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## **Progress Report on Decision 7. Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP)**

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### **Introduction**

1. The Regional Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean reiterated the commitment of the region to support the implementation of the Ten-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (hereafter 10YFP) and to maintain a leading role in its implementation; as well as to support and facilitate the role of the National Focal Points on SCP, nominated by their respective governments, to act as contact person for the 10YFP Secretariat and Board, and to share information, identify and promote cooperation at the inter-ministerial level and with different stakeholders at the national level; as stated in Decision 7 of the Regional Forum of Ministers of Environment.

2. Following up this decision, the governments of the region, with the support of UNEP, as the Secretariat of the Regional Forum of Ministers and the Regional Council of Government Experts on SCP, have worked together with other stakeholders in implementing SCP policies and initiatives. Important progress has been made, including the revision and updating of the Regional SCP Strategy – which integrates already the Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)-; the development of its Action Plan 2015-2016, progress in implementing sustainable public procurement in seven countries; and strengthening regional dialogues and cooperation for the promotion and implementation of SCP through workshops, meetings and webinars. Brazil has become the first country in the region to contribute to the 10YFP Trust Fund with a generous donation of 1 million US Dollar.

3. Furthermore, the region showed its leadership at the 1st International Meeting of the 10YFP, held in New York, in May 2015, in which Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) presented [regional recommendations for actions for the 10YFP Board and Secretariat](#). (Annex I). This document reports the progress made in the implementation of Decision 7.

### **I. Implementation of the Ten-Year Framework of Programmes on SCP (10YFP) in LAC: Updated Regional SCP Strategy and its Action Plan 2015-2016**

4. The [Regional SCP Strategy on SCP](#)<sup>1</sup> was reviewed based on: i) the first SCP strategy developed in 2003, ii) decisions on SCP from the Regional Forum of Ministers of the Environment of LAC, iii) the work of the Regional Council of Government Experts on SCP, iv) the adoption of the Ten-Year Framework of Programmes on SCP, and v) the new agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

5. The updated version of the Regional SCP Strategy was developed through a participatory and consultative process with member states, major groups and regional SCP experts. This consultation took place from November 2014 to May 2015. The strategy was reviewed and validated by the Regional Council of CPS. (Annex II Roadmap)

6. Furthermore, the [Roadmap 2015-2016](#) of the Regional SCP Strategy was developed. It includes a work plan and calendar to: i) strengthening of the Regional Council of Government Experts on SCP and the Focal Points, of both government and major groups in the region; ii) facilitating fora for dialogue, cooperation and exchange information at the regional and sub-regional levels; iii) implementing the Ten-Year Framework of Programmes (10YFP) and the priority areas of the region; iv) developing research and publications, and iv) mobilizing resources and participating in the 10YFP Trust Fund. (Annex III – Roadmap).<sup>2</sup>

## **II. Nomination of the National Focal Points (NFP) and the Regional Stakeholder Focal Points (SFP)**

7. Responding to the commitment of the member countries to "*commit to support and facilitate the role of the 10YFP National Focal Points 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*"; 23 countries have to date designated their National Focal Points (NFP). Seven out of the nine major groups have appointed their Regional Stakeholder Focal Points (farmers, scientific and technological community, women, children and youth, indigenous people, workers and their trade unions and non-governmental organizations).

8. To strengthen the participation of these governments and stakeholders and facilitate their role in promoting SCP, UNEP has organized several dialogue forums, workshops and webinars at regional, sub-regional and national levels.

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[http://www.pnuma.org/english/scp\\_regional\\_council/documents/Regional\\_SCP\\_Strategy\\_Final\\_May2015.pdf](http://www.pnuma.org/english/scp_regional_council/documents/Regional_SCP_Strategy_Final_May2015.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Both documents are available online (<http://www.pnuma.org/eficienciarecursos/CPS.php>)

9. Furthermore, UNEP, as the Secretariat of the 10YFP, is developing a practical guide to facilitate and strengthen the role of National Focal Points. The region is contributing to the development of this guide with case studies and best practices. Also, there is work in progress to developing of an online course on SCP, which will increase knowledge on SCP and empower the NFP and the SFP.

10. The composition of the new members of the Executive Committee of the Regional Council of Government Experts on SCP was endorsed by the Regional Forum of Ministers of Environment of LAC (Los Cabos, March 2014). Since then, the Committee has held on face to face meeting (November 2014, in Santiago, Chile); and four conference calls/webinars ( February, April , May and October 2015), to coordinate and support the regional implementation of the 10YFP, through the LAC SCP strategy.

11. The participation of regional stakeholder focal points (SFP) has been supported through workshops, meetings and a series of webinars to facilitate dialogue and support their role in the regional implementation of the 10YFP . This includes three webinars (April, May, October 2015).

12. The directory of [National Focal Points \(NFP\)](#) and [the Regional Stakeholder Focal Points \(SFP\)](#) are available online:  
[http://www.pnuma.org/eficienciarecursos/biblioteca\\_virtual.php](http://www.pnuma.org/eficienciarecursos/biblioteca_virtual.php)

### **III. Participation in the 10YFP Programmes**

13. Several countries and civil society organizations from the region participated in the consultations for the development of 10YFP programmes. Some of them are currently participating in the Multi-Stakeholder Committees of the 10YFP Programmes supporting the overall coordination and work plan. Other countries are also participating in the implementation of concrete projects at the regional and national levels. All this reflects the commitment of the region to support and participate in the five- initial and not exhaustive- programs of the 10YFP<sup>3</sup>. The region has also recommended additional programmes on Small And Medium Enterprises (SMEs), sustainable food systems and integrated waste management (paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Decision 7).

#### **3.1. Sustainable Public Procurement:**

14. The government of Chile (Chile compra), CEGESTI (NGO, Costa Rica) and the Cleaner Production Center of Colombia are participating in the Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee (MAC) of the 10YFP Programme on sustainable public procurement. Some other representatives of the

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<sup>3</sup> These programs are: Consumer information; Sustainable Lifestyles and Education; Sustainable Public Procurement; Sustainable Building and Construction and Sustainable Tourism including eco-tourism.

governments and NGOs are partners, including: Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Mexico, as well as five NGOs and experts from the region.

15. As for the implementation of activities in this area, UNEP, through the project sustainable public procurement and eco-labeling (SPPEL) is supporting activities seven countries in the region. This global project has 3 components; 1) national level, 2) regional level and 3) Knowledge management, dissemination and communication. The results up to date are as follows (2014 and 2015).

16. *Regional level:* the project initiated in 2015, has developed a set of key criteria for the sub-region of the Southern Cone in two selected pilot sectors: paper and wood-derived products and cleaning products. The project includes collaboration with suppliers of these products to outline the level of market readiness on key sustainability criteria, and promote cooperation and exchange of information among participant countries.

17. *National level:* there are different types of activities for national implementation depending on the specific characteristics of each country, but in general the objective of this component is to support countries to develop and implement policies and action plans for sustainable public procurement. The latter is being implemented in seven countries in the region: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Peru.

18. *Knowledge management, dissemination and communication:* information exchange and communication between all stakeholders will be ensured through [the Global SCP Clearinghouse](#). As requested by countries, UNEP will develop, possibly in coordination with the OAS, an online platform to facilitate the search and exchange of information on sustainable public procurement (SPP), eco-labeling and voluntary sustainability standards. The website will one stop shop for documents relevant to policy makers, public purchasers, and companies in the region who need tools and guidance on SPP.

19. SPPEL main findings are:

- A strong capacity building in the region, which will allow the replication and dissemination of best practices, as well as South-South cooperation.
- There is a significant interest and progress on sustainable public procurement and eco-labeling in the region, which is additionally supported by the political commitments and the 10YFP (sustainable public procurement and consumer information programmes) and the SDG, in particular goal 12.7.
- There has been a strong inter-ministerial cooperation through the National Steering Committees of SCP.
- There are other agencies and donors that support implementation, thus there is a great need for cooperation and alignment to avoid duplicating efforts: OAS through RICG, BID, IDRC, GIZ, as well as to strengthen the

cooperation on the issue SCP and sustainable public procurement with the Pacific Alliance.

- The project will reflect the vision of LAC and refine the methodology of UNEP to implement sustainable public procurement globally.

### **3.2. Consumer Information:**

20. The actors in the region participating in the Multi stakeholder Advisory Committee (MAC) of the 10YFP Programme on Consumer Information are: the government of Peru, Akatu Institute (Brazil) and the Technology Center for Sustainability (Argentina). The partners include: representatives of the governments of Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras and Peru; and representatives of civil society including: Pair Generation (Argentina) and CNIRD Civil Association - Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development. The SPPEL project described above is contributing to the implementation of the activities of this program.

### **3.3. Sustainable Lifestyle and Education:**

21. The Multi stakeholder Advisory Committee of this program includes AKATU (Brazil) and Universidad el Bosque (Colombia). Currently, UNEP together with Universidad el Bosque and the Colectivo Ecologista de Jalisco (Mexico) is preparing the development of a regional study on the state of the art of sustainable lifestyles in Latin America and the Caribbean, including successful stories and recommendations to policy. It plans to launch the publication in mid-2016. The specific objectives of the publication are to:

- Analyze and review the concept and understanding of "sustainable lifestyles" in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC).
- Analyze the fundamental causes of the current unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, as appropriate.
- Identify which favorable conditions (political, economic, technological and social) are to achieve sustainable lifestyles in the region.
- Present examples of sustainable lifestyles that are rooted or beginning to emerge in Latin American societies.
- Provide policy recommendations and necessary actions to accelerate the adoption of sustainable lifestyles in the region.
- Contribute to the 10YFP and all its programs, especially the program on Sustainable Lifestyles and Education.

22. This report additionally responds to the request of the Regional Forum of Ministers of Environment to "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".(Paragraph 9 of Decision 7).

### **3.4. Sustainable Tourism:**

23. Within the Multi stakeholder Advisory Committee of the 10YFP on Sustainable Tourism is the Federation of Tourism Enterprises of Chile (FEDETUR) and the Rainforest Alliance (with its regional office in Costa Rica). The region is actively involved with partners in this program, including government representatives of Bahamas, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Honduras, Suriname, St. Lucia, and 14 representatives of civil society in the region.

24. Currently, the Rainforest Alliance is developing a Flagship project on sustainable tourism for the region. It is expected that the 10YFP Secretariat provides support for resource mobilization. The Caribbean countries are also working with UNEP in the sub-regional proposal for investment in energy and resource efficiency in the tourism sector.

### **3.5 Sustainable Food Systems:**

25. The regional request for a program in the area of sustainable food systems was important for the approval of the new program of Sustainable Food Systems, authorized by the 10YFP Board. Consultations were completed for its development and it is expected to be launched by the end of this year.

### **3.6 Additional programs on SCP**

26. Regarding the regional request for additional programmes under the 10YFP on SMEs and integrated waste management, the regional representatives at the 10YFP Board reiterated this request at the First International Meeting of the 10YFP (May 2015). Several members from other regions also expressed their interest on these additional programmes.

27. Meanwhile, the region has progressed in supporting SMEs, through a project coordinated by UNEP and funded by the European Union, on *Eco-innovation in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in developing and transition economies*. Two pilot projects in Peru and Colombia are implemented by the national cleaner production center (NCPC), together with the governments and SMEs. The project aims at generating an enabling environment for eco-innovation within the national policy frameworks on SCP.

28. The main identified findings and opportunities are:

- A strong capacity is built in the region, which will allow the replication and dissemination of good practices and South-South cooperation, through service providers of RECPnet, industry associations, and other organizations.
- There is great potential in the market to adopt eco-innovation as well as solid regulatory frameworks that integrate eco-innovation in policies, programs and national initiatives.
- Another key synergy for eco-innovation is the market readiness to produce sustainable goods and services (supply) which can be



purchased by state agencies through sustainable public procurement (demand).

- There has been a strong inter-ministerial cooperation through the National Steering Committees of eco-innovation.
- There is interest in sustainability issues for SMEs in the region, that can be supported transversely through 10YFP programmes and SDGs related to the industry and green growth.<sup>4</sup>

#### **IV. Promotion of dialogue and exchange of knowledge: regional and sub regional meetings on SCP**

29. *First Meeting of the Executive Steering Committee of the Regional Council of Government Experts on Sustainable Consumption and Production (Chile, 13-14<sup>th</sup> October 2014)*: The main objectives were to revised global and regional progress on the 10YFP as well as to discuss the structure and consultation process for the revision of the Regional SCP Strategy. The work and roles of the NFP and the SFP were discussed, among other relevant topics. This meeting was attended by 20 government representatives, 2 representatives of the SFP. This meeting was organized back to back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> 10YFP Board meeting, allowing an interactive session and exchange of global and regional perspectives and experiences on SCP and the regional coordination with the 10YFP Board.

30. *Implementation meeting in the Caribbean regarding Decision n°5 on "Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)" of the XIX Regional Forum of Ministers of Environment of LAC (Barbados, 27-29<sup>th</sup> January 2015)*: A summary of the work on SIDS in the Caribbean was presented; recommendations for the follow-up on Decision N°5 and the document " Samoa Pathway" were developed. The "*SCP for SIDS Initiative within the 10YFP*" was also discusses, identifying the priorities on: tourism, waste and sustainable lifestyles. The meeting was attended by 40 representatives from the public sector, multilateral organizations and experts.

31. *The Eighth Meeting of the Regional Council of Government Experts on Sustainable Consumption and Production (Panama, 4-5<sup>th</sup> May, 2015)*: the objectives were to share progress on the 10YFP at the global and regional levels, present the Regional SCP Strategy and its Action Plan (which were adopted); and to discuss the contribution of SCP indicators to the SDGs. A series of regional recommendations were elaborated, to be presented at the First 10YFP International Meeting in New York (14-15<sup>th</sup> May, 2015). Participants of the meeting included 60 representatives of the public sector, multilateral organizations and experts.

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<sup>4</sup> More information on this Project can be found in this link: <http://www.pnuma.org/eficienciarecursos/eco-innovacion.php>

32. *Regional Training Workshop on Food Waste* (Panama, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2015): organized by UNEP and the international organization WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Plan). The meeting presented the relevance of food save and all social, economic and environmental problems associated to food waste. This training is part of the global campaign "Think.Eat.Save". Participants worked in working groups developing drafts of national action plans on food waste. The meeting was attended by 53 representatives from the public sector, private sector, non-governmental organizations and experts.

33. *Joint Meeting on SCP indicators* (Panama, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2015): a meeting on SCP indicators was held within the framework of the GEO-6 meeting organized by UNEP's Division of Early Warning and Assessment (DEWA). The meeting brought together 12 government representatives experts on SCP, with other government experts members of the Working Group of ILAC indicators. The objective of this session was to contribute to the discussion on SCP indicators and its inclusion on the ILAC work. This meeting responded to Decision 7, of the Regional Forum of Ministers of Environment on the need to articulate existing initiatives in the region and the search for synergies, especially in the agenda 2030 and the SDGs.

34. *Regional Consultation Meeting of Major Groups and stakeholders in Latin America and the Caribbean 2015* (Panama, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015): a consultative meeting was held with 20 representatives of the Major Groups. The role and agenda of the major groups was discussed, and a series of key messages on Agenda 2030 and SDGs was developed, as well as the agenda on SCP and the road towards the COP 21 and the principle 10 of the Rio Declaration.

**V. Integration of SCP objectives in the design and implementation of policies, including among others, the national development plans, national sustainable development strategies, and or the development of national SCP programmes.**

35. Responding the call of the Regional Forum of Ministers of Environment to "*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 programs and h plans, and/or the development of national SCP programmes*", several countries in the region have developed national plans of SCP, among them are: Brazil, Barbados, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico.

36. Likewise, some others are working on sectoral approaches or regulatory frameworks. For instance, Ecuador has developed its Secondary Environmental Law (TULSMA) which includes SCP in the Chapter IX .Costa Rica is about to launch its National Policy on Sustainable Consumption and Production with the engagement of 5 ministries. Chile is currently developing its National SCP Plan.

Some other countries have set up national inter-ministerial committees on SCP, among them are: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Peru.

37. Within the 10YFP, UNEP is facilitating dialogue at the national and sub-regional levels, this includes inter-ministerial and multi-stakeholder national roundtable on SCP. The first roundtable was held in Cuba, 29-30th September, 2015. It was organized by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment (CITMA), with technical support from UNEP and financial support from the European Commission. The main objectives were to present the global and regional trends on consumption and production patterns, and the its environmental and social impacts, to present the work and relevance of the 10YFP and report on the progress of the Cuban National SCP Programme, and its national mapping on policies and initiatives. The roundtable facilitated a dialogue and knowledge-sharing among key national actors and UN agencies (FAO, UNEP, UNDP and UNESCO). The roundtable identified priority areas and proposals for action in the short and medium term in order to move forward the transition to SCP patterns in the next national plan 2016-2020, and to meet the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

38. The next national roundtables are planned in Ecuador (October 29<sup>th</sup>) and Costa Rica (November 19<sup>th</sup>) this year.

39. Additionally, in the coming months two national projects on SCP strategies coordinated by UNEP and implemented by local partners. The implementation period is 18 months:

- UNDA Project Colombia: "Project on food waste under the National Policy on SCP". The main objective is to support the development and implementation of a demonstrative project for integrated waste management in the manufacturing sub-sectors of prepared food in Bogota. It will be based on a lifecycle thinking and will develop a guide on food save and management of organic waste.
- UNDA Project Honduras: the objective will be to develop a national action plan on SCP. It will follow UNEP guidelines "Planning for Change".

## **VI. Trust Fund of the Year Framework of Programmes on SCP (10YPF)**

40. Brazil is the first country in the region to contribute to the 10YFP Trust Fund, with the generous donation of one million US Dollar. It will support funding projects proposals from Latin America and the Caribbean and from Africa at the local, national, sub-regional or regional levels. It will also contribute to support transversal activities such as a meeting on South-South cooperation on SCP, to be held by the end of 2016; and to support the Global SCP Survey on SCP Policies and Initiatives, which could serve to establish national baselines.

41. The LAC region has been particularly active in preparing and submitting project proposals to the various calls of the 10YFP Trust Fund. For example, the region has submitted 18 completed proposals to the call on Sustainable Lifestyle and Education, which included proposals from Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Costa Rica, among others. From the three global projects that have received funding, Uruguay has been selected for funding for sustainable public procurement proposal.

## **VII. Communication, dissemination of information (Global Portal SCP) and Webinar:**

42. The participation of the region has been outstanding in the [Global SCP Clearinghouse](#). Up to date, a total of 169 initiatives, policies and good practices from the region have been registered.

43. Additionally, 12 countries in the region participated in the Global Survey of SCP policies and initiatives developed by the 10YFP Secretariat. The participating countries are: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico and Peru. The national survey could be a first step in the development of a national inventory of initiatives, policies and projects on SCP, executed by different actors. It could help to establish a national baseline.

44. Responding to the recommendations of the Regional Council of Experts on SCP (Panama meeting, May 2015), UNEP has developed a proposal and is currently working on a **Regional and Sub-Regional Mapping of SCP Initiatives and Policies**. This mapping is coordinated by UNEP, with the support of 10 master students, at the University of Buenos Aires. The mapping will be developed from October to December 2015. It is expected to identify at least 400 initiatives and/or SCP policies related to the 9 regional priorities of the Regional SCP Strategy. This mapping will support the development of strategic partnerships and resource mobilization. In addition, the information collected will be included in the Global SCP Clearinghouse.

### **Webinars on SCP**

45. Up to date 5 Webinars have been developed with the aim to socialize the objectives, functions and progress of the 10YFP and its programmes, additionally sharing the Regional SCP Strategy.

The themes and level of participation of these webinars is as follows:

- i. *Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) - Creating strategic alliances for implementing the 10YFP*, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 26 participants from different sectors
- ii. *Waste Management in Latin America and the Caribbean* – UNEP efforts and other regional best practices; August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 around 40 participants.

- iii. *SCP for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) under the 10YFP, September 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2015, 5 participants*
- iv. *Sustainable Public Procurement Programme of the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on SCP, September 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2015, more than 60 participants*

#### **VIII. Some areas where further support is required are:**

46. During the *Eighth Meeting of the Regional Council of Government Experts on Sustainable Consumption and Production* (Panama, May 4<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015), the Regional Council with its government representatives and the regional Stakeholder Points and SCP experts prepared some [proposals for action to accelerating the regional implementation of the 10YFP<sup>5</sup>](#). Some of these recommendations are listed below:

- 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:
  - iv. 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.
  - v. 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.
  - vi. Promote synergies between the different 10YFP Programmes, for which the LAC Regional SCP Strategy presents already various proposals.
  - vii. 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

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<sup>5</sup> Document available at:  
[http://www.pnuma.org/english/scp\\_regional\\_council/documents/SCP\\_Regional\\_Council\\_Recommendations\\_for\\_the\\_10YFP\\_050515.pdf](http://www.pnuma.org/english/scp_regional_council/documents/SCP_Regional_Council_Recommendations_for_the_10YFP_050515.pdf)

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.
  - a. 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.

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