Web Seminar 03: Importance of Feedstock in Anaerobic Digestion

Feedstock in South Africa: Learnings, barriers and opportunities



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GreenCape

- Non Profit Organisation
- Established in 2010
- Work to grow the green economy in South Africa and beyond





Feedstock potential in South Africa

 In 2017, RSA generated approximately 108 million tons of solid waste according to Department of Environmental Affairs.
 (2018). South Africa State of Waste Report 2018 (Vol. 10, Issue 2)





Feedstock potential in South Africa

- A study conducted by EcoMetrix Africa (Pty) Ltd in 2016 concluded that South Africa had biogas production potential around 3 million Nm3 per day.
- This is an estimation of the potential that feedstock holds for biogas is South Africa.





Opportunities for Feedstock

- Dairies & Feedlots
- Food processing (primary & secondary agri-processing)
- Piggeries
- Poultry farms
- Abattoirs
- Wineries and Breweries
- Hospitality





100% in 10 years



Barriers of Feedstock

- Quality of feedstock Level of contamination
- Value of feedstock
 - Owner/Generator understanding of it's value
 - Market value
 - Competing technologies/barriers
- Location of feedstock
- Legislation Environmental Impact Assessment



Barriers of Feedstock

 Proximity of the closest infrastructure (of all types) to each location in RSA as reported in 2016 Bio-Energy Atlas





Learnings from existing projects

- 26 projects implemented (GreenCape non exhaustive list)
- 1 De-commissioned, 1 Not operational, 24 Operational (in some capacity)
- 4 Abattoirs, 3 bovine related, 2 piggeries, 3 poultry farm, 6 food processing, 2 Shopping Malls, 3 land rehabilitation (energy crops on non-arable land), 2 WWTW, 1 Integrated waste management facility



Conclusion

- South Africa holds a high potential for biogas due to feedstock potential
- No project if there if feedstock is not accessible and a good quality
- Learn from past mistakes
- Collaborative effect for successful implementation to add value to feedstock



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