



Eight Meeting of the Regional Council of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP): accelerating the regional implementation of the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on SCP

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Latin America and the Caribbean: proposals for action to the 10YFP Secretariat and Board

1. The Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) remains firmly committed to the implementation of the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP). The Region has made important progress in implementing policies and initiatives on SCP.
2. In the Latin America and the Caribbean region, 23 out of the 33 countries have nominated their National Focal Points (NFP), who are working actively on the establishments of committees and/or inter-ministerial and multi-stakeholder dialogue at national level.
3. Likewise, 7 out of the 9 Stakeholder Major Groups have nominated their regional representatives/focal points, whose active participation enhances this SCP effort in LAC.
4. The Regional SCP Strategy, developed in 2003, has been revised and updated in the context of the 10YFP; it also integrates the decisions of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of LAC, and the proposed Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This strategy is complemented by its Roadmap for 2015-2016, which includes ongoing projects and organizes the work for the regional implementation of the 10YFP.
5. To accelerate implementation and improve the coordination of the 10YFP, the Latin American and Caribbean Region recommends to:
 - a) **Strengthen the role of the National (NFP) and Stakeholder (SFP) Focal Points;** this includes:
 - i. Provide the highest possible political support to the National Focal Points to facilitate its role as national coordinators of SCP.
 - ii. Facilitate and strengthen the active participation of the 9 Major Groups in promoting SCP practices and implementation of the 10YFP Programmes at regional, national and local levels.
 - iii. Invite the National Focal Points to facilitate dialogue and joint work with relevant stakeholders and representatives of Stakeholders and Major Groups at the national level in order to accelerate the shift towards SCP patterns.
 - b) Encourage and increase the **participation of the private sector**, for example through existing or new sustainable initiatives focusing them in the areas of the 10YFP Programmes.
 - c) **As for the 10YFP Programmes** (all of them voluntary), it is important to accelerate its implementation and to respond better to regional and national needs and priorities. Hence, the LAC Region suggests to:



- i. Share the regional SCP strategies with the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committees of the 10YFP Programmes, in order for the programmes to design their work in accordance with regional and national priorities.
 - ii. Identify regionally the relevant actors and initiatives related to the themes of the 10YFP Programmes in order to facilitate synergies and areas of cooperation for the implementation of concrete actions.
 - iii. Promote synergies between the different 10YFP Programmes, for which the LAC Regional SCP Strategy presents already various proposals.
 - iv. Following the Decision 7 of the XIX Meeting of the Regional Forum of Ministers of Environment of LAC, the region calls for the development of two additional 10YFP Programmes in the areas of integrated waste management and for strengthening of SMEs in integrating SCP practices. We invite all countries, relevant stakeholders and agencies, to support Latin America and the Caribbean in the formalization of this request to develop these two additional programmes.
 - v. Regarding the 10YFP Trust Fund, to include in its selection criteria the participation of SMEs and integrated waste management as important elements.
 - vi. Promote South-South cooperation for the implementation of SCP policies and initiatives at regional and sub-regional levels, with particular emphasis on cooperation with all Small Island Developing States (SIDS). This taking into account the contributions from governments and other actors for co-funding of projects aimed at changing consumption and production patterns, and without minimizing the importance of existing agreements on official development assistance.
 - d) **Include and present the 10YFP and the Regional Strategies in the agendas of other national, regional and multilateral forums** such as, when pertinent, the forums of the UN, WTO, agencies for cooperation and development banks.
 - e) Support and work jointly on **resource mobilization and co-financing**; and integrate the theme of SCP in the next financing conference in Addis Ababa, giving special attention to developing funding opportunities for SMEs.
6. Requests the support of the **10YFP Secretariat, together with its regional offices**, to:
- a) Develop and facilitate to the National and Major Groups Focal Points an online Toolbox, (E-library) with regular and updated information on the 10YFP and its programmes, as well as relevant material to communicate and promote the added value of SCP and the 10YFP to different and relevant sectors and actors.
 - b) Carry out a mapping of actors and activities being implemented by civil society and other stakeholders, with the aim of identify experts, programmes and initiatives related to the 10YFP Programme and to promote joint work.
 - c) Strengthen the promotion of the **Global SCP Clearinghouse**, for which it is proposed to:
 - i. Enrich the Clearinghouse translating its contents into different languages.
 - ii. Develop tools to increase the interest of governments and stakeholders for its utilization.