**THE 10 YEAR FRAMEWORK OF PROGRAMMES ON SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION**

**RIO+20 ADOPTS THE 10YFP**

Promoting sustainable patterns of consumption and production is one of the three overarching objectives of, and essential requirements for sustainable development, reaffirmed at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).

Furthermore at Rio+20, Heads of State strengthened their commitment to accelerate the shift towards SCP patterns with the adoption of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (10YFP), in paragraph 226 of the Outcome Document “The Future we Want”.

The 10YFP responds to the 2002 Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, and builds on the eight years work and experience of the Marrakech Process – a bottom-up multi-stakeholder process, launched in 2003 with active involvement from all regions. It identified global and regional needs and priorities for the shift to SCP, and supported the development of regional SCP strategies and implementation of 33 demonstration projects worldwide. The 10YFP also builds on the work of many other SCP initiatives worldwide, including the national cleaner production centres, engaging a wide range of SCP stakeholders.

The A/CONF.216/5 adopted document provides the vision, goals and values of the 10YFP as well as its functions, organisational structure, means of implementation, criteria for programme design and an initial, non-exhaustive list of five programmes.

**WHAT IS THE 10YFP?**

*It is a global framework of action to enhance international cooperation to accelerate the shift towards SCP in both developed and developing countries.* The framework supports capacity building, and facilitates access to technical and financial assistance for developing countries for this shift. The 10YFP aims at developing, replicating and scaling up SCP and resource efficiency initiatives, at national and regional levels, decoupling environmental degradation and resource use from economic growth, and thus increasing the net contribution of economic activities to poverty eradication and social development. The framework is meant to encourage innovation and cooperation among all stakeholders.

Interested actors from all countries can be involved in the implementation of the 10YFP activities: government, private sector, civil society, researchers, UN agencies, financial institutions, and other major groups.

“Fundamental changes in the way societies produce and consume are indispensable for achieving global sustainable development. All countries should promote sustainable consumption and production patterns, with the developed countries taking the lead and with all countries benefiting from the process, taking into account the Rio principles... Governments, relevant international organizations, the private sector and all major groups should play an active role in changing unsustainable consumption and production patterns;” A/CONF.216/5
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**Main Objectives**

- Accelerate the shift towards SCP, supporting regional and national policies and initiatives.
- **Contributing to resource efficiency and decoupling** economic growth from environmental degradation and resource use, while creating **decent job and economic opportunities** and contributing to poverty eradication and shared prosperity.
- **Mainstream SCP into sustainable development policies**, programmes and strategies, as appropriate, including into poverty reduction strategies.
- **Support capacity building and facilitate access to financial and technical assistance** for developing countries, supporting the implementation of SCP activities at the regional, sub-regional and national levels.
- **Serve as an information and knowledge platform on SCP to enable all stakeholders to share** tools, initiatives and best practices, raising awareness and enhancing cooperation and development of new partnerships (Global SCP Clearinghouse).

**Organizational Structure**

The 10YFP includes: a Secretariat, a UN Interagency Coordination Group, a small Board, National and Stakeholders Focal Points, and a Member State body to receive reports.

a) **Secretariat**: served by UNEP to: i) cooperate closely with and respond to Member States; ii) collaborate with all relevant United Nations bodies; iii) foster the active participation of key stakeholders; iv) contribute to the fulfilment of the functions of the 10YFP; v) maintain a current list of active programmes and initiatives under the 10YFP; vi) organize and service relevant meetings on the 10YFP; viii) prepare reports; viii) report biennially to ECOSOC (as ad interim reporting body) on the 10YFP activities and financial performance of the Trust Fund.

b) **UN Interagency Coordination Group**: to ensure UN cooperation in the implementation of the 10YFP, identifying synergies and joint projects, and engaging the UN agencies in relevant 10YFP activities (e.g. programmes, research, trainings, national implementation). 19 UN bodies have joined this Group: UNCTAD, UNDESA, UNDP, UNECLAC, UNEP, UNESCAP, UNESCO, UNESCWA, FAO, UN Habitat, UNICEF, UNIDO, ILO, ITC, UNOPS, UNU, UN Women, UNWFP, UNWTO.

c) **Small Board**: UNGA67 has decided to establish a 10-member board consisting of two members from each UN regional group. It has the following functions: i) promoting the 10YFP; ii) guiding the secretariat; iii) assisting in securing funding, including contributions to the Trust Fund; iv) overseeing the secretariat’s operation of the trust fund and ensuring neutrality, transparency and accountability; v) review annual progress reports by secretariat on programmes; vi) reporting progress annually to ECOSOC (as ad interim reporting body); vii) convening international and regional meetings; viii) guiding preparations for the five-year review of the 10-year Framework of Programmes; and ix) inviting representatives of UN bodies and major groups to participate in its deliberations.

The 10YFP Board is composed of: South Africa and Tanzania for Africa; Bangladesh and Indonesia sharing one seat, and Japan and the Republic of Korea sharing one seat for Asia; Chile and Mexico for Latin America and the Caribbean; Romania and the Russian Federation for Eastern Europe; Switzerland and Finland sharing one seat with Germany for Western Europe and Others.
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d) National and Stakeholders Focal Points: National focal points nominated by Member States with the objective of ensuring contact and coordination with the Board and the Secretariat, and to support the 10YFP implementation. So far, over 100 national focal points have been nominated. Other stakeholders are also invited to nominate focal points with the same objective.

e) Member State body to receive reports: The UNGA67 has nominated ECOSOC as the ad interim Member State body, to receive reports from the 10YFP Secretariat and Board. The UNGA68 will review this interim arrangement.

MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION

Means of implementation are through voluntary contributions from all sources, and a Trust Fund to be administered by UNEP. Another implementation mechanism is the Global SCP Clearinghouse, which serves as the information platform of the 10YFP.

- **Trust Fund**: to receive and mobilize resources in a stable, sustained and predictable manner to develop and support SCP programmes in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, mainly providing seed money for capacity building activities delivered through its programmes. The 10YFP will also attract funding from a range of bilateral and multilateral sources.

- **The Global SCP Clearinghouse (www.scpclearinghouse.org)**: a unique one-stop hub bringing together the SCP community worldwide through information, knowledge sharing and cooperation on SCP. More than 1,000 members worldwide have already signed up to the Global SCP Clearinghouse.
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10YFP PROGRAMMES

Programmes are at the core of the framework. They are to contribute to promoting and implementing SCP, bringing together existing initiatives and partnerships working in similar areas, building synergies and cooperation between stakeholders to leverage resources towards mutual objectives and minimizing duplication of effort. The programmes are important mechanisms to meet the goals and principles of the 10YFP, responding to national and regional needs, priorities and circumstances. They will encourage the involvement of all relevant stakeholders, use a mix of policy instruments and set clear objectives, activities and indicators of success.

The 10YFP adopted text includes an indicative and open list of programmes, which builds primarily on the experience gained through the Marrakech Process, including its Task Forces, and on regional SCP roundtables and strategies. The five initial programmes are: i) consumer information; ii) sustainable lifestyles and education; iii) sustainable public procurement (SPP); iv) sustainable buildings and construction; and v) sustainable tourism, including ecotourism. There is the possibility to build additional programmes, should countries demand them (e.g. on agriculture and food, CSR, SMEs, waste).

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 10YFP?

Governments, business, consumer organizations, environmental NGOs, and all stakeholders can participate in the 10YFP by:

✔ Implementing SCP initiatives at the national and/or regional levels
✔ Identifying national and stakeholder focal points and supporting national and regional SCP information networks
✔ Participating and sharing expertise at national, regional and international meetings
✔ Engaging in regional and sub-regional initiatives (e.g. SCP roundtables in Africa, Asia and the Pacific and the Arab Region, LAC regional expert council on SCP, ASEAN Forum, SWITCH regional programmes and projects, etc.)
✔ Supporting the work of the 10YFP thematic programmes, by leading and/or supporting some of the work areas or activities
✔ Showcasing the economic, social and environmental benefits of SCP
✔ Developing proposals for new public-private partnerships and more cooperation building synergies
✔ Supporting project implementation and awareness raising and capacity building activities
✔ Participating actively in the Global SCP Clearinghouse.

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Key documents:
- The future we want: Rio+20 Outcome document
  ➔ http://www.uncsd2012.org/thefuturewewant.html
- 10YFP adopted text - A/CONF/216.5
- ABC of SCP
- The Global Outlook on SCP Policies
  ➔ www.unep.org/10yfp

“The 10-year framework should draw on valuable aspects of such experiences as the Marrakech Process [...]. The ongoing activities of the Marrakech Process, such as the task forces, should be considered for integration into the structure of the 10-year framework of programmes;” (A/CONF.216/5)