

“Poverty eradication, changing unsustainable patterns of production and consumption and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are overarching objectives of, and essential requirements for, sustainable development.”

Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Introduction, 2002

“The long-term vision of the Panel is to eradicate poverty, reduce inequality and make growth inclusive, and production and consumption more sustainable...”

United Nations Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (2012). *Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A future worth choosing*. New York: United Nations.

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GCSSXII/GMEF SPECIAL EVENTS

# SCP for a systemic change: From Rio to Rio and beyond

*Science, governments and business for efficiency*

**When:** Wed. 22 February, 2012, 13:45-14:45

**Where:** Conference Room 12

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

AGENDA



# Background

This side event will review progress on shifting Consumption and Production (SCP) patterns towards sustainability over the last 20 years, from the UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio (UNCED, 1992) through the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD, 2002) in Johannesburg, up to the forthcoming UN conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD, 2012). More specifically, the objective will be to highlight the importance of SCP in the systemic and transformative change needed to overcome current environmental challenges and related crises.

In this context, the work of UNEP, its partners and stakeholders on SCP, including governments, private sector and civil society, will be presented. The event will highlight activities supporting the implementation of policies, initiatives and partnerships, fostering business practices and changing consumer behaviors towards Resource Efficiency and SCP. Key achievements, challenges and opportunities for future work will be presented, including by showing the usefulness of SCP experience in creating the operational conditions for a transition to a Green Economy to achieve sustainable development and poverty alleviation.

This side event will also stress the message of the 19<sup>th</sup> session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD19) that “further progress in achieving SCP requires a more coherent and sustained approach to provide policies and tools for implementation”, and that the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on SCP (10YFP), called for in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, could provide this approach.

## Objectives

- Present SCP as a holistic approach that can generate systemic and transformative change;
- Present progress achieved on SCP, with concrete case studies at the regional and national levels, covering policies, private sector action and consumer choice;
- Highlight the importance of multi-stakeholder participation and partnerships for the implementation of SCP and resource efficiency; and
- Address the need for the endorsement of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on SCP as elaborated at CSD19 to replicate and scale up cooperation, partnerships and good practices and stress its importance for achieving green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty alleviation.

# AGENDA

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**13:45-14:00**

## Introduction

» 13:45-13:50

### Welcome remarks

Mrs. Sylvie Lemmet, Director, UNEP-DTIE

» 13:50-14:00

### Keynote

H. E. Ida Margrete Meier Auken, Minister for the Environment, Denmark

**14:00-14:40**

## Panel Discussion – SCP for a systemic change

Facilitator: Mrs. Sylvie Lemmet, Director, DTIE UNEP

» 14:00-14:05

### *Progress achieved and opportunities for SCP in Latin America and the Caribbean*

H.E. Mercy Borbor, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Environment, Ecuador

» 14:05-14:10

### *Advancing SCP at the regional and national levels: SWITCH-Asia Programme and the SCP ASEAN Forum*

H.E. Balthasar Kambuaya, Minister of Environment, Indonesia

» 14:10-14:15

### *International Resource Panel: Exploring decoupling opportunities*

Dr. Kevin Urama, Executive Director, African Technology Policy Studies Network, Kenya

» 14:15-14:20

### *More with Less: scaling sustainable consumption and resource efficiency*

Mr. Randall Krantz, Director, Sustainability Initiative, World Economic Forum

» 14:20-14:40

### *Questions and Answers*

**14:40-14:45**

## Conclusions

H.E. Ida Margrete Meier Auken and Mrs. Sylvie Lemmet.