Supplementary Information

Table S1. Initial implementation and adaptive management of the ZW model using the i-ZEWATA methodology for the iron and Steel industry in developing countries.

Steps	i-ZEWATA model	Input	Methods, components,	Output
	Implementation Framework		tools, or data as input	
	Components		suggestion	
Step 1 Implementation	Formulate ZW goal	Formulate ZW Goal	Company policies, legal	Draft ZW policy and draft
			requirements and licenses,	procedures.
			stakeholder input, social	ZW plan outline.
			requirements,	
			environmental and	
			sustainability requirements,	
			economic requirements,	
			company operating plan and	
			company outlook	

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	Components		suggestion	
Step 1 Review and	Revisit ZW goal	Revisit ZW Goal	Company policies, legal	Amend ZW policy and
Assessment			requirements, stakeholder	procedures.
			input, social requirements,	ZW plan review.
			environmental and	
			sustainability requirements,	
			economic requirements,	
			company operating plan,	
			and outlook	
Step 2 Implementation	Determine critical system	Determine the status quo of	Perform a detailed and	Understanding of the critical
	components	the critical ZW system	exploratory waste system	system component status
		components: company	audit and gap analysis to	quo.
		culture, waste accounting,	determine the status quo,	

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		environmental externality	representativeness, and	Develop a plan to address
		accounting, regulatory,	accuracy of available critical	critical system components.
		waste data system, and	system components. Apply	Update and align ZW policy
		monitoring protocol.	qualitative and quantitative	and draft procedures.
			methods to support the	
			audit.	
Step 2 Review and	Review critical system	Review the status quo of the	Perform exploratory and	Understanding of the critical
Assessment	components	critical ZW system	detailed waste system audit	system component status
		requirements: company	and gap analysis to review	quo.
		culture, waste accounting,	the status quo,	Review plans to address
		environmental externality	representativeness, and	gaps, as identified in the
		accounting, regulatory,	accuracy of available critical	initial implementation.
			system components. Apply	

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		waste data system, and	qualitative and quantitative	Develop a plan to address
		monitoring protocol.	methods to support the	critical system components
			audit.	challenges.
				Update and align ZW policy
				and procedures.
Step 3 Implementation	Determine the status of	Determine the status quo of	Specialist reports, local and	
	baseline information (i-	the baseline information:	national government	Identification of baseline
	ZEWATA Step 1)	environmental conditions,	information documents,	information available and the
		waste characterization,	available EIA's, available	identification of information
		waste externalities,	waste data, historical data,	gaps.
		sustainability practices, and	monitoring data, annual	

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	Implementation Framework		tools, or data as input	
	Components		suggestion	
		system integration, and	reports, environmental	Develop a plan to address
		compliance to legal	management, sustainability	baseline data gaps.
		requirements.	plans, circular economy	
			guidelines and tools, legal	
			register, and compliance	
			status legal documents.	
Step 3 Review and	Baseline information (i-	Review the status quo of the	Specialist reports, local and	
Assessment	ZEWATA Step 1)	baseline information:	national government	Review of baseline
		environmental conditions,	information documents,	information available and the
		waste characterization,	available EIA's, available	identification of information
		waste externalities,	waste data, circular	gaps.
		sustainability practices, and	economy guidelines and	Review and update the plan
		system integration and	tools, historical data,	to address baseline data
		compliance requirements	monitoring data, legal	gaps.

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	Implementation Framework		tools, or data as input	
	Components		suggestion	
			register, and compliance	
			status legal documents.	
Step 4 Implementation	Design components (i-	i-ZEWATA implementation	i-ZEWATA analysis (hybrid	
	ZEWATA Step 1)	with input data from VSM	VSM / AHP / ANP method)	ZW model for the facility
		three-phase approach		ZW model priority criteria
				and alternatives.
Step 4 Review and	Review design components	i-ZEWATA review with input	i-ZEWATA analysis (hybrid	Updated ZW model for the
Assessment	(i-ZEWATA Steps 2a and b)	data from VSM three-phase	VSM / AHP / ANP method)	facility
		approach		Review the actual state VSM
				map.
				Update future state VSM
				map.

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	Implementation Framework		tools, or data as input	
	Components		suggestion	
				Updated ZW model priority
				criteria and alternatives.
Step 5 Implementation	Operation components		Facility management and	ZW plan with policy and
	(i-ZEWATA Steps 2 a and b)	Zero waste model's priority	treatment plan, ZW	procedures.
		criteria and alternatives	exchange initiatives and	Implementation of the plan.
			plan, ZW process	
			improvement initiatives,	
			circular economy guidelines	
			and tools, ZW internalization	
			plans, sustainability, and	
			triple bottom line initiatives,	
			site regulatory, and	
			compliance components.	

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	Implementation Framework		tools, or data as input	
	Components		suggestion	
			The outcome of stakeholder	
			consultations.	
Step 5 Review and	Operation components		Facility management and	Updated ZW plan
Assessment	review	Zero waste model's priority	treatment plan, waste	
	(i-ZEWATA Steps 2a and b,	criteria and alternatives	exchange initiatives, waste	
	3)		process improvement	
			initiatives, waste	
			internalization plans,	
			sustainability, triple bottom	
			line initiatives, circular	
			economy guidelines and	
			requirements, site	
			regulatory, and compliance	

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	Implementation Framework		tools, or data as input	
	Components		suggestion	
			components. Stakeholder	
			consultation.	
Step 6 Implementation	Monitoring components	ZW plan's i-ZW indicators	Audits, monitoring program	
	(i-ZEWATA Step 1)		data, and waste data	Developing i-ZW goals. Zero
				waste system reporting and
				review requirements and
				plan.
Step 6 Review and	Monitoring components	ZW plan's i-ZW indicators	Audits, monitoring program	
Assessment	review		data, and waste data	ZW performance review. ZW
	(i-ZEWATA Step 1)			data and reporting system.

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	Components		suggestion	
Step 7 Implementation	Adaptive management and	ZW performance of i-ZW	i-ZW indicators	Zero waste goal progress.
	ZW system performance	indicators		Decide on reporting
	measurement			hierarchy following the
	(i-ZEWATA Step 1)			outcome of ZW system
				review.
				Prepare to participate in
				circular economy initiatives
				such as industrial symbiosis
				programs.
				Prepare to participate in
				incentive schemes.

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	Implementation Framework		tools, or data as input	
	Components		suggestion	
				Report on progress relating
				to regulatory instructions
				received.
Step 7 Review and	Adaptive management and	ZW performance of i-ZW	i-ZW indicators reporting	Progress indication of ZW
Assessment	ZW system performance	indicators	data	model implementation and
	review			CIWM system
	(i-ZEWATA Step 1)			implementation.
				Progress indication of
				participation in circular
				economy initiatives such as
				industrial symbiosis
				programs.

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	Implementation Framework		tools, or data as input	
	Components		suggestion	
				Progress indication of
				participation in incentive
				schemes.
				Progress indication relating
				to regulatory instructions
				received.

Table S2. Industrial waste facility or complex management and waste valorization plan components

ZW System Management Components	ZW Valorization Management Components
Geo-Administrative	Manufacturing process analysis
Socio-cultural aspects	Waste minimization and waste characterization
Complex and waste characterization, monitoring	Treatment objectives
and disposal plan	
Waste streams and generation rates	Candidate technology selection protocol
Waste externalization quantification	Investigations protocol (bench-scale, pilot-scale)
Waste costs and accounting system	Preliminary treatment design protocol
Waste data system and monitoring protocol	Economic comparison protocol
Compliance requirements	Waste exchange protocol and waste stream
	identification
Company culture components	Waste internalization protocol and waste stream
	identification
Training	Compliance requirements
Other environmental, circular economy, CIWM	Treatment monitoring and data system protocol
and sustainability monitoring components	