpanama @faspanama @miambientepma

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globalrec_ ¿hay más información sobre el evento? ¿Link?

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COLOMBIA

The national association of waste pickers of Colombia (ANR) organized a demonstration for March 1st.



ASOCIACION NACIONAL DE RECICLADORES

DIA MUNDIAL DEL RECICLADOR | DE MARZO DE 2021
|||A LAS CALLES A MARCHAR. FORTALECER LA DEFENSA DEL OFICIO|||

CONVOCATORIA NACIONAL A RECICLADORES DE OFICIO, ORGANIZACIONES DE RECICLADORES Y BODEGAS DE RECICLAJE A MANIFESTAR LA DEFENSA DE:

EL DERECHO RECONOCIDO AL MÍNIMO VITAL, LA PERMANENCIA Y LA REMUNERACIÓN EN LA ACTIVIDAD HISTÓRICA DE LOS RECICLADORES DE OFICIO, DERECHO AL TRABAJO EN LA CADENA DE RECICLAJE Y REDISEÑO DE TARIFAS Y NORMAS DE ASEO

FORTALECER LA DEFENSA DEL PAN Y EL TRABAJO. AYER, HOY Y MAÑANA.

Compañeros recicladores de oficio, líderes de Organizaciones de Recicladores, bodegueros de diverso tamaño y trabajadores de la cadena popular del reciclaje, ¡¡reciban un especial saludo!! **SALUDO COMBATIVO POR UNA NUEVA JORNADA DE DEFENSA DEL DERECHO POPULAR DEL RECICLAJE EN MANOS DE LOS ACTORES HISTÓRICOS DE ESTE SERVICIO**

Fecha: 1 DE MARZO DE 2021

Hora: Llegada a las 8:30

SITIO DE ENCUENTRO: PLANETARIO DISTRITAL CALLE 27 CARRERA 6.

RECORRIDO: PLANETARIO DISTRITAL- CARRERA 7 CON CALLE 19 SUBE POR LA 19 HASTA LA CARRERA 6 PARA LLEGAR A LA PROCURADURIA GENERAL CARRERA 6 CALLE 14 SIGUE POR CARRERA 6 HASTA CALLE 7 SEDE DEL MINISTERIO DE VIVIENDA SUBE POR AVENIDA 6 HASTA CARRERA 5 HACIA EL NORTE HASTA CALLE BIBLIOTECA LUIS ANGEL ARANGO PARA BAJAR A PLAZA DE BOLIVAR

NUESTRAS REIVINDICACIONES:

1. EXIGIR LA REVOCATORIA DE LA NORMA DE LOS APLAZAMIENTOS INJUSTIFICADOS DE REPORTES A LAS LEGÍTIMAS ORGANIZACIONES DE RECICLADORES.
2. EXIGIR LA COMUNICACIÓN CLARA DEL GOBIERNO NACIONAL A LA CIUDADANÍA QUE EL INCREMENTO DE TARIFA SE DEBE AL ERROR DE ESTRUCTURACIÓN DE LAS MISMAS POR PARTE LAS ENTIDADES DE GOBIERNOS Y NO DESHONESTIDAD DE LOS RECICLADORES Y SUS ORGANIZACIONES.
3. EXIGIR QUE LA SUPERSERVICIOS APLIQUE VERIFICACIÓN DE ORGANIZACIONES DE RECICLADORES DE OFICIO PARA QUE MUESTRE LAS QUE SI LO SON.
4. EXIGIR QUE LA SUPERSERVICIOS Y EL MINISTERIO DE VIVIENDA RECONOZCAN EL SISTEMA HISTÓRICO DE LOS RECICLADORES DE OFICIO Y LOS DERECHOS AMPARADOS POR LA CORTE CONSTITUCIONAL Y COMO RESPUESTA SE DE MODIFICACIÓN INMEDIATA DEL DECRETO 596.

LA DECISIÓN DE DEFENDER LOS DERECHOS ESTA EN NUESTRAS MANOS. LAS CONQUISTAS NO SON REGALOS. SON EL FRUTO DE LA LUCHA. NO LLEVE NIÑOS, SOLO LOS TPAOS Y LAS BANDERAS, LOS TARROS, LOS PALOS, LAS CACEROLAS. Y POR SUPUESTO SU FERREA VOLUNTA DE DEFENDER LOS DERECHOS CONQUISTADOS.

UN SOLO GREMIO. UNA SOLO LUCHA. SI TOCAN A UNO. NOS TOCAN A TODOS.

COLOMBIA

The Association of Waste Pickers of Bogotá (ARB) is also supporting the demonstration, as well as the other regional associations and cooperatives.



COLOMBIA

Click on the image to watch the video.



Follow [Cooperativa Planeta Verde](#) for more updates.

1 de Marzo

Día Mundial de las y los Recicladores de oficio



¡No hay nada que celebrar!

Porque nos ven como una problemática, y no como una solución social y ambiental

#ReciclaJeconrecicladores



1 de Marzo

Día Mundial de las y los Recicladores de oficio



¡No hay nada que celebrar!

Porque las mujeres recicladoras somos víctimas de violencia y acoso en las calles

#ReciclaJeconrecicladores



BRASIL

The [National Movement of Waste Pickers \(MNCR\)](#) organized a live event on March 1st.



Comemoração do Dia Internacional dos Catadores: Homenagem a Exequiel Estay Tapia



Dia 1º de Março de 2021
Das 14:00 às 15:15 horas

Link: <https://uvic.zoom.us/j/88006452941?pwd=K1B5Mi9hRmZROWorQU41QlBteTdjUT09>

Apresentação de vídeo e debate sobre a economia circular na perspectiva de organizações de catadores de base:

The Binner's Project (Vancouver, Canadá)

Cooperativa Reciclando Sueños (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

CATASAMPA Network Video (São Paulo, Brasil)

In Commemoration of International Day of Waste Pickers: Tribute to Exequiel Estay Tapia March 1, 2021.

Video presentation and discussion on the circular economy from the perspective of grassroots waste picker organizations: The Binner's Project (Vancouver, Canada).

Cooperativa Reciclando Sueños (Buenos Aires, Argentina).
CATASAMPA Network Video (São Paulo, Brazil)

ARGENTINA



There are more than 200,000 cartoneros and carreros (waste pickers) who, day by day, recover thousands of tons of waste, reducing the environmental impact and generating a better world, a healthier environment. Despite this, we are still demanding full recognition of our rights as workers, and we continue to suffer persecution and stigmatization. It is for this reason that we demand:

- The urgent sanction of the Recycling Law.
- Public policies for waste management with social inclusion recognize our experience and knowledge.
- Municipal waste recovery systems in conjunction with cooperatives of cartoneros.
- Waste recovery should no longer be a crime

Without cartoneros and cartoneras there is no recycling!

[Read the full statement.](#)

CHILE

Waste Pickers from Valparaíso fighting for their demands, we were able to talk to the authorities of the municipality and commit to a working table.



CHILE

Exequiel Estay (the name of the future centro de acopio) is the name of the historical waste picker leader in Latin America and Chile. Read the in memorial Globalrec published [here](#).

"Estimados compañeros informamos a todas y todos que mañana se hará la entrega oficial del terreno donde construiremos nuestro centro de acopio Exequiel Estay, queremos compartir nuestra felicidad y logro con todos nuestros amigos y a nuestra gran familia de recicladores de la RED LACRE"



CENTRO DE ACOPIO DE RSD

EXEQUIEL ESTAY

1° ESPACIO DE MANEJO DE RESIDUOS BAJO CONTROL DIRECTO DE LOS RECICLADORES DE BASE DE CHILE

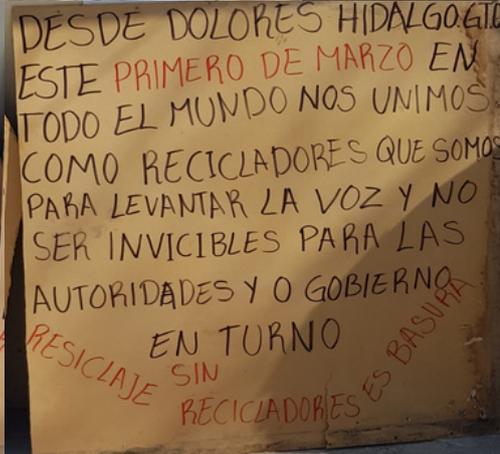
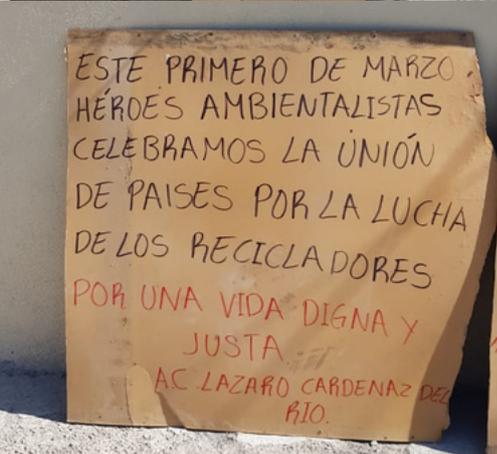
ESTE INMENSO LOGRO DE LA ANARCH, ES UN PASO ADELANTE EN LA DIGNIFICACION DE NUESTRO OFICIO. AGRADECIENDO A LOS QUE TRABAJARON POR HACERLO REALIDAD.

COMO ASOCIACION NACIONAL DE RECICLADORES DEDICAMOS ESTE TRIUNFO A LA MEMORIA DE NUESTRO LIDER.

ANARCH.



MÉXICO



NORTH AMERICA

The regional network of waste picker organizations in North America is organizing a photo contest. [Check the PDF](#)

IN CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WASTE PICKERS DAY, MARCH 1



Photo and illustration contest

Submit one photo or illustration that expresses how being a canner/binner/valoriste helps you, or helps others

This project will highlight the value of informal waste workers and support them to secure more decent work opportunities



Prize \$200 each for two winners in each city

Submission deadline: **March 31, 2021**

Instructions for submission

Submit the following: Your illustration or photo; title of submission; your name; your contact information (phone, email and/or location) and one sentence about how your image illustrates waste picking helping you or others

RELEASE OF INFORMATION: Participating in this contest gives us permission to use your submission in the media. Please do not submit photos of people who have not given you permission to use it. We will do our best to contact you prior to publication, but we want this contest to be as low-barrier as possible and recognize that some people may be difficult to contact. Thank you for your understanding.



EUROPE



FRANCE

On the occasion of the International Day of Recycling Biffins Recyclers on March 1st. Amelior is gathering to support the biffins (waste pickers). Meeting at 12:00 noon Monday, March 1, 2021, on the square in front of the town hall of the 20th arrondissement (metro Gambetta line 3), Montreuil, Paris.

Against the repressive policies of exclusion and spoliation of the biffins workers in porte montreuil, and everywhere else.

- For the local organization of the biffin-recyclers' markets and the respect, the recognition, the right to decent work for all biffin-recyclers.
- Against exclusion, unemployment and poverty, the urgent application of the votes and decisions of the democratic votes of the Paris Council and the 20th Arrêté in favor of the creation of biffin markets self-managed by organized biffins.
- Only the satisfaction of our demands will allow the development of the popular economy of collection, reuse and recycling, for the benefit of the whole society.
- Places and markets for everyone!



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1/ Amelior Association in Montreuil (Paris, #France) demonstrates in front of the town hall today for

[#WastePickersDay](#) [#DiaDelReciclator](#)

Against the repressive policies of exclusion and spoliation of the biffins workers in porte montreuil, and everywhere else.



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**recycling
without
waste pickers
is garbage.**

**Reciclaje
sin
recicladores
és basura.**

**Reciclagem
sem
catadores
é lixo.**

**Le recyclage
sans les
récupérateurs
biffins, c'est
du gaspillage.**

**Daur ulang
tanpa
pemulung
adalah
sampah.**



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