

**THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS**  
**IPM TO CSD 19**  
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**STATEMENT FROM MAURITIUS**

**Mauritius is a Small Island Developing State. We have limited resources and we are very vulnerable to climate change. Therefore, SCP stands very high on the agenda of my government. We are fully conscious that the cost of inaction would be too high. It is therefore a matter of urgency for us to shift towards green growth and therefore to SCP.**

**In fact, since 2008, our Prime Minister has announced his vision of making Mauritius a green and sustainable island- *the Maurice Ile Durable Vision*. And therefore there is no way we can attain this vision if we do not reduce our wastage of resources and we do not improve our resource use efficiency.**

**The Marrakech Process and the 10 YFP on SCP has been a guiding tool for us. Mauritius was selected as a pilot country by UNEP to develop a 5 year National Programme on SCP for Mauritius (2008-2013) which consists of 44 projects. The programme is currently under implementation by various leading agencies / Ministries of Mauritius.**

**We have also developed our SCP Indicators last year and we were happy to observe that the energy consumption per capita and the energy intensity have gone down in the last years. Therefore, our economy is becoming more energy- efficient. SCP is therefore the only way we can survive and stand competitive against the global financial crisis and the rising prices in fossil fuels.**

**So therefore, we need to further support the laudable initiatives of UNEP.**

**The consolidated 10 YFP for CSD 19 builds upon lessons learned and provides for**

- (i) A formal secretariat for SCP for better visibility, sustainability and continuity of the projects**
- (ii) A global financial , technical and political mechanism for promoting SCP**
- (iii) More knowledge sharing and networking by better communication on best practices**
- (iv) Global programmes which respond to the needs of countries**

**We believe that it should also**

- (i) provide for a global reporting mechanism**
- (ii) engage more public- private partnership**
- (iii) engage religious / spiritual leaders in [promoting sustainable lifestyles**

**We know that unless there is a global drive towards SCP, the isolated efforts of a few countries will not work. So all societies have their role to play, be it developed or developing countries.**

**My Government therefore fully supports UNEP in its recommendations of the consolidated 10 YFP which we strongly believe will help crystallize SCP all across the globe.**

**Thank You**