

One Planet Network Forum

A GLOBAL FORUM TO KICK-START THE NEW PHASE OF SCP ACTIONS

31st May – 1st June 2022, Stockholm

Building on the global multi-stakeholder partnership that has led the shift to sustainable consumption and production, set the agenda and provided tools and solutions to deliver on SDG12, the One Planet Network brought together UN bodies and regional programmes, its six programmes and actively engaged country representatives, as well its Network of partner organizations **to launch a new phase of accelerated and impactful SCP implementation.**

The **first One Planet Network Forum**, took place across two days in Stockholm and online, 31st May – 1st June. It has provided the space for engaging discussions on the **role that Sustainable Consumption and Production can and should play in a post-2022 landscape**, as an integral part of a transformational shift for people and planet.

Aimed as a global platform for delivering progress on sustainable consumption and production efforts around the world, **the event attracted over 4000 participants in-person and online, with 75 speakers, 15 sessions, across 2 days.** It brought together diverse global stakeholders to accelerate and inspire further action on sustainable consumption and production and SDG12.

The Forum provided a space for thought leadership on advancing the tools and actions needed to take forward sustainable practices around the world. Together **we heard from representatives from government, public, private and NGO sectors and the youth** who are shaping innovative global consumption and production agendas.

The event looked at key enablers for change, **including circularity, consumer information, lifestyles and education, procurement, digitalization** and aimed to promote game changing solutions for systemic transformation in high-impact sectors – such as **food systems, sustainable tourism, the built environment and other emerging critical sectors.**

Alongside powerful discussions and debate, several clear **SCP commitments for action** were made: **Agreement on a clear vision of the post-2022 Global Strategy for SDG12 and SCP; Launch of Regional Science Partners for SCP in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America; and Scaling-up SCP and SDG12 implementation at country level** (more details in Annex 1).

What is more, actions that can be taken at individual or corporate levels as commitments to action to live within environmental thresholds, were introduced:

- Living sustainably and demanding sustainable solutions in our everyday lives;
- Conducting sustainable business while creating profit and leaving no one behind;
- Strengthening consumer information and using it as a vehicle for accelerating sustainability.

We are grateful that so many key stakeholders are engaged and aware of the fundamental action and policies that are needed to tackle the stark environmental challenges we face, whilst we also feel a sense of urgency - that the time to deliver meaningful environmental action and implementation that gives-us the best chance of an equal and nature positive future – is rapidly running out.

One Planet Network is ready to kick-start the new phase of SCP actions and continue supporting the delivery of the Agenda 2030 and SDG12.

Annex 1 - Commitments for Action

Commitment to act on Sustainable Consumption and Production beyond 2022

This announcement focused on the new global momentum for sustainable consumption and production and to reset our global action towards 2030.

The co-chairs of the Board presented on behalf of all the consultation's participants a message for Stockholm+50 to recognize the need of an unprecedented collective effort to accelerate the shift to sustainable consumption and production, at all levels, as an essential condition for achieving the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and those contained in the Multilateral Environmental Agreements.

Following the announcement of the Global Strategy a series of conversations involving representatives of governments, international organisations and financing organisations discussed several pathways to transform commitments into action, building of the various outcomes announced during the past days.

Commitment to promote circularity in the tourism sector

The first set of commitments to act recognised the catalytic role of the Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism which was launched at UNFCCC COP26 in November 2021. The implementation of the Glasgow Declaration is led by UNWTO, within the framework of the One Planet network. Less than a year after its launch, this voluntary commitment has gathered more than 500 signatories agreeing to raise their climate ambitions by committing to support the global goals to halve carbon emissions by 2030 and achieve net zero by 2050; to develop or update climate action plans within 12 months of becoming signatories; to align their plans with five pathways, namely: measure, decarbonize, regenerate, collaborate and finance; to report publicly on progress made; and to work collaboratively.

During the session, Visit Finland announced its signature of the of the Glasgow Declaration on Climate Action in Tourism and its ambitious commitments to support halving emissions over the next decade and reach Net Zero emissions as soon as possible before 2050. During the announcement, Visit Finland also disclosed names of 30 Finnish companies that joined the movement and signed the Glasgow Declaration following Visit Finland's leadership and multiplier role as a destination management organization.

Smart planning of destinations is key for the effective implementation of climate plans as well as management of waste and pollution. Mastercard joined the session and announced the commitment to support tourism destinations at developing a smart planning though use of data collected from Mastercard users.

Commitment to enable science-driven approaches for impactful sustainable consumption and production interventions

This commitment allowed the plenary to hear the announcement of the Regional Science Partners for SCP. This Partnership is carried forward by leading scientific institutions to support national governments and other stakeholders in the regions with contextual and targeted scientific evidence for policymaking. This effort is led by the One Planet network, Life Cycle Initiative, Go4SDGs and the International Resource Panel, in collaboration with UNEP Regional Offices and UN Economic Commissions (UNECA, UNESCAP, UNECLAC), and supported by WU Vienna and CSIRO.

The focus of the Regional Science Partners for SCP in the first year of this partnership will be to support the use of the SCP Hotspot Analysis Tool for science-driven policy-making and interventions at national and regional level, in collaboration with the UN agencies in the region. Beyond the first year, the focus of the Science Partners for SCP will be re-evaluated and determined based on the regional and national support and capacity needs observed.

Commitment to shift business models and invest in Sustainable Consumption and Production

This conversation allowed to re-cap the discussions on the institutional, governance and finance frameworks needed for implementing and scaling up action on SCP. It was underpinned by examples



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of achievements, concrete commitments for Action for SCP by representatives of the industry and governments and pledges towards sustainability.