



CSD-18 Thematic Discussion on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP)

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Institutional Support: Marrakech Process and Regional Activities in Africa

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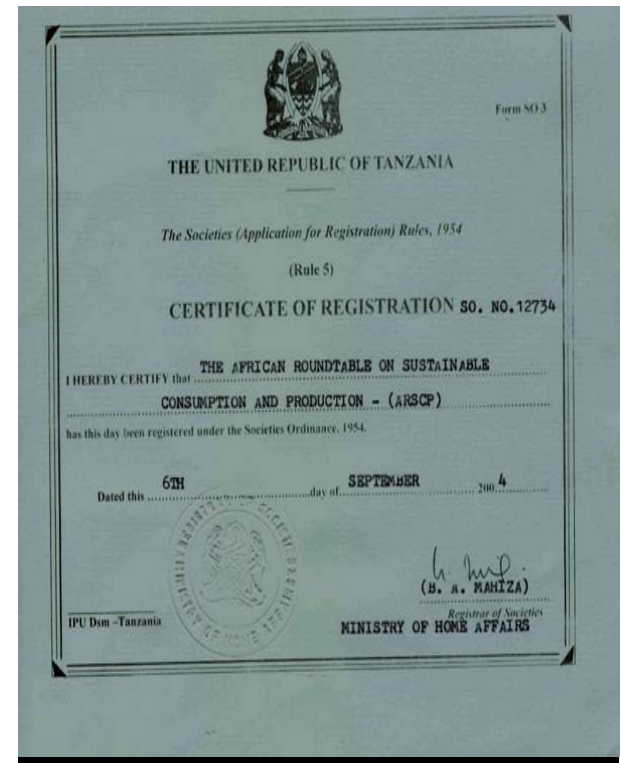
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1. The African Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ARSCP)

□ Background

- Institutionalised on 18 May 2004 during ARSCP-3 in Casablanca, Morocco
- Endorsed by the 10th regular session of the AMCEN 26 – 30 June 2004, Sirte, Libya
- Hosted by Tanzania (CPCT), as Secretariat
- President (Tanzania)
- Registered in Tanzania (September 2004)





The African Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ARSCP)

□ Organisation

- Governed by Charter
- General Assembly
- Executive Board
- Secretariat in Tanzania
- Members: Patron, Institutional and Individual
- Board meetings



The African Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ARSCP)

□ Objectives

- To coordinate and promote sustainable consumption and production within the region
- To facilitate support to existing NCPCs and SCP promoting institutions in African countries
- To facilitate integration of SCP in national policy frameworks in the region
- To facilitate information exchange and experience sharing on SCP regionally and internationally, e.g through bi-annual roundtable meetings.



2. The African 10 Year Framework of Programmes

A: The process

- ❑ First African Expert Meeting, 19-20 May 2004, Casablanca, Morocco.
 - deliberated on key issues to be addressed under the FP;
 - identified four (4) thematic areas of focus.
- ❑ Second African Expert Meeting, 17-18 February 2005, Nairobi, Kenya.
 - further deliberated on the 4 thematic areas of focus;
 - proposed key activities to be undertaken under each area.
- ❑ Technical Segment of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN), 19-20 February 2005, Nairobi, Kenya.
 - Endorsed the African 10YFP for submission to AMCEN for approval
- ❑ AMCEN's Special Session on NEPAD Environmental Action Plan, 15-16 March, Dakar Senegal.
 - Approved the Regional Framework Programme



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A: The process

- ❑ Fourth African Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ARSCP-4) in conjunction with the High-level launch of the African 10YFP (May 2006):
 - invitees: Ambassadors & reps of Africa to AU and UNECA, ambassadors of key development partner countries, ARSCP-4 participants from all over Africa; Heads of relevant regional & international organizations;
 - Graced by the President of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia
 - establishment of the regional coordinating and support mechanism for the further development and implementation of the African 10-YFP (Regional Steering Committee)



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B: The outcomes

- ❑ Key priority areas for action at the Regional level identified.
- ❑ The African 10 Year Framework Programme document endorsed by AMCEN.
- ❑ Specific calls for the promotion of SCP made by African countries through the Dakar Declaration adopted in March 2005.
- ❑ The 'Task Force on Cooperation with Africa' launched by the Federal Republic of Germany.
- ❑ A Regional Steering Committee for the implementation established.



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C: The strategic focus

Linking SCP with the challenges of meeting basic needs.

The priority areas:

- Energy – (provision of affordable and sustainable energy for productive use)
- Water and Sanitation
- Habitat and Sustainable Urban Development
- Industrial Development – (renewable resource based industries)

Energy

- Energy is key for human development, economic growth, health and education. There is an urgent mood to ensure energy access to rural communities, to promote renewable energy and increase energy efficiency in Africa.
- Calls for actions to promote sustainable energy is in the sections of agriculture, industry and household.
 - ◆ Energy use for agriculture
 - ◆ Industrial energy use and generation
 - ◆ Household energy use

Water and Sanitation

The priority areas under water and sanitation include:

- Knowledge management of best practices in Africa
- Technology transfer
- Regional awareness raising and education on SCP
- Replication of successful experiences in reuse of wastewater
- Promoting the implementation of Integrated Water
- Resource Management (IWRM) by integrating SCP and LCA

Habitat and Sustainable Urban Development

The priority areas include:

- Integrated solid waste management (ISWM)
- Sustainable urban mobility
- Reduction of vehicular emissions
- Sustainable Urban development

Industrial Development

The priority areas for the renewable resource based industries include:

- Strengthening the capacity of the ARSCP and it's members
- Promoting the creation of loan guaranteed fund
- Exploring the expansion of Value chains for agriculture products and by products by expanding their industrial uses
- Improving markets for sustainable goods and service to ensure competitiveness irrespective of destination market.
- Developing an early warning system for export and import products.



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D: The key partners

- ❑ Regional
 - African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN)
 - African Union Commission (AUC)
 - United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
 - African Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ARSCP)
- ❑ Development partners
 - Federal Government of Germany through the Marrakech Task Force on Africa
 - Royal Government of Norway
- ❑ International organizations
 - UN-DESA
 - UNEP
 - UNIDO



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E: Ongoing projects/programmes

- ❑ Lake Victoria Environment Management Programme – Phase II
 - ✓ Mainstreaming SCP in Lake Victoria Riparian States

- ❑ Metal Study
 - ✓ African trade (import/export) in hazardous-metal (Cd, Hg, Pb) containing products and its health and environmental impacts

- ❑ Development of National/Local (City) 10 Year Framework of Programmes (Mauritius/ Tanzania and Cairo/ Maputo)
 - ✓ promote understanding of key issues in SCP; identify priority areas for development and implementation of specific activities; generate region specific knowledge and experience in development and implementation of SCP activities



3. Marrakech Task Force on Cooperation with Africa



Background

The African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN) called upon its development partners to provide support to the activities and programmes included in the approved African 10 Year Framework of Programmes (10-YFP) on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP). The Marrakech Task Force on Cooperation with Africa has engaged actively in the development and implementation of the 10-YFP on SCP (the so-called Marrakech Process) in Africa.



Main objectives

- ❖ Strengthening existing organisational structures and establishing new ones to promote sustainable consumption and production in African countries
- ❖ Developing and supporting projects for implementing sustainable consumption and production methods in Africa
- ❖ Supporting the integration and mainstreaming of environmental education in African schools and universities
- ❖ Promoting sustainable procurement by governmental organisations through training courses and awareness raising



Working areas

1. Development of an African Eco-labeling Mechanism
2. Supporting the development of SCP action plans at national and local levels
3. Research on the potential for leapfrogging for Africa
4. Supporting the development of networks and knowledge based information tools in selected fields of action



Key activities

1. Development of an African Eco-labelling Mechanism:

- ❖ Review of existing initiatives within the region on eco-labelling and identification of lessons learned
- ❖ Analysis of the international and regional market to identify obstacles and benefits/opportunities for an African eco-label mechanism
- ❖ Identification of potential product groups as well as potential partners
- ❖ Development of a work plan for the implementation of an African eco-labelling mechanism



2. Supporting the development of SCP action plans at national and local level:
 - ❖ Identification of the pilot countries to be supported and signing of a Memorandum of Understanding
 - ❖ Provision of available technical tools and guidelines
 - ❖ Assistance to countries for the development of national action plans on SCP
 - ❖ Collection of feedback and inputs on ways of improving the UNEP- Manual on National Action Plan for SCP and the Manual coordinated by UNEP-DEFRA



- ### 3. Research on the potential for leapfrogging for Africa:
- ❖ Identification of the potential for African countries to leapfrog to sustainability listing some of the most promising sectors
 - ❖ Analysis of necessary conditions and policy tools that could enable leapfrogging with a sectoral approach and if possible illustrate them with case studies
 - ❖ Collection of existing cases of leapfrogging in Africa
 - ❖ Development of a final report on opportunities to leapfrog in Africa



4. Supporting the development of networks and knowledge based information tools in selected fields of action:

- ❖ Development of a report on Best Practice in African Countries and dissemination to countries for possible replication of those practices

(http://www.unep.org/roa/docs/pdf/Best-Practice_english.pdf)

- ❖ Provision of information through existing regional networks (see for example <http://lcinitiative.unep.fr> and www.bioenergyinternational.com)



Conclusion

Political will together with institutional support and commitment at the global, regional and national levels is essential for the successful and effective implementation of the 10 Year Framework of Programmes.

Thank you for your attention

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