

Regional Council of Government Experts on Sustainable Consumption and Production

Objectives:

The main objective of the Regional Council of Government Experts on Sustainable Consumption and Production is to identify and propose efficient mechanisms for the implementation of integrated policies, strategies and programmes that promote and facilitate the adoption of sustainable consumption and production patterns in our societies.

In more specific terms the Council should:

- Help as specialized consultancy unit on the issues of sustainable consumption and production to the Regional Forum of Environment Ministers and to the regional governments for the implementation of the goals of the Latin American and the Caribbean Initiative for Sustainable Development (ILAC) and the Chapter III of the Johannesburg Implementation Plan of the World Summit on Sustainable Development.
- Facilitate the exchange of information and experiences on sustainable consumption and production (local, national, regional and international).
- Evaluate the challenges and obstacles that face the region on these issues.
- Encourage the analysis and the elaboration of regional proposals on sustainable consumption and production.
- Identify international financial sources and inter-regional and intra-regional co-operation mechanisms.

Structure:

The council will be composed of by one government expert from each of the countries of the region. The Council will have a Steering Committee composed from 3 members and will be chaired by the country that organized the last meeting, the current meeting and the forthcoming meeting. It will also have a Secretariat coordinated by PNUMA-ROLAC.

The Council will meet at least once a year and its statutes will be the same ruling the Regional Forum of Environment Ministers, which will be applied *mutatis mutandi*.

Functions:

- Elaborate and propose mechanisms, procedures and instruments for the regional and inter-regional coordination in developing the sustainable consumption and production strategy.
- Inform about local and national experiences on projects, initiative and/or programmes on sustainable consumption and production.

- Support the elaboration of regional proposals on sustainable consumption and production.
- Support the development of the activities proposed in the Regional Strategy on Sustainable Consumption and Production.
- Prepare proposals on sustainable consumption and production for revision and adoption at the Regional Forum of Environment Ministers.
- Facilitate the co-ordination of programmes and initiatives on sustainable consumption and production at the regional and global level, as well as facilitate the exchange of information among all the countries of the region.
- Identify international funding sources and mechanisms of co-operation at the inter-regional and intra-regional level.
- Develop other functions assigned by the Regional Forum of Environmental Ministers.