

Concept Note

Towards the implementation of 10YFP: SCP for SIDS Initiative

1. Background information:

The concept note outlines a proposal for a “SCP for SIDS initiative” within the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP) responding to the request made by the SIDS member states to support the implementation of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) projects and initiatives. It is intended that this initiative is launched at the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, in September, in Apia, Samoa.

A zero draft concept note was sent for consultation to all SIDS countries from 22 April to 27 May 2014. The comments received have been integrated in this revised note. Conference calls and webinars will be organised in the next weeks to develop this further and identify interested and active partners to lead the initiative.

1.1. The mandate for a “SIDS Platform/partnership for SCP” within the 10YFP

Chapter XV of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (MS/POA), refers to the SIDS commitment to support the 10YFP implementation and promotion of SCP. As it reads below:

“In response to the call in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation for the development of a 10-year framework of programmes in support of regional and national initiatives on sustainable consumption and production, small island developing States are committed, with the necessary support of the international community, to:

- (a) Considering all initiatives relating to sustainable consumption and production in the context of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development;
- (b) Taking appropriate measures to facilitate the implementation of the 10-year framework on sustainable production and consumption in a coherent manner;
- (c) Assessing the need for programmes on sustainable consumption and production strategies on the basis of national priorities and best practices.” (Chapter XV, paragraph 73).

In keeping with this commitment, SIDS have participated in a number of efforts in support of the implementation of the 10YFP. Notwithstanding, SIDS observed in the Outcome Document¹ of the Inter-regional preparatory meeting for the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States that the “overall progress in the implementation of SCP projects and initiatives in SIDS remains slow as a result of the continuing misalignment between policies and actual projects, in the light of a lack of capacity and resources” [para. 48].

¹ Entitled “Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) integrated and enabling cooperation framework for the Barbados Programme of Action and Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation”

In this same document, SIDS call for “the establishment of a SIDS specific support platform within the 10YFP with emphasis on small and medium enterprises, sustainable tourism, sustainable lifestyles and education for sustainable development. Support should also be provided to additional programmes for the 10YFP including sustainable waste management and sustainable food systems, including food security, to encourage linkages in the sustainable supply chain to promote rural development.” (Para 128)

To respond to this request, the 10 YFP Secretariat has developed this concept note for a “SCP for SIDS” Initiative within the 10YFP. This will support specific activities, projects and capacity building aimed at facilitating sustainable consumption and production patterns responding to SIDS priorities.

1.2 The 10 Year Framework of Programmes for Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP)

The 10YFP is a global framework for action on sustainable consumption and production (SCP) to enhance international cooperation to accelerate the shift towards SCP in both developed and developing countries. **The framework supports capacity building and facilitates access to technical and financial assistance for developing countries for this shift. The 10YFP aims at developing, replicating and scaling up SCP and resource efficiency initiatives,** decoupling environmental degradation and resource use from economic growth, and thus increasing the net contribution of economic activities to poverty eradication and social development.

a) The **objectives** of the 10YFP can be summarised as follow:

- Accelerate the shift towards SCP in all countries by supporting regional and national policies and initiatives.
- Increase resource efficiency and decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, creating decent job and economic opportunities, contributing to poverty eradication and shared prosperity.
- Support capacity-building and facilitate access to financial and technical assistance for developing countries, supporting the implementation of SCP activities at all levels.
- Serve as an information and knowledge sharing platform on SCP to enable all stakeholders to exchange policies, tools, initiatives and best practices, enhancing cooperation

b) **Programmes** are at the core of the 10YFP. They will contribute to meeting the objectives, goals and functions of the 10YFP, responding to national and regional needs, priorities and circumstances. The programmes will build capacity to implement policies, voluntary instruments, management practices, information and awareness raising activities to promote the shift to SCP patterns. The 10YFP will bring together existing initiatives and partnerships working in similar areas, highlighting good practices and success stories, building synergies and cooperation among stakeholders to leverage resources towards mutual objectives and minimize duplication of ongoing efforts. The programmes will support the use of a mix of policy, regulatory and voluntary instruments and set clear objectives, activities and indicators of performance and success.

The initial, non-exhaustive list of programmes builds on the experience gained through the Marrakech Process, including those areas identified in the regional sustainable consumption and production round tables, strategies and action plans:

- Consumer information
- Sustainable lifestyles and education

- Sustainable public procurement
- Sustainable buildings and construction
- Sustainable tourism, including ecotourism
- An additional programme area on Sustainable Food Systems has been approved recently by the 10YFP Board.

c) **Regional SCP strategies:** to date, most regions have developed **their regional sustainable consumption and production strategies, such as the African 10YFP, the LAC SCP strategy, the Arab regional strategy on SCP, the Asian Green Growth Partnership and the European Union SCP and industrial policy Action Plan.** The 10YFP is meant to support these strategies with its further implementation, scaling up best practices and replicating successful initiatives.

d) **The Global SCP Clearinghouse:** to respond to the need of information and knowledge sharing among all stakeholders, the 10YFP Secretariat has developed the Global SCP Clearinghouse. The Global SCP Clearinghouse is a unique one-stop hub dedicated to Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP).

The Global SCP Clearinghouse aims at bringing together and expanding the SCP community worldwide, collecting, disseminating and sharing initiatives, policies, tools and best practices, the latest news and events on SCP as well as cooperation opportunities in order to trigger more innovation and cooperation towards SCP implementation around the world.

The Global SCP Clearinghouse, serves to:

- **Share information and knowledge on the 10YFP:** Serve as the information hub for the 10YFP;
- **Promote SCP:** Inspire policy-makers, the business sector and civil society around the globe to share their experiences and take action;
- **Collect, disseminate and share:** information, knowledge, tools and best practices, on SCP through user-friendly worldwide databases and communities;
- **Networking and partnerships:** strengthen networks, build cooperation and partnerships at all levels through a cooperation market place, directory of experts and working groups;
- **Track news and events:** learn about and share latest news and events on SCP.

2. [SCP for SIDS Initiative for SCP within the 10YFP: Responding to regional and national SCP priorities](#)

Responding to the request of SIDS to have a specific SCP support platform on SCP within the 10YFP; the 10YFP Secretariat is supporting the development of a SCP for SIDS initiative within the 10YFP. This initiative will be developed in close consultation with and ownership of the SIDS countries; and is expected to be announced at the SIDS Conference in Samoa, September 2014.

The intention is not to duplicate efforts or create new platforms (the 10YFP is already a global platform to deliver capacity building and support the transition to SCP), but rather facilitate the active participation and engagement of SIDS countries in the 10YFP, as well as the adequate response of the 10YFP programmes and activities to the priorities and needs of the SIDS countries.

The SCP for SIDS initiative will be built using the existing mechanisms and tools of the 10YFP, such as the Global SCP Clearinghouse (a dynamic and decentralise knowledge and information platform on SCP), the

regional SCP meetings and the 10YFP Programmes. The regional meetings and the 10YFP Programmes will be responsible of delivering capacity building, technical support and assistance of financial sources for the implementation of SCP projects at the regional and national levels.

Responding to the identified priority areas, special attention will be given to SIDS relevant priority issues through the 10YFP Programmes on sustainable tourism, sustainable lifestyles and education, and sustainable food systems, as well as awareness raising on SCP approaches and capacity building to mainstream on SCP in decision making and other existing strategies.

A specific SIDS “community of practice” is planned to be added in the Global SCP Clearinghouse (www.scpclearinghouse.com), which is a dynamic and decentralised knowledge and information platform on SCP. It already has an extensive network (over 1,600 members) of regional stakeholders and thematic SCP communities (17 communities). Hence a new “SIDS community” will be developed in the clearinghouse. This community will enable SIDS to exchange information, participate in webinars, discuss SCP challenges in SIDS, and learn about best practices in other SIDS countries as well as in other countries and regions. This SIDS community be mainly a “window” within the Global SCP Clearinghouse where SIDS and other partners could inform about SCP SIDS specific issues and actions.

2.1 Goals of the SCP for SIDS Partnership:

The SCP for SIDS initiative is intended to expedite the implementation of sustainable consumption and production projects and initiatives in SIDS countries and facilitating their alignment with national and regional policies [See para. 48 of the Inter-Regional SIDS Outcome Document].

It will also seek to mobilize business and industry, in particular micro, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to increase resource efficiency; spur innovation and increase their competitiveness. They will focus on themes and priorities identified by SIDS including, *inter alia*, in no order of priority: **sustainable tourism, SMEs, waste, sustainable lifestyles and food.**

The partnership will take into consideration the commonalities as well as the difference between SIDS, including their levels of development. It will, therefore, facilitate SIDS-SIDS collaboration, exchange of best practices and experiences.

2.2 Specific Objectives:

More precisely, the “SCP for SIDS Partnership within the 10YFP” has the following objectives:

- i. Facilitate the preparation and implementation of national SCP Plans and sub-regional coordination planning frameworks for SIDS, including the promotion of lifecycle based and integrated planning methods (e.g. Coastal Tourism Development on the basis of ICZM and Carrying Capacity) into national and sectoral development planning.
- ii. Seek international financial assistance to promote sustainable consumption and production patterns in SIDS, including, *inter alia*, in the development of sustainable products and services, sustainable food systems, waste management, marine litter, sustainable public procurement, sustainable building and construction, the reduction of non-degradable substances and the treatment and storage of chemicals and other hazardous waste, among others.
- iii. Promote capacity building in SCP, especially in SMEs, through increased resource efficiency and integrating SCP tools and approach in areas identified by SIDS in the Barbados Programme of

Action, such as sustainable tourism, SMEs, waste management (3Rs), sustainable lifestyles and sustainable food systems.

- iv. Match the demand for SCP in SIDS with available financial resources, facilitating resource mobilization and tangible commitments between existing funds, donors, investors, and key SIDS countries and stakeholders.
- v. Promote knowledge and information sharing (tools, methodologies, best practices) through inter- and intra-regional policy dialogues and the Global SCP Clearinghouse.
- vi. Support science-policy dialogue on identifying critical issues on natural resource use and management in SIDS with a view on reducing the resource intensity of the economy and supporting ecosystem conservation.

3. SIDS countries and sub-regions, with common and specific priorities

There are 39 SIDS countries that will be participating in the Samoa conference in September, from three sub-regions: Latin American and the Caribbean (LAC), Asia-Pacific (AP), and Africa, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean, South China Sea (AIMS).

Of the 39 countries, 16 are in the LAC sub-region, 15 in AP and 8 in AIMS². See Annex 1.

Although sharing many characteristics, the SIDS in different sub-regions have particular SCP priorities that this partnership will address.

The **Caribbean sub-region** has as its main priorities the promotion of **sustainable tourism and the support to SMEs**. These two areas are of particular importance moving forward in the promotion of SCP. Decision 5 of the 19th Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Latin American and the Caribbean reiterated the call for a SIDS-specific platform/partnership in the 10YFP. UNEP's Sustainable Tourism Programme is also supporting the development of a regional mainstreaming project for Caribbean SIDS in collaboration with regional partners.

In Asia-Pacific, substantive priority areas are mainstreaming **sustainable tourism practices and policies, focusing on coastal areas activities, and tourism private sector in marine recreation and Montreal Protocol activities relating to sustainable use and disposal of cooling systems**. Furthermore, in the Asia and Pacific region a regional roadmap for the implementation of the 10YFP has already been drafted. Pacific SIDS could benefit from an active participation in the implementation of this roadmap and even decide to develop a SIDS oriented chapter of the roadmap if such action could be identified as a priority.

Africa, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean and South China Sea (AIMS) SIDS recognize the imperative for the efficient and **effective management of natural resources (water, land, biodiversity)** and call for advancement of sustainable consumption and production patterns by the international community and the SIDS themselves. Best practices exist within AIMS SIDS that should be shared and that could inform the discussion of resource management in the context of the post-2015 development agenda.

It should also be noted that along with these differences, SIDS countries share a number of common vulnerabilities, notably size and geographic isolation, which are exacerbated by climate change, and justify the need for a dramatic shifts towards SCP in SIDS. Climate change affects land, coastal, tourism, and energy resources in SIDS, disrupting the economies and livelihoods, and accentuating the SCP

² Please see annex 1 for a complete list of SIDS countries

deficiencies in SIDS. This initiative will consider climate change as a major issue and common thread, demonstrating the SCP benefits for climate change mitigation and energy/resource efficiency.

Analysis of priorities is not yet completed, but investigation of current practices in the regions as a whole will help to narrow down priorities in the sub-regions.

4. Implementation Milestones

The “*SCP for SIDS initiative within the 10YFP*” will be developed in four phases, including, inter alia,

Phase 1: Consultations with SIDS: This will involve consultation on the draft concept note and the convening of a meeting(s) with SIDS Member States with the view of:

- Finalise the proposal for the “SCP for SIDS initiative” with clear goals, objectives and activities, which will be the basis for building partnerships and cooperation to support the initiative and active participation of SIDS countries in the 10YFP.
- Identify partners in the SIDS regions LAC, AP and AIMS to be the leading actors of the initiative.
- Agreeing on a strategy for resources mobilisation.
- Technical work of the integration of SIDS partners into the 10YFP Global SCP Clearinghouse (www.scpclearinghouse.org), which is administered by the 10YFP Secretariat, and could be co-managed by other SIDS government or institution/stakeholder.

Phase 2: Launching of the “SCP for SIDS Initiative within the 10YFP” and receiving commitments. This will be done within the parameters of the Third International Conference on SIDS, in particular, the partnership dialogue. During the final PrepCom, information will be disseminated to SIDS informing them about the Global SCP Clearinghouse as well as the initiative that is to be announced in Samoa.

Phase 3: SCP SIDS Awareness raising and engagement in the 10YFP: This activity is intended to raise awareness at the national levels in all participating *SCP for SIDS in the initiative within the 10YFP*. An outcome of this process could be the establishment at the national level roundtables and dialogues which bring all participating stakeholder together in developing the national approach to SCP. A key dimension of this awareness campaign will be the engagement of private sector in this initiative. In this regard, lessons will be drawn from other SCP initiatives, in particular, SWITCH Asia, which could be applicable in shaping the institutional structure for the SCP for SIDS partnership. Likewise, linkages and synergies between SCP and Green Economy will be made when applicable and/or requested by countries.

The review could include among others identification of policy support and capacity building needs on SCP for SIDS and identification of priority sectors.

Phase 4: Implementation of specific interventions in the areas identified by SIDS and development of a work plan for the SCP for SIDS initiative within the 10YFP: These areas could include, inter alia, emphasis on small and medium enterprises, sustainable tourism, sustainable lifestyles and education for sustainable development [...], sustainable waste management and sustainable food systems, including food security, to encourage linkages in the sustainable supply chain to promote rural development.

For more information:

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For more information on the 10YFP see: www.unep.org/10yfp

To register your SCP initiative go to: www.scpclearinghouse.org

Annex I: SIDS Countries

Caribbean (16)	Asia-Pacific (15)	AIMS (8)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antigua & Barbuda • Bahamas • Barbados* • Belize* • Cuba* • Dominica • Dominican Republic* • Grenada • Guyana • Haiti • Jamaica* • Saint Kitts & Nevis • Saint Lucia* • Saint Vincent & the Grenadines • Suriname • Trinidad & Tobago 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cook Islands • Fiji • Kiribati • Marshall Islands • Micronesia • Nauru* • Niue • Palau • Papua New Guinea • Samoa • Solomon Islands • Timor-Leste* • Tonga • Tuvalu • Vanuatu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cape Verde • Comoros* • Guinea-Bissau • Maldives* • Mauritius* • Sao Tome & Principe* • Seychelles • Singapore*

* SIDS countries who currently have a 10YFP National Focal Point

If your country has not done the nomination of the National Focal Points, kindly see the invitation letter from Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP, available at: http://www.start.scpclearinghouse.org/design/scp/images/10YFP/20121221_10YFP_LETTER.pdf ; and the guidelines document and nomination form available at: <http://www.unep.org/10yfp/ActorsStructure/NationalFocalPoints/tabid/106261/Default.aspx>