Policies to Support and Barriers for Recycling Industry Development

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Policies to support recycling industry development

1. Model legislation required – public education in schools & for adults
2. Tax landfill, enforce prohibitions
3. Incentivise separate collection
4. Potential or job creation
5. Adopt international Standards and Best Practices
6. Remove primary subsidies, remove export / import trade barriers
7. Adopt existing Quality Standards, enforce Stockholm Convention
8. Stabilise legal & political framework
9. Ensure policies are optimised economically, socially and environmentally
Five Steps for Governments:

1: Assess the current situation at the national level

2: Collect existing information

3: Identify gaps and needs

4: Define relevant priorities and related activities needed

5: Implement activities
Five Steps for a start-up recycling facility:

1: Assess the current situation in your country
2: Make a business plan and start your business
3: Have sufficient measures in place to protect the environment
4: Have an applicable environmental management system in place
5: Manage your recycling business