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**;
  - **Tourism**;
  - **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. **In the energy sector:**
   - Disseminating renewable energy in rural areas
   - Establishing a partnership on energy efficiency in the Arab region

2. **In water Resources Management:**
   - 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. **In Education and Sustainable Lifestyles:**
   - Capacity-building of young people in achieving sustainable consumption and production patterns in all sectors;
   - Training government procurement experts on green procurement;
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