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General

The Zero Waste Certification Program (ZWCP) is an integral part of the International Climate Intelligence System (ICIS), designed to promote sustainable waste management and support the transition to a circular economy. ZWCP offers organizations a globally consistent and science-based framework to assess, reduce, and transparently report their waste generation, diversion, and recovery performance.

This program empowers organizations to move beyond traditional waste disposal approaches by prioritizing resource efficiency, materials recovery, and landfill avoidance. Rooted in the principles of environmental stewardship and life cycle thinking, ZWCP is aligned with best international practices, including ISO 14025 and circular economy indicators.

The ZWCP strengthens sustainable performance through:

- Systematic Waste Mapping: Identifying waste streams and their environmental impacts across operational processes.
- Transparent Metrics: Providing clear definitions and measurable criteria for zero waste achievement.
- Independent Verification: Enhancing trust through third-party assessment and continuous improvement.
- Public Recognition: Supporting credible and market-recognized zero waste declarations.

By achieving ICIS Zero Waste Certification, organizations demonstrate leadership in waste minimization, contribute to global climate and sustainability goals, and build long-term stakeholder confidence.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVES

ZWCP reflects ICIS's commitment to advancing global best practices in sustainable materials management. Designed as a robust and flexible framework, the ZWCP enables organizations to systematically reduce waste generation, optimize resource recovery, and minimize landfill dependence through measurable and verified waste diversion activities.

By achieving certification, organizations demonstrate their alignment with circular economy principles, contribute to global waste and emissions reduction targets, and establish credibility through third-party verification. The ZWCP complements other ICIS environmental programs—such as those focused on carbon neutrality, water stewardship, and sustainable procurement—offering participants an integrated sustainability portfolio.

The program is applicable to a wide range of entities including manufacturers, service providers, retailers, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, and municipalities. Certification is available for both individual facilities and enterprise-wide programs, with tailored guidance offered to reflect diverse operational contexts and sector-specific waste streams.

In alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the ZWCP directly supports:
SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production
SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities
SDG 13 – Climate Action
Participation in this program empowers organizations to meet environmental compliance needs, enhance operational efficiency, and strengthen stakeholder trust.

1.1 Program Objectives

The ICIS Zero Waste Certification Program helps organizations systematically eliminate waste, transition toward circular operations, and demonstrate leadership in environmental stewardship. The ZWCP is designed to achieve the following core objectives:

- **Standardize Measurement and Terminology**: Establish consistent and transparent definitions and metrics for waste diversion, reuse, recycling, and recovery to enable comparability across industries and regions
- **Validate Performance through Third-Party Certification**: Provide an impartial verification system to substantiate claims of zero waste performance, ensuring credibility with customers, regulators, and stakeholders
- **Promote Continuous Improvement**: Encourage organizations to identify waste minimization opportunities, implement reduction strategies, and track year-over-year progress
- **Advance Circular Economy Practices**: Foster materials circularity through closed-loop systems, product redesign, supply chain collaboration, and resource recovery innovation

- **Recognize Sustainability Leadership**: Publicly highlight organizations that achieve significant diversion milestones, support local communities, and advance systemic waste solutions

2.0 CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Organizations pursuing certification under the ICIS Zero Waste Program must complete a structured, third-party verified process that ensures credibility and comparability of claims. The certification process consists of the following stages:

2.1 Application and Eligibility

Organizations initiate the process by submitting a formal application form, available through the ICIS Certification Portal. The application includes:

- Organizational scope and site information
- Baseline waste data
- A letter of management commitment
- Preliminary zero waste roadmap

Applicants must designate a program coordinator to serve as the main point of contact.

2.2 Documentation Submission

Applicants must submit a comprehensive Zero Waste Plan that includes:

- A material flow map
- Waste audit reports (12-month minimum baseline)
- Reduction and diversion strategies
- Performance tracking systems
- Proof of employee engagement and training
- Supplier engagement strategies (if applicable)

All documents must follow ICIS formatting guidelines and use standardized waste categories (e.g., municipal solid waste, hazardous, organic, construction & demolition, etc.).

2.3 Verification

ICIS-certified third-party verifiers conduct:

- **Desktop audit** of submitted documents and data integrity
- **On-site audit** (or virtual walkthrough where applicable) to confirm waste handling practices, bin labels, diversion infrastructure, signage, and staff awareness
- **Sampling protocol** to verify diversion rates (minimum 90% diversion for certification)

All verification is guided by the ICIS Verification Protocol for Waste Metrics.

2.4 Certification Decision

Based on verifier findings, ICIS issues a formal certification decision within 30 business days. Certifications are granted for four levels:

- **Platinum** (≥ 99% diversion)
- **Gold** (≥ 95% diversion)

- **Silver** (≥ 90% diversion)
- **Bronze** (≥ 80% diversion)

If deficiencies are found, applicants receive a Corrective Action Request (CAR) and a 90-day window to resubmit evidence.

2.5 Logo Usage and Recognition

Certified organizations receive a digital certificate and official ICIS Zero Waste logo package. Logo use must follow the ICIS Brand & Claims Usage Policy, which prohibits use on products but permits use in:

- Annual sustainability reports
- Corporate websites and ESG disclosures
- Internal awareness and training materials

Misuse of logo or false claims may result in suspension or revocation.

2.6 Surveillance and Renewal

To maintain certification:

- Annual performance updates are required, including diversion data and any major changes to waste management strategy
- Re-certification is required every three years, with a fresh verification cycle

3.0 WASTE ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

A core requirement of the ZWCP is a standardized, verified methodology for assessing waste generation and diversion. All participating organizations must conduct structured waste audits to establish baselines and monitor progress.

3.1 Waste Audit Requirements

Organizations must perform annual waste audits covering all areas within the certification boundary. Audits must include:

- Physical sampling and sorting across multiple days to capture operational variation
- Documentation of audit methods, including collection points, weighing procedures, and waste categories
- Real-time auditing under normal operations to reflect true waste generation patterns

These audits support accurate data collection and form the basis for diversion calculations and improvement planning.

3.2 Diversion Rate Calculation

Diversion rates are calculated as:

Diversion Rate (%) = (Total Waste – Waste to Landfill/Incineration) ÷ Total Waste × 100

Requirements include:

- Inclusion of all waste streams within the scope
- Documentation of weights, destinations, and disposal or processing types

- Energy recovery is counted only if: Recovery efficiency exceeds 65% and Emission standards are met

This ensures a consistent, performance-based metric aligned with circular economy principles.

3.3 Waste Categorization and Verification

The program uses standardized categories (e.g., organics, paper, plastics, metals, electronics, hazardous waste) to ensure consistent reporting and benchmarking. Subcategories enable deeper analysis and targeted interventions.

All waste data must be third-party verified by ICIS-accredited professionals. Verifiers:

- Assess audit quality and calculation accuracy
- Conduct site visits and data reviews
- May request additional evidence or re-sampling if inconsistencies are found

Verification ensures transparency, accountability, and certification integrity.

4.0 WASTE DIVERSION HIERARCHY

The Zero Waste Certification Program is grounded in a structured waste diversion hierarchy that prioritizes actions based on environmental benefit and resource efficiency. This hierarchy supports upstream solutions first and provides a framework for continuous improvement.

4.1 Prevention and Source Reduction

Prevention is the most impactful strategy—eliminating waste at its source through:

- Product or packaging redesign
- Material substitution
- Process improvements
- Sustainable procurement policies

Certified organizations must show measurable outcomes and documented initiatives demonstrating systematic implementation.

4.2 Reuse

Reuse extends the lifecycle of materials through:

- Internal reuse systems
- Donations or external exchanges
- Refurbishment or repair programs

This approach retains embodied energy and can support local communities. Organizations must track quantities reused and ensure consistent, ongoing programs.

4.3 Recycling and Recovery

Recycling and composting convert materials into new products or soil amendments. Requirements include:

- Established collection systems
- Employee training
- Downstream processor verification

- Contamination control and improvement plans

Recovery includes processes like energy or nutrient extraction for non-recyclable materials, allowed only if efficiency and emission criteria are met.

4.4 Responsible Disposal

Landfilling and incineration are last-resort options. Certification requires:
- Evidence that all disposal materials were evaluated for diversion potential
- Documentation of best disposal practices
- Elimination of prohibited practices (e.g., open burning, uncontrolled dumping, disposal of recyclables)

The hierarchy ensures that disposal occurs only after exhausting higher-value strategies.

5.0 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The ICIS ZWCP evaluates organizations holistically—beyond diversion rates—by assessing program structure, implementation quality, and ongoing progress. Certification is based on both minimum requirements and a point-based scoring system across key performance areas.

5.1 Minimum Certification Requirements

To qualify for any certification level, organizations must meet the following non-negotiable criteria:
- Achieve and document required waste diversion rates: Bronze ≥80%, Silver ≥90%, Gold ≥95%, Platinum ≥99%
- Adopt a formal zero waste policy at the executive level
- Implement a comprehensive waste management plan covering all material streams
- Establish an employee training program with participation records
- Designate a zero waste coordinator with defined responsibilities

5.2 Optional Performance Metrics

Organizations are also assessed on optional leadership indicators, which enhance certification strength and demonstrate innovation:
- Source reduction and upstream waste prevention programs
- Supplier engagement and sustainable packaging initiatives
- Community outreach and education efforts
- Use of material exchange platforms
- Advanced solutions for difficult-to-recycle materials
- Data-driven waste tracking and reporting systems

These elements are not mandatory but contribute to higher scores and distinguish top-performing applicants.

5.3 Scoring Framework and Baseline Requirements

The program employs a multi-category, point-based system, with a maximum of 1,000 points distributed as follows:

Category	Points
Policy and Planning	100
Waste Prevention	150
Collection Systems	100
Employee Engagement	75
Vendor and Supplier Management	100
Leadership and Innovation	100
Documentation and Reporting	75
Performance Outcomes	300

- Minimum threshold scores must be met in each category
- Organizations must establish a 12-month baseline of waste data (generation and diversion)
- Provisional certification may be granted to organizations without historical data, with enhanced monitoring in the first year

5.4 Continuous Improvement Requirements

The program mandates annual progress to maintain or upgrade certification:
- **Waste reduction targets**: 1–5% annual decrease in total waste generated
- **Diversion improvement**: 1–3% annual increase in diversion rate
- Targets vary by certification level and current performance

These requirements reinforce the program's commitment to continuous environmental improvement and operational excellence.

6.0 VERIFICATION PROCESS

Third-party verification is central to the credibility of the ICIS Zero Waste Certification Program, distinguishing it from self-declared claims. This independent assessment confirms that all program requirements are met with transparency and rigor.

6.1 Verifier Qualification

Only ICIS-accredited professionals may conduct verifications. Verifiers must have demonstrable experience in waste auditing and environmental management and must pass ICIS-specific training and examinations. To ensure impartiality, individuals who have provided consulting to the applicant within the previous two years are disqualified from verifying the same organization.

6.2 Documentation Review

Verification begins with a comprehensive review of submitted materials, including:
- Waste audit results and diversion calculations
- Hauler and vendor records
- Policies, training documents, and implementation evidence

Any gaps or inconsistencies are flagged for clarification before on-site review.

6.3 Onsite Assessment

A site visit confirms the practical implementation of waste management practices. Activities include:

- Visual inspection of infrastructure (bins, signage, storage)
- Interviews with staff across departments
- Spot-checking of diversion claims

For multi-site certifications, representative sampling is applied based on risk, size, and operational complexity.

6.4 Reporting and Follow Up

Verifiers submit a detailed report with findings, including:

- Certification recommendation
- Any non-conformities or corrective actions
- Assessment of diversion data accuracy

Applicants may respond to preliminary findings before final certification is issued.

6.5 Verification Frequency

Verification timelines depend on the certification level:

- **Bronze & Silver**: Annual verification
- **Gold & Platinum**: Semi-annual verification

Additionally, 10% of certified organizations are randomly selected each year for unannounced audits to maintain program integrity.

6.6 Multi-Site Verification

Organizations pursuing enterprise-wide certification must submit documentation for all sites. A physical inspection is conducted at the headquarters plus a minimum of $\sqrt{n}$ (rounded up) additional sites, based on a risk-based selection model.

7.0 CERTIFICATION ISSUANCE & MAINTENANCE

Following successful verification, the certification issuance phase confirms qualification and provides formal recognition to certified organizations. This process upholds the integrity and consistency of the ICIS ZWCP.

7.1 Certification Committee Review

All verification reports are reviewed by the ICIS Certification Committee, which consists of waste management experts and program administrators. The committee ensures:

- Verification findings are complete and consistent
- Program criteria are correctly applied

For most applications, decisions are made within two weeks of verification report submission. Complex cases may require 4-6 weeks for further committee review. Certification outcomes are formally communicated, along with feedback on program strengths and areas for improvement.

7.2 Certificate Validity

Certificates are valid for three years with required annual maintenance reviews. Certified organizations must:

- Submit annual waste performance reports
- Conduct yearly waste audits
- Demonstrate continuous improvement against program targets
- Notify ICIS of significant operational changes (e.g., facility expansions)

7.3 Public Registry

ICIS maintains a public registry of certified organizations on its website. Each listing includes:

- Organization name
- Certification level and scope
- Certification dates
- Certificate ID number

Optional details such as waste diversion rates and program highlights may be published to promote transparency and stakeholder trust.

7.4 Annual Maintenance Reviews

To maintain certification, organizations must:

- Sustain the minimum diversion rates for their certification level
- Implement improvement initiatives
- Address non-conformities identified in annual or unannounced reviews

Significant operational changes must be reported for ICIS evaluation to confirm continued eligibility.

7.5 Certification Display and Usage

Certified organizations may display certificates at their facilities and use the ICIS Zero Waste Certification logo in communications, marketing, and sustainability reports, provided they follow the ICIS Logo Usage Guidelines. Certificates and logos must reflect accurate certification scope and status.

8.0 MONITORING & REPORTING

Effective waste management under the ICIS ZWCP relies on robust monitoring and transparent reporting. These processes ensure accountability, support continuous improvement, and maintain the credibility of certified claims.

8.1 Annual Reporting Requirements

Certified organizations are required to submit an annual report within 60 days of each certification anniversary. The report must include updated data on total waste generation and diversion, progress on waste reduction initiatives, changes to the waste management plan, and records of employee engagement. Submissions are completed through the ICIS digital reporting portal, which provides standardized templates and built-in calculation tools to ensure data consistency.

8.2 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Organizations must monitor and report performance using a defined set of KPIs, such as:

- Total and normalized waste generated
- Diversion rates by material type and processing destination
- Results of waste prevention actions (e.g., reduced volumes or avoided costs)
- Financial metrics (cost savings, revenues from recyclables)
- Recycling and compost contamination rates
- Employee participation rates
- Supplier engagement outcomes related to packaging and material efficiency

All reported figures must follow standardized measurement protocols, with calibrated weighing tools and documented estimation methods where direct measurements are unavailable. Supporting documentation—including hauler receipts, audit logs, training records, and initiative tracking—must be retained for at least five years.

8.3 Transparency and Public Communication

Transparency is a core principle of the program. At a minimum, certified organizations must disclose their certification level, overall diversion rate, and a general overview of their waste reduction efforts. Gold and Platinum level organizations are required to publish an annual sustainability report that includes detailed waste performance data and highlights of strategic initiatives. The ICIS platform enables certified entities to maintain a customized public profile, facilitating voluntary disclosure to stakeholders, customers, and the broader public.

9.0 NON-COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT

The ZWCP enforces a structured non-compliance management process to ensure ongoing adherence to certification requirements. This framework balances program integrity with practical support for continuous improvement.

9.1 Classification of Non-Compliance

Non-compliance issues are categorized into three levels:

- **Minor**: Isolated lapses, such as delayed documentation or minor process errors, without systemic impact
- **Major**: Significant operational gaps, such as failure to implement required diversion systems or large discrepancies in reported data
- **Critical**: Fraudulent reporting, data falsification, or complete neglect of core certification requirements

9.2 Corrective Action Process

All identified non-conformities are addressed through a formal Corrective Action Request (CAR). The CAR outlines the issue, reference to program requirements, evidence of non-compliance, and required remediation.

- **Response timelines**: Minor 30 days, Major 15 days, and Critical 5 days

Organizations must submit a root cause analysis, detailed corrective plan with timelines, and measures to prevent recurrence. Grace periods for remediation are:

- Minor: up to 90 days
- Major: up to 60 days
- Critical: up to 30 days

Certification remains valid during this period but may be listed as "under review" in the ICIS registry. Extensions may be granted if substantial corrective investments are needed, subject to interim mitigation measures.

9.3 Suspension and Revocation

Failure to close non-conformities may lead to:

- **Suspension**: Temporary removal of certification due to unresolved major issues or multiple minor lapses
- **Revocation**: Permanent removal in cases of critical non-compliance or repeated violations

Before revocation, organizations are notified formally and granted the right to appeal. If revoked, reapplication is permitted only after 12 months, with enhanced oversight during re-entry.

10.0 MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Certified organizations may promote their achievement under the Zero Waste Certification Program (ZWCP), provided they follow strict guidelines to ensure accurate and transparent communication.

10.1 Use of Certification Mark

Certified entities receive access to the official ICIS certification mark, which includes the program name, certification level, and ICIS branding. The mark may be used:

- On facility signage and employee communications
- In corporate reports, websites, marketing collateral, and social media
- On packaging only when directly linked to the certified facility and with ICIS approval

Usage rights are valid throughout the certification period and contingent upon ongoing compliance. The mark must always appear in full, unaltered form, and clearly indicate the certification level and covered facility or site.

10.2 Approved vs. Prohibited Claims

Approved claims include:

- [Facility/Organization] is ICIS Zero Waste Certified at the [Gold/Silver/Bronze] level
- This site diverts [XX]% of its waste from landfill and incineration, verified by ICIS
- ICIS-Certified Zero Waste Facility

Prohibited claims include:

- Implying that entire organizations or product lines are certified when only individual facilities are
- Suggesting ICIS endorsement of any products or services

- Making unverifiable environmental claims such as reductions in carbon or water unless separately certified

All claims must be tied to verified data, indicate the applicable verification period, and clearly state whether they refer to total operations or specific waste streams.

10.3 Integrity and Transparency

ICIS reserves the right to request corrections or retractions of any misleading marketing. Failure to comply with branding and communication rules may result in suspension of logo use privileges or broader certification review.

Organizations are encouraged to use the ICIS platform's customizable public profile tools for sharing accurate and credible information about their zero waste progress.

11.0 CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Zero Waste Certification Program (ZWCP) promotes continuous advancement in waste reduction, recognizing that zero waste is an evolving goal rather than a one-time achievement. Certified organizations are expected to improve both quantitatively and qualitatively over time.

11.1 Annual Waste Reduction Targets

Certified organizations must achieve year-over-year reductions in total waste generation, normalized to production output or occupancy. Minimum reduction targets by certification level are: Bronze 2%, Silver 3%, Gold 4%, and Platinum 5%.

These thresholds ensure that efforts focus not just on waste diversion, but also on reducing waste generation at the source.

11.2 Documented Improvement Initiatives

Each certified organization must implement and track new waste reduction initiatives annually, aligned with their certification level:

Certification Level	Required New Initiatives	Focus Areas
Bronze	2	Operational enhancements
Silver	3	At least 1 upstream/prevention initiative
Gold	4	Innovation, prevention, supplier collaboration
Platinum	5	Industry leadership, innovation, systems change

All initiatives must be documented with objectives, timelines, responsible teams, and evaluation criteria. Supporting evidence may include training records, procurement updates, supplier communications, or process redesign documentation.

Organizations are required to track quarterly progress and summarize outcomes in annual reports. During recertification, performance trends and the impact of initiatives will be closely evaluated.

11.3 Stakeholder Engagement for Improvement

Stakeholder input plays a key role in identifying opportunities and enhancing program effectiveness.

- **Bronze**: Suggestion boxes, basic staff training
- **Silver and above**: Formal stakeholder consultations, collaborative improvement projects
- **Platinum**: Advisory groups, community partnerships, industry-wide knowledge sharing

These mechanisms not only strengthen engagement but foster a culture of innovation and accountability in support of long-term zero waste goals.

12.0 DATA MANAGEMENT

Robust data management is central to the Zero Waste Certification Program (ZWCP), ensuring the integrity, accuracy, and transparency of waste tracking, verification, and reporting. ICIS provides a secure digital infrastructure and standardized protocols to support these objectives.

12.1 ICIS Digital Platform Capabilities

The ICIS cloud-based digital platform serves as the central hub for all waste data. Key features include:

- Secure user access with role-based permissions
- Intuitive data input and validation forms
- Automated waste diversion calculations
- Custom dashboards and visual analytics
- Standardized templates for annual reports and audits

These tools ensure data consistency across facilities and simplify compliance with certification requirements.

12.2 Security and Compliance

All data is protected through enterprise-grade cybersecurity protocols, including:

- End-to-end encryption (at rest and in transit)
- Multi-factor authentication (MFA)
- ISO 27001-aligned infrastructure
- Compliance with GDPR, CCPA, and other data protection regulations
- Regular third-party vulnerability assessments

Confidentiality of sensitive operational and financial data is strictly maintained, while public disclosure is limited to essential certification information (e.g., diversion rate, certification scope).

12.3 Analytics, Benchmarking and Visualization

Built-in analytics tools allow organizations to:

- Track waste trends over time
- Benchmark performance against sector peers (with anonymized comparison)
- Identify areas for improvement
- Create interactive visual reports for internal and external stakeholders

These insights drive informed decision-making and continuous improvement.

12.4 Data Retention and Integration

Retention policies ensure long-term access to critical documentation:
- **5 years**: Waste audit results, diversion calculations, third-party verification reports
- **3 years**: Training logs, improvement initiative records
- **1 year**: Hauler receipts, operational documentation

The platform supports automated archiving and optional data export.

System integration is available via standard APIs, enabling seamless connectivity with:
- ERP and facility management systems
- Corporate sustainability platforms
- Custom dashboards or reporting tools

Bulk upload options are provided for large or multi-site organizations to manage complex datasets efficiently.

13.0 RESOURCES & SUPPORT

The Zero Waste Certification Program offers a comprehensive suite of support services tailored to help organizations of all sizes successfully implement and maintain their zero waste efforts. From general guidance to specialized consulting, these resources empower participants at every stage of the certification journey.

13.1 Helpdesk and Technical Assistance

Organizations can access the ICIS Zero Waste Helpdesk via email or phone for specific queries, with defined response time commitments and escalation procedures for complex cases.
- **Free initial consultations** help prospective applicants assess program suitability and understand application requirements
- **Subsidized technical assistance packages** are available, especially beneficial for small businesses and nonprofits

13.2 Training Programs

To build in-house capacity, the program offers multilingual training options in various formats:
- Introductory webinars covering core certification elements
- Workshops focused on specific waste streams or sectors
- Advanced courses for certification readiness and internal auditors

Training is available via self-paced online modules, live virtual sessions, and periodic in-person workshops, all supported with case studies, exercises, and knowledge assessments.

13.3 Resource Library

A centralized digital library supports implementation with:
- Step-by-step implementation guides
- Industry-specific best practice case studies
- Customizable policy templates

- Technical papers on emerging waste management technologies

The library is fully searchable by waste type, sector, or certification component. Monthly updates and optional alert subscriptions help users stay current.

13.4 Consultant and Expert Network

Organizations can access a vetted directory of qualified professionals, including:

- Independent consultants with proven zero waste implementation experience
- Verified waste service providers and auditors
- Technical specialists for niche areas like hazardous waste, e-waste, or composting

Listings include sector expertise, regional coverage, language skills, and contact options.

13.5 Peer Networking

Collaborative engagement is encouraged through:

- Monthly virtual roundtables hosted by ICIS with topical focus and expert facilitation
- Regional in-person events featuring case sharing, facility tours, and strategy sessions
- An active online community forum moderated by ICIS staff and subject experts, enabling ongoing dialogue, peer problem-solving, and shared learning

14.0 PROGRAM SUMMARY

The ICIS Zero Waste Certification Program provides a comprehensive, scalable framework to help organizations eliminate waste, optimize resource use, and demonstrate verified leadership in sustainability. Through a structured process of waste assessment, diversion hierarchy implementation, performance verification, and continuous improvement, the program empowers participants to transition from traditional waste management toward a circular economy model.

With clearly defined certification levels, rigorous third-party verification protocols, and robust support services—including training, expert consultation, and digital tools—the ZWCP ensures credibility, transparency, and lasting impact. Organizations of all sizes and sectors can benefit from enhanced operational efficiency, stakeholder trust, regulatory readiness, and reputational value.

By achieving Zero Waste Certification through ICIS, organizations demonstrate their commitment to measurable environmental progress while aligning with global sustainability goals, including SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and SDG 13 (Climate Action).