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**Ministerio de Ambiente  
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## **Delegate Update: Colombia**

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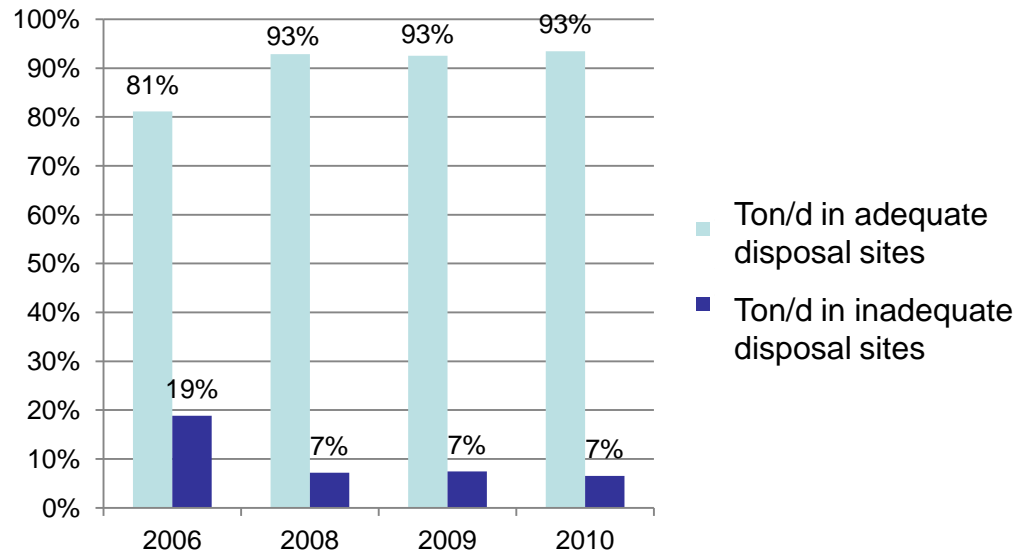
**GMI Municipal Solid Waste Subcommittee Meeting**

A photograph of a vibrant orange and black butterfly perched on a purple passion fruit flower. The background is a lush green field of similar flowers and leaves.

**Singapore, July 2 , 2012**

## Regulatory Background (I)

- 2003 – A two year period was established for regional authorities to close any dumps or inadequate waste disposal sites.
- Today: most of the final disposal has shifted towards the use of landfills.



**Figure 1. Final disposal in Colombia 2006 - 2010.**

Source: Colombian Ministry of Housing, City and Territory.

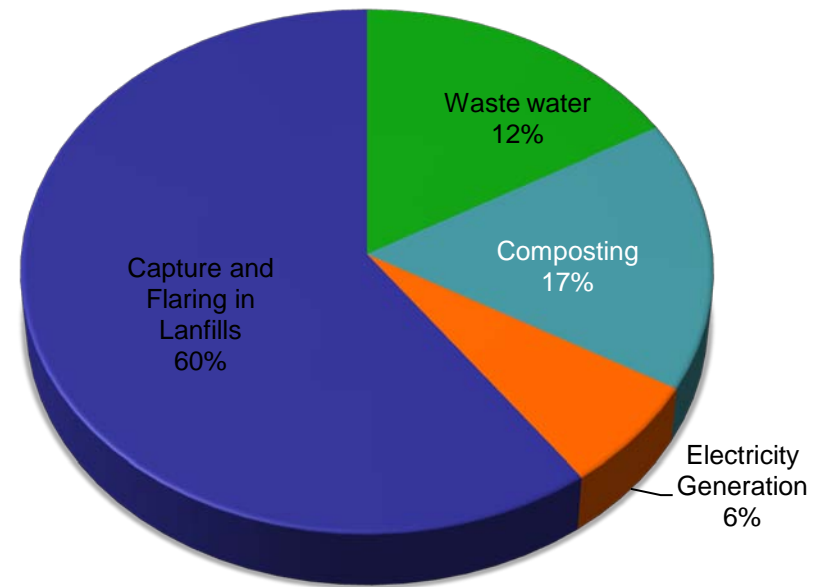
## Regulatory Background (II)

- Although great progress has been done the reality is not ideal...
- 78% of towns have implemented their waste Management plan.
- Went from 81% of adequate disposal (2006) to 93% (2010)
- Experts suggest that only 50% of the landfills are operating in technically suitable conditions.

Type of disposal	Daily tons		Percentage 2011
	2010	2011	
Landfill	21600	24600	92.87%
Provisional cells	1000	290	1.09%
Dumps	1400	1300	4.91%
Plant integrated	330	190	0.72%
Bury	180	80	0.30%
Water bodies	21	20	0.08%
Fires	9	9	0.03%
Total	24540	26489	100%

## CDM Projects Colombian waste sector

- Several projects of capture and flaring of biogas have been implemented in landfills through CDM projects.
- **12** Colombian projects from all sectors have Issued CERs (**4** projects from the waste sector).
- Waste sector represents 17% of the Colombian CDM portfolio.
- Potential annual reductions of almost 3.000.000 tonCO<sub>2</sub>e
- Low percentage of waste-derived electricity generation projects.



## Colombian Biogas Model

- Colombian Biogas Model was presented on December 2011.
- Data base of different landfills was obtained.
- The model was calibrated with collected data and parameters can be chosen according to existing regions and climates within the country.
- The model is being used to calculate landfill emissions within the Colombian Low Carbon Development Strategy to construct the abatement cost curves for the prioritization of mitigation actions.



## Methane Action Plan

- Not developed yet due to financing issues during 2012.

## Waste Sector NAMAs

- Financing and technical support from Environment Canada and the Center for Clean Air Policy (CCAP) for development of:
  1. Integrated Municipal Solid Waste Management NAMA (includes organic waste separation, recycling and tariff incentives study).
  2. Construction and Demolition Waste C&D (divert construction waste away from landfills through reuse, recycling and/or waste-to-energy processes).



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