

# Tool #1

From Theory to Action:  
Gender and Waste Recycling

## Ice Breaker

**Objective:**

Introduce each other and discuss expectations regarding the workshop

**Time:** 45 minutes

**Materials:** Note card or nametag and marker

During this activity, the group was broken into pairs so that each participant could present herself. The objective of the activity was for the participants to get to know each other, share their expectations of the workshop, and, importantly, call attention to the way they identify themselves. How they identify is essential as it shows whether or not the ways of presenting themselves are marked by gender (which would then lead into the next step in the intervention process). Once this short dialogue was finished, each participant had to introduce her partner to the entire group.

**Observations:** Oftentimes when presenting the partner to the group, one of the women would forget what the other participant had said. This was important as it highlighted the need for the participants to focus their listening and memory skills.

## Notes



*Ice breaker with waste pickers from Conselheiro Lafaeiete (L), August 2013, and the metropolitan region of Belo Horizonte (R), May 2013. Photos: A. C. Ogando*

