

# Regional Discussion Western Asia & Arab Region Outcome of the RIM on CSD-18 Thematic Areas

Interactive Discussion
Comments on
10-year Framework for SCP

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# A. Status and Progress Achieved

#### A. 1- Status

- Significant efforts to adopt and implement policies on SCP in different sectors focusing on:
  - Energy;
  - Water;
  - Rural Development;
  - <u>Tourism;</u>
  - Education and Lifestyles.
- > Results are still limited in general and varies among Member Countries in nature.



# A. Status and Progress Achieved

#### A.2 Progress Achieved

#### > On Energy:

- Increased modern energy services to rural and remote areas;
- Promoting renewable energy technologies applications;
- Promoting projects for electric and natural gas networks;



- Encouraging the participation of the private sector
- Improving energy efficiency and expanding the use of cleaner fuel.



# A.2 Progress Achieved (Contd.)

- **On Water Resources:**
- Adopting the integrated water resources management approach;
- Supporting efforts to develop alternative water resources and water quality standards;
- Increasing public awareness of sustainable water consumption.
  - On rural development and alleviation of poverty:
- Improving the infrastructure in rural areas and encouraging SME's;
- Improving access to education, health services, water and sanitation while achieving gender equality;
- Encouraging sustainable agricultural practices.



# A.2 Progress Achieved (Contd.)

- On Education and Sustainable Lifestyles:
- Development of national strategies and programmes for education and eradication of illiteracy;
- Integrating the SCP issues and sustainable lifestyle in formal curricula;
- Enhancing the standards of "green" buildings;
- Raising awareness through the media and NGOs.



# **B.** Priority Areas for Action

#### 1. <u>In the energy sector:</u>

- Disseminating renewable energy in rural areas
- > Establishing a partnership on energy efficiency in the Arab region

#### 2. <u>In water Resources Management:</u>

- Improving water efficiency;
- Managing common water resources;
- Safe use of sanitation water.

#### 1. In Sustainable Tourism:

- > Achieving the sustainability of tourist processes;
- Developing integrated management for tourist regions.

#### 2. <u>In Education and Sustainable Lifestyles</u>:

- Capacity-building of young people in achieving sustainable consumption and production patterns in all sectors;
- Training government procurement experts on green procurement;



# Thank You!