

Wide world of e-scrap

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Members of an international e-scrap committee say inaccurate reports about dumping have tarnished the industry's image, and Nigeria prepares for a glut of e-scrap from its planned switch to digital broadcasting.

Some members of the Bureau of International Recycling (BIR) e-scrap committee [say](#) the **industry's image has been unfairly tarnished by inaccurate reports** of dumping in Asia and Africa. At the BIR World Recycling Convention in Prague, members of the E-Scrap Committee, including Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries President Robin Wiener, said the sector is a victim of a messaging issue.

The global market for "green" and recycled **mobile phones is expected to grow an average of 17 percent each year** through 2019, according to one forecast. The [report](#), by Technavio, said a key driver is growing production of mobile phones, along with initiatives that will reduce improper disposal of e-scrap and ensure more is recycled.

A government official in **Nigeria is reassuring the public the government is ready for a glut of e-scrap** accompanying the planned switchover from analog to digital broadcasting. The [Vanguard](#) newspaper reports the director of the country's National Broadcasting Commission indicated the government was making arrangements for collection centers across Africa's most populous country.

Malaysia is working to draw up a legal framework for a regulated e-scrap recycling program, a government official told [The Borneo Post](#). The Natural Resources and Environment Minister said the country has a program for industrial e-scrap but needs one governing how household e-scrap is handled.

Activist groups in the Philippines are **organizing to gather support for an e-scrap extended producer responsibility law** being drafted in the country. Greenpeace Philippines, Ecowaste Coalition and Medicins Du Monde aim to strengthen the push for the bill, which is currently being drafted by the country's Department of Environment and Natural Resources, according to [eco-business.com](#).

Government officials in Ghana are close to presenting to parliament **a draft law establishing an e-scrap collection and recycling program**, according to [Ghana Business News](#). The draft law, which has been delayed for three years, would impose a fee on electronics manufacturers and importers, and the money would be controlled by a government committee to fund collections and recycling.