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UN-Habitat is scaling up its support to cities to implement cost-effective, efficient systems to ensure we reduce, collect and properly dispose of waste.

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN
231 million tonnes

EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA
392 million tonnes

SOUTH ASIA
334 million tonnes

EAST ASIA & THE PACIFIC
334 million tonnes

SUBSAHARAN AFRICA
174 million tonnes

NORTH AMERICA
289 million tonnes

MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA
129 million tonnes

Rethink
Promote a shift in mindset of people from linear make-use-dispose model to a circular model that considers waste as a resource.

Refuse
Avoid waste by minimizing production of single-use or disposable items, including plastic water bottles, plastic straws, plastic cutlery and disposable shopping bags, among others.

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