

Intervention by the delegation of the Republic of Costa Rica during the CPR Subcommittee meeting - 14 July 2022

Agenda Item 2. Briefing on the UNEP Programme Performance Report – 2020-2021.

Costa Rica welcomes the 2020-2021 results of program of work accomplished by UNEP and commends all UNEP divisions for this achievement. As mentioned by other delegates, we consider this presents an opportunity to analyze how the indicators were set and, in the case, where they were met and exceeded the targets perhaps the benchmarks need to be set at a higher level for the 2021-2022 POW. With regards to the 2.6 Resource Efficiency section, in particular the important actions achieved in the Enabling policy environment: in the adoption of sustainable consumption and production action plans, as well as Sustainability in businesses and value chains and finally in the Sustainable lifestyles and consumption thematic area. Costa Rica wishes to indicate that within the 10YFP for sustainable consumption and production, which Costa Rica is currently co-chairing alongside Pakistan, we are in the process of defining the global strategy for the next decade and consider it is vital that this work is carried out directly with UNEP and the various divisions which are working on the specific areas which are being currently defined. We look forward to coordinating with the various divisions and their teams in order to ensure achieving synergies on already existing actions or programs within UN agencies to ensure a successful One Planet Network and 10YFP for SCP.

Agenda Item 3. Briefing on the outcomes of the Stockholm+50 international meeting.

The delegation of Costa Rica wishes to thank the governments of Sweden and Kenya for organizing and hosting the extremely successful Stockholm+50 event. CRI was honoured to participate in many high level events and dialogues, as well as in the the first One Planet Network Forum. During the latter event, which took place across two days in Stockholm, it provided the space for engaging discussions on the importance 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 the 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 the SDG12.

The Forum also provided a space for leaders from various sectors to engage and present the tools and actions needed to take forward sustainable practices around the world. 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 all of which are directly interlinked with climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution.

In closing, we look forward to continue working closely to strengthen SCP and the work of UNEP overall. My delegation reiterates the congratulations to the governments of Sweden and Kenya for the milestone set in Stockholm+50 and the path forward to ensure the implementation of the 2030 agenda and the SDGs.

