

Decision Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP)

Considering the call of Agenda 21 for action to change unsustainable patterns of consumption and production;

Recognizing that the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) of the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002 identified Sustainable Consumption and Production as an overarching objective of an essential requirement for sustainable development;

Welcoming the resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012 of the General Assembly by which the General Assembly endorsed the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), entitled "The future we want", and, through its paragraph 226, adopted the 10Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (10YFP) as contained in document A/CONF.216/5, which provides the guidance for the vision, objectives, goals, common values, functions, organizational structure, means of implementation, and possible areas of sustainable consumption and production programmes;

Considering that sustainable consumption and production is an important approach to mitigate the effects of desertification and climate change, and to contribute to the conservation of biodiversity, and other global and regional environmental priorities;

Noting that the UN Secretary General High-Level Panel of eminent persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda has recently highlighted that the future development framework should consider the need to manage the world's production and consumption patterns in more sustainable and equitable ways and contribute to poverty eradication;

Recalling that the 10YFP should contribute to the three dimensions of sustainable development, and that the programmes of the 10YFP should respond to national, sub-regional and regional needs, priorities and circumstances, as well as take into account the different approaches, visions, models and instruments according to the national circumstances each country;

Recalling that the priority areas for the region recognized by the Forum of Ministers of Environment in its Decision 5/2010 are: 1) policies and national action plans on SCP, 2) SCP implementation in Small and Medium Enterprises, 3) sustainable public procurement, 4) sustainable lifestyles;

Recognizing the significant participation and valuable contributions by representatives of various Governmental institutions, sub-regional organizations, non-governmental organisations, the Cleaner Production Centres, academia, business sector, experts in the field, and cooperation agencies and from the United Nations System made at the Seventh Meeting of Government Experts on SCP:

Decide

- 1. Reiterate** the commitment of the Latin American and the Caribbean region to support the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (10YFP) and to maintain a leading role in its implementation.
- 2. Commit** to support and facilitate the role of the 10YFP National Focal Point on SCP that have been nominated by their respective governments, to act as the contact person for the 10YFP Secretariat and Board as stated in the 10YFP document A/CONF.216/5, and to act as coordinators sharing information, identifying and enhancing cooperation at the inter-ministerial level and with different stakeholders at the national level.
- 3. Confirm** the regional support and interest to participate in the first initial and non-exhaustive list of five 10YFP Programmes being: Consumer Information, Sustainable lifestyles and educations, sustainable public procurement, sustainable buildings and construction and sustainable tourism, including eco-tourism.
- 4. Request** the consideration of an additional programme for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) taking into account that SMEs is one of the four regional priorities for LAC adopted by the Forum of Ministers of Environment in decisions 5 and 6 in 2010 and 2012 respectively, and considering that they are an important source for economic growth and employment, and the base of productive supply chains.
- 5. Promote**, within the Ten Year Framework (10YFP), sustainable production, food supply and distribution systems in order to guarantee food security.
- 6. Foster** additional programmes for the Ten Year Framework (10 YFP) on integrated sustainable waste management.
- 7. Invite** international cooperation and countries that are in a position to do so to provide technical and financial support to the governments in the

region in their efforts to mainstream SCP objectives into the design and implementation of policies, including inter alia, national development plans, national strategies on sustainable development, sub-regional programmes and h plans, and/or the development of national SCP programmes.

8. **Promote** the inclusion of SCP as an essential element of the SDGs and the post-2015 development agenda, with the support of UNEP.
9. **Request** the inclusion of the different approaches, visions, models and instruments to achieve sustainable development and living well/good living, respecting the indigenous traditional wisdom and knowledge, in harmony with nature.
10. **Facilitate** the allocation of national counterpart resources and external financial resources to support SCP implementation, technology transfer, capacity building, innovation and other mechanisms to accelerate the shift towards SCP.
11. **Welcome** the launching of the Global SCP Clearinghouse, and invite all governments and stakeholders in the region to share their national policies, initiatives, partnerships, tools and best practices in this information and knowledge platform.
12. **Invite** governments to carry out a national inventory of SCP initiatives, policies and projects implemented by the diverse stakeholders, in order to establish national benchmarking.
13. **Facilitate and strengthen** the active participation of the private sector and civil society in advancing SCP practices and increasing new market opportunities and awareness rising; and to support the organisation of regional and sub-regional forums with the private sector, focusing on small and medium size enterprises and the integration of opportunities for the SCP approach into their systems.
14. **Prioritise** the development and harmonization of SCP indicators, responding to Decision 2 of the Regional Forum of Ministers of Environment (Quito, 2012), and to articulate this task with existing initiatives in the region, and find synergies, in particular, in the work within the framework that follows up the Rio+20 Agenda.
15. **Approve** the proposed new Terms of Reference of the Regional Council of Government Experts on SCP and the ratification of the

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Executive Committee members for the 2013 – 2015 period, as indicated below:

Caribbean sub-region: Jamaica and St. Lucia

Mesoamerican sub-region: Honduras and Mexico

The Andean sub-region: Colombia and Peru

The Southern Cone sub-region: Chile and Brazil (first year) and Argentina (second year)

Appendix

Regional Council of Government Experts on Sustainable Consumption and Production

General Objectives:

The overall objectives of the Regional Council of Government Experts on SCP are to:

- i) identify and propose effective and efficient mechanisms for the implementation of the Regional SCP Strategy and the policies, strategies and comprehensive programs that promote and facilitate the adoption of sustainable patterns of consumption and production in our societies;
- ii) contribute to the implementation of the 10 Year Framework Programme Sustainable Consumption and Production (the 10YFP) and;
- iii) make recommendations for approval of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and for the 10YFP Board.

Specific objectives:

- a) Act as a specialist advisory body on sustainable consumption and production (SCP).
- b) Act as contact point for information and support to the 10YFP Secretariat and Board.
- c) Contribute to the implementation of the Regional Strategy on SCP and the regional priorities within the context of the 10YFP, responding to the outcomes of Rio + 20 at all levels.
- d) Articulate and coordinate implementation of the 10YFP with other agencies and initiatives related to this issue.
- e) Identify and propose new priorities for the implementation of the 10YFP in the region.
- f) Evaluate the challenges, obstacles and opportunities facing the region on sustainable consumption and production for consideration by the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, and by the 10YFP Board.
- g) Facilitate the exchange of information, experiences, projects, initiatives and best practices on SCP among the countries of the region and with other regions.
- h) Identify international funding sources and mechanisms of intra-and interregional cooperation in this field.

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- i) Support and provide advice in the area of common indicators on SCP, on line with the Decision 2, of the XVIII meeting of the LAC Forum of Ministries of Environment (Quito, Ecuador, 2012).
- j) Contributing to the other objectives on SCP defined by the Regional Forum of Ministers of Environment.

Structure and function:

The Regional Council of Government Experts on Sustainable Consumption and Production will be composed of the National Focal Points on Sustainable Consumption and Production nominated by their governments. It will have a Steering Committee composed of 2 members from each of the sub-regions of Latin America and the Caribbean (Mesoamerica, Caribbean, Andean Community and the Southern Cone). The two regional representatives to the "10YFP Board" will be integrated as one of the representatives of their respective sub-region.

The members of the Steering Committee will serve for a period of two years, in a rotating basis within each sub-region, and will not be able to serve two consecutive periods.

The Regional Council shall meet every two years and conduct regular conference calls. The steering committee will meet once a year -subject to availability of funds- and shall prepare at its first meeting of the Council operating regulations establishing procedures for consulting the focal points.

The operating rules of the Council will be the same of the Forum of Ministers of Environment which apply *mutatis mutandis*.