D-Waste | May 19, 2014 — It was the “Waste Atlas 2013 Report” that assessed that more than 50% of the world’s population lacks access to even the most elementary waste collection and sound disposal services. Thousands of uncontrolled dumpsites receive annually hundreds millions of tonnes of waste, posing a serious threat both for human health and the environment.

Continuing this work, the Waste Atlas partnership, aims to publish a report on the biggest dumpsites of the world. Scope of the report is to demonstrate how serious the impacts of unsound disposal are and to raise awareness on the need to close the uncontrolled dumpsites worldwide. This report aims to be the beginning of an international effort on establishing proper waste management and recycling in every part of the world.

In this race of collecting information we want YOU, all our supporters who share the same vision of sustainable waste management and recycling, to be part of it.

We know that not all dumpsites have the same impact. We know that numerous of them are located nearby or even within megacities, next to settlements and schools causing intense health problems on residents. Others are located close to rivers and ponds polluting the water and groundwater causing severe environmental problems. We know also that many times the local available resources are simply not enough to resolve the problem of unsound disposal.
What we do not know is...

Where exactly are these dumpsites? How much waste they receive? How many people live in their vicinity? How many informal recyclers work or even live in these dumpsites? And most importantly, which dumpsites are the biggest ones, and which improvements, closures or rehabilitations must be prioritized?

The Waste Atlas partnership aims to lead the effort to identify the world’s biggest dumpsites as a first but important step for managing their impacts. **YOUR help, YOUR contribution** can be the answer to this fight with the unknown. Thousands of individuals, organizations, associations, companies and universities related to the global waste management are expected to cooperate to accomplish the target of mapping the world’s 50 biggest dumpsites.

Be a contributor!

Have any data, photos, documents, links related with big dumpsites? Share the information with us and **your name** will be acknowledged (written) as a contributor at the published report and Waste Atlas website.

You can contribute to Waste Atlas community through our website, our mobile application or send us direct email: info@d-waste.com

**Let’s make together Waste Atlas Vs 50 Biggest Dumpsites 50-0!**

Please notice that we will highly appreciate photos (as recent as possible) and other published sources related to the dumpsites of reference.