

Pilot support on the development of National and/or City-wide 10 Year Framework Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production in Africa

1. Background

The Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) adopted by the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) underlined that fundamental changes in the way societies produce and consume are indispensable for achieving global sustainable development. Paragraph 14 of JPOI specifically called to encourage and promote the development of a 10-year framework of programmes in support of regional and national initiatives that accelerate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA), together with various stakeholders, have taken the lead in facilitating the development of the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production at the international and regional level.

At the international level this was facilitated through the International Experts Meeting on the 10 Year Framework Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production. The First International Experts Meeting was held in Marrakech, Morocco, in June 2003, hence also known as the Marrakech Process. This process laid down the basis for the launching of regional processes on the development of the 10 Year Framework Programme. The Second International Expert Meeting on the 10-Year Framework of Programmes for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) was held in San José, Costa Rica, from 5 to 8 September 2005. One of the key outcomes of this meeting is the launching of five Task Forces that would facilitate the implementation of the framework programmes.

2. The African 10 Year Framework Programme (10-YFP)

The Development of the African 10 Year Framework Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production was facilitated by UNEP and UN-DESA in close consultation with the Secretariats of the African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN) and the Secretariat of the African Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ARSCP) which has been established and supported by UNEP. The development of the African 10 Year Framework Programme was conducted in the following four stages.

- ***The First African Expert Meeting on the 10YFP:*** this was held from 19-20 May in Casablanca, Morocco. The meeting deliberated on the key issues that need to be addressed under framework programme and identified four thematic areas of focus. These are: Improvement of water services, Energy access and efficiency, Urban environment, and Industrial development.
- ***The Second African Expert meeting on the 10YFP:*** this was held from 17-18 February 2005 in Nairobi, Kenya. This meeting further deliberated on the four thematic areas identified by the First meeting and proposed the key activities that need to be undertaken under each areas.

- **Technical Segment of AMCEN:** this was held from 19-20 February 2005 in Nairobi, Kenya. The outcome from the Second Experts Meeting was presented to this Technical Segment and was endorsed for submission to AMCEN's Ministerial Session for approval.
- **AMCEN's Approval:** the Regional Framework Programme developed through the above technical forums was approved by AMCEN in March 2005 in Dakar, Senegal.

Through out the development of the African 10YFP, emphasis has been given to the importance of linking the sustainable consumption and production with the challenges of meeting basic needs and provision of sustainable livelihood, which are of high priority for the Africa Region. The importance of promoting sustainable consumption and production in Africa and the effort that has been made in developing the African 10 Year Framework Programme was well appreciated by development partners. As a result the 'Task-force on Cooperation with Africa' was the only task force with a regional focus out of the five implementation task-forces that were launched during the Second International Meeting in Costa Rica. The launching of the African Task Force was led by the Federal Government of Germany which was the principal supporter of the development of the African 10YFP.

The African 10-Year Framework Programme (10-YFP) on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) was launched on 29 May 2006 at the United Nations Conference Center in Addis Ababa in the presence of His Excellency President Girma Wolde Ghiorgis, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. The High-level Launch Session was jointly organized by the African Union, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). It was attended by Ambassadors residing in Addis Ababa, high-level government officials, representatives of international organizations and more than 80 participants of the Fourth African Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ARSCP-4) from thirty two countries.

3. National and City-wide 10-YFP

The Fourth African Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ARSCP-4) was held in May 2006 with the theme of 'further development and implementation of the African 10-YFP on sustainable consumption and production'. The Roundtable identified some of the key focus areas of follow-up at the regional level. A Regional Steering Committee that guides the further development and implementation of the African 10-YFP was also established and had its first meeting back-to-back with ARSCP-4. One of the key activities that have been identified in the context of the German Taskforce on Cooperation with Africa and the Regional follow-up on the African 10-FP is the provision of assistance for the development of two national and city-wide 10 Year Framework Programmes in the region as a pilot. The following are the key elements of the activities that will be carried out under this component.

3.1 The objectives

The overall objective of this component of activity is to promote the further elaboration of the African 10 Year Framework Programme on Sustainable

Consumption and Production for selected pilot countries and cities and generate region-specific experience that could be replicated in other countries. The specific objectives are:

- To promote better understanding and appreciation of the key issues related to sustainable consumption and production and enhance institutional capacity at national and city level.
- To identify the key priority areas that need to be addressed at national and city level and provide a framework for the development and implementation of specific activities that promote sustainable consumption and production;
- To generate region-specific knowledge on how to develop and implement programmes and activities related to sustainable consumption and production.

3.2 The outputs

The activities to be carried out under this component are expected to lead to the following key outputs:

- Improved understanding and appreciation about the importance of promoting sustainable consumption and production by the key stakeholders;
- Development of a national or city-wide 10 Year framework Programmes for the pilot countries/cities through an active stakeholders consultation;
- Institutional endorsement and championing of the 10-YFPs by the relevant national and local government institutions to be used as a basis for the development and implementation of specific activities;
- Additional input to the improvement of the existing methodology and approach in developing national and City-wide 10 Year Framework Programmes; and
- Publication of the national and city-wide 10 year framework programmes for wider dissemination.

3.3 The activities

The following activities are envisaged to be carried out in order to achieve the above objectives and outputs.

- Consultation with the key national and local government representatives in order to solicit their commitment and support for the process;
- Selection of the pilot countries and cities that will be supported on the basis of the level of demonstrated commitment and identification of the principal local partner institution for the implementation of the activities;
- Commissioning of a background study to be conducted at the national and city level with a purpose of identifying the key issues related to sustainable consumption and production and preparing a draft framework programme;
- Convening of a stakeholder's consultation forum to present and discuss the draft 10 Year Framework Programme and develop consensus on the content of the programme;
- Finalization of the 10 Year Framework Programme document on the basis of the input obtained from the consultative forum; and
- Publication of the 10 Year Framework Programme document in different forms including policy briefs and action-triggering flyers.

4. Modalities of implementation

The following modalities are proposed for the effective implementation of the activities under this component.

- The competent authority of the selected country and/or city will form a steering committee that would provide guidance in the development of the programme and facilitate its implementation.
- An Institution which is working in areas of sustainable consumption and production would be identified by the Steering Committee to take the lead on implementing the activities under this component.
- UNEP, through an MOU to be signed with the implementing institution, will provide the required technical and financial support for the implementation of this component.
- UNEP's Center on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP) will provide input on methodologies of developing 10 Year framework Programmes and sharing experiences from other regions.
- The African Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ARSCP) will work on facilitating the replication of the experience from the pilot countries and cities.

5. Selection of the pilot countries and cities

The following are some of the key factors that will be taken into consideration in selecting the pilot countries and cities to be supported in 2007.

- The strategic potential and the geographical representation of the country/city to generate region-specific experience that could be relevant to other countries/cities in the region;
- The level of demonstrated institutional commitment for the effective development and implementation of the 10 Year Framework Programme on sustainable consumption and production in the country;
- The presence of an institution that is working in the field of sustainable consumption and production or in areas related to it and is willing to take the lead responsibility for coordinating the activities;
- The potential for promoting synergies with other related activities that are being implemented by UNEP or any other institutions.