

Well-designed national policy frameworks and instruments are necessary to enable the important shift in the way we consume and produce. Consumption and production patterns are intrinsically linked to fundamental aspects of social development, such as employment, women's empowerment, poverty eradication, shared prosperity and well-being at large. Although SCP is being more and more mainstreamed into national policies, there is still a need to continue raising awareness and showcasing SCP initiatives at country level.



SwitchMed Programme

The EU-funded SwitchMed programme has been assisting eight countries in Development of Sustainable Consumption and Production National Action Plans (SCP-NAPs) addressing SDG12 through nationally owned multi-stakeholder processes with over 3,000 participants in more than 100 national capacity building sessions and SwitchMed workshops. The United Nations Environment Programme has provided advisory services and technical support to the countries in the developing process and has further supported four countries in the implementation of the SCP-NAPs through demonstration activities.



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Yet SDG 12 remains still one of the less reported and less funded among the internationally adopted sustainable development goals. Achieving Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) will not only contribute to the success of SDG 12 but simultaneously to the achievement of almost all of the SDGs, directly or indirectly. Developing and implementing an SCP-NAPs allows countries to work and implement a range of other goals and many of their targets including SDG 8 on sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, SDG 9 on resilient infrastructure industrialization and innovation or SDG 17 on global partnerships for sustainable development, etc

Sustainable Consumption and Production National Roundtable (SCP-NR)

Under this backdrop, a Sustainable Consumption and Production National Roundtable (SCP-NR) will serve as a unique platform bringing national, regional and international stakeholders together to present updates on the current SCP-NAP and national SDG 12 status, showcase experiences and share lessons learned. Such a forum will further allow to address specific themes and challenges each country is facing and their linkages to SCP and discuss concrete next steps and actions for implementation of SDG 12 and the SCPNAP

SCP National Roundtable objectives

- Provide a stage to showcase national, regional and international SCP experiences and initiatives;
- Mobilize the diverse and multistakeholder national community working on SCP (policy makers, private sector, green entrepreneurs, sustainable lifestyles trendsetters, academia, media ...);
- Share lessons learned good practices related to SCP;
- Demonstrate the diversity of national SCP initiatives and help in bringing joint efforts together to avoid overlapping in the SCP NAP implementation;
- Support national SDG reporting mechanism including monitoring and tracking the implementation;



- Present status of SCP-NAP implementation, to document and capitalize on existing works that are relevant to the SCP NAP implementation.
- Highlight national experiences of mainstreaming the SCP into national development strategies and plans, leveraging funding and resources for implementation;
- Deliver awareness raising and capacity building on the latest SCP developments and initiatives;
- Support national initiatives to promote their SDG 12 achievements in national, regional and international events and fora.

Roundtable Modalities and Structure:

The roundtable can be organized around following three pillars:

- **High-level component** (0.5 day);

Senior officials (Ministers, UN Resident coordinator, EU ambassador, UNEP Director) will express their support and engagement in the promotion and implementation of SCP and SDG 12 and highlight main/current challenges and present good practices;

- **Technical information sharing component** (1,5-2 days);

Sessions will be organized to share the large variety of national SDG 12 initiatives, projects and programs and present how these projects can support countries to be more resilient and offer a clear and concrete response to national challenges. These sessions will further give the opportunity for the different stakeholders to present their on-going work. Specific sessions could be organized for each group of stakeholders: private sector, NGOs, UNCT members, international partners etc

- **Capacity building and training component** (0,5-1 day);

Opportunity will be provided for technical training on specific SCP initiative or topic (national or international);

Post Covid-19 setting

One of the key challenges for the countries in 2020 is to adapt and plan to the post Covid-19 world. The SCP-NR will provide countries with an opportunity to discuss, exchange ideas and challenges, take into consideration and anticipate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and its implications on national consumption and production patterns as well as on the national economy. Development and implementation of a SCP-NAP will support the country to “build back better”, to put in place an enabling policy framework to capture opportunities and re-imagine new possibilities for more sustainable and responsible lifestyles, green investments and circular solutions such as recycling, smart housing, green public procurement, sustainable public transport, sustainable tourism – all guided by the principles and standards of SCP.

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