Criteria and Process for New 10YFP Programmes Areas

Third Draft for consideration of the 10YFP Board

1. Introduction / Context:

The 10YFP document (A/CONF.216/5) adopted at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), includes an initial and non-exhaustive list of five programmes (consumer information, sustainable public procurement, sustainable lifestyles and education, sustainable buildings and construction and sustainable tourism including eco-tourism). This list is “intended to illustrate some possible areas of programme development and to inspire additional efforts to create programmes. This indicative list builds on the experience gained through the Marrakech Process, including those areas identified in the regional sustainable consumption and production round tables, strategies and action plans”.

The question now facing the Secretariat and Board of the 10YFP is how to respond to the growing number of requests from governments and other stakeholders for additional programmes.

During the first meeting of the 10YFP Board (1-2 October 2013, in New York), there was an important dialogue on new programme areas, where some criteria for new programme areas were discussed. As a result, the Board, with the support of the Secretariat, has prepared this paper setting out such criteria and the process to select and agree on these new programme areas.

2. Criteria for the Board and the Secretariat to agree upon new “programme areas”.

Proposals for new programme areas should consider and meet the following criteria:

a) Contribute to the vision, objectives and goals of the 10YFP (A/CONF216/5; para 1)

b) Give consideration to the eleven criteria identified for the programmes and listed in the 10YFP document (A/CONF216/5; para 7).

c) Include a strong scientific-based evidence on the relevance of the new programme area to achieve Sustainable Consumption and Production, Resource Efficiency and/or decoupling;

d) Avoiding duplication of scope between existing 10YFP programmes. The new programme area should not focus on cross-cutting themes which are already embedded transversally in programmes (e.g. research, indicators, best practices, life cycle approach, resource efficiency).

e) Respond to existing regional and national demand from governments and other stakeholders, which could be shown through:

• letters from countries, stakeholders and/or UN agencies (minimum 3 letters, at least 1 from developed and 1 from developing countries, and from different regions); and

• political declarations (such as Regional Ministerial Environment Conferences, …) and/or

• meeting reports or outcome documents from regional or sub-regional meeting/consultations between governments and other stakeholders on SCP/10YFP (chair summary or political recommendation, declarations requesting additional 10YFP programmes).
f) Consider and aim to build on existing initiatives, networks and partnerships and help to coordinate and synergize activities for a greater collective impact through a more coherent, focused and innovative programme.

g) Identify interested actors, including from the private sector, to coordinate/support the development of the future new 10YFP programme, which will be following the five-step model for programme development.¹

3. Suggested process for application and approval of new programme areas

a) Any government, UN organization and stakeholder may wish to cooperate and present a co-submission of proposal for a new programme area through letters and a “preliminary concept note” of the new programme area to the Secretariat (following the criteria listed above in section 2). The preliminary concept note should outline: proposed objectives, activities, partners and expected outcomes of the new programme area (see section 4 below).

b) The 10YFP Secretariat will check the proposal and preliminary concept note against the criteria listed in section 2 (2.a to 2.g).

c) The 10YFP Board will be consulted for approval of new programme areas for the 10YFP, based on preliminary concept notes which meet the criteria for new programmes and which have the necessary support set out in point 2(e) above. However, the Board will be informed of and have access to all proposals and preliminary concept notes received from governments and stakeholders, even if they do not meet the established criteria, or there is only one letter proposing a new programme.

d) The consultation with the Board could be during a face to face meeting, a conference call of the Board, or electronically. The item of new programme areas could be put in the agenda of the Board whenever proposals meeting the above criteria have been met.

e) The Board will have 28 days to revise the proposals and related “preliminary concept notes” for the new programme areas.

f) The Board could provide comments to the “preliminary concept note” to be considered by the related stakeholders and invite them to resubmit or just request inclusion of those comments before they start the five steps to develop the new 10YFP programme.

g) If criteria are not met the Secretariat will provide feedback and explanation to the related partners.

h) If criteria are met, and the Board agrees with the “preliminary concept note” of new programme area, the five step process for programme development will be launched.

4. Template for “preliminary concept note” for new programme areas to be included in the 10YFP

¹ The 5-step model to develop the 10YFP Programmes is: i) stock taking and consultation, ii) development of a programme proposal by key partners/experts; iii) submission of common template to the Secretariat fulfilling the 11 criteria; iv) Approves by the Secretariat and confirmation of the Board; and v) launching and implementation of the programme. For more information see www.unep.org/10yfp
i Background/introduction (outline the demand, need and added value of this new programme area, how it will contribute to the 10YFP vision, objectives ad goals)

ii Proposed objectives

iii Proposed activities at global, regional and national levels

iv Interested partners

v Expected outcomes

vi Timeline to develop and launch the new 10YFP programme

The preliminary proposal should be around 2 or maximum 3 pages.

Note: the Secretariat will append the formal proposals received for each programme to the “preliminary concept note” that they submit to the Board.
Annex 1. Requests for new programme areas received by the Secretariat during 2013

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So far the Secretariat has received the following requests or expressions of interest for new programmes within the 10YFP. The readiness for each of these new programmes areas currently differs.

Sustainable Food Systems:
- **Outcome of the Latin America and the Caribbean meeting**: 7th LAC regional Meeting on SCP, policy recommendations for the Regional Forum of Ministries of Environment of LAC – June 2013. This includes the request to “supporting food security with sovereignty.”
- **Requests from Governments through formal letters to the Secretariat**:
  - USA – letter 30 September 2013 – USEPA
  - South Africa – letter October 2013 – Department of Environmental Affairs
- Support from the **Inter-Agency Coordination Group, May 2013, with an individual expression of interest from FAO**.

*This potential programme would be developed to build on the existing work of the FAO-UNEP Agrifood Task Force on SCP.*

Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs):
- **Outcome of the Latin America and the Caribbean meeting**: 7th LAC regional Meeting on SCP - Recommendations for the Regional Forum of Ministries of Environment of LAC – June 2013
  “SMEs is one of the four regional priorities for LAC adopted by the Forum of Ministers of Environment in decisions Nº 5 and 6 in 2010 and 2012 respectively, and considering that they are an important source for economic growth and employment, and the base of productive supply chains.”

Sustainable waste management:
- **Outcome of the Latin America and the Caribbean meeting**: 7th LAC regional Meeting on SCP - Recommendations for the Regional Forum of Ministries of Environment of LAC – June 2013
- **Arab region**- priority sector in their regional SCP strategy

Cities and land use:
- **Suggestion made by the UN Inter-Agency Coordination Group (IACG) – May 2013**
- **UN-Habitat expression of interest and proposal**: “Beyond Urban Sprawl: Promoting the Sustainable Consumption of Space” – Provisional title. It would cover sustainable consumption of land resources, highlighting the need for compact, integrated and connected cities.

Sustainable Innovation of Products and Services
- **Proposal submitted by Korea at the 10YFP Board meeting – 1-2 October 2013.**

Resource Efficient manufacturing
- **Suggested by the IACG “programme on sustainable manufacturing” – first meeting, May 2013.**