

**ENRTP STRATEGIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS**  
**ANNEX 4 – PROGRESS PROJECT REPORT**

<b>Reporting Period</b>	August 2012- December 2012 (first semester)
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**DESCRIPTION**

ENRTP Priority	3.1 ( <i>Priority 3. Strengthening environment and climate governance - 3.1. External Environment Policy</i> )	EC Directorate General	DG ENV
Programme of Work	#6 Resource Efficiency and Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP)		
Project's Title	Global Platform for Action on Sustainable Consumption and Production		
Location	All regions		
Total duration	12 months		

Responsible Entity	DTIE
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Date of EC Approval:	12 July 2012		
EC Allocation (EUR):	900,000		
Date of Allocation/Transfer:	1 December 2012		
Amount (USD)	1,353,972	Exchange Rate:	USD 1 = Euro 0.75
Total Expenditures (USD)	0	Total Expenditures (EUR)	0

**SUMMARY PROJECT STATUS**

**Summarize: i) the status of implementation of the project at the time of reporting (global overview on the project implementation since its start); ii) progress towards achieving the project's objectives; iii) performance remarks and highlights.**

This project has been given a new dimension since at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development in June 2012 – Rio+20 - Head of States adopted the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP), as contained in document A/CONF.216/5. UNEP has been requested to host the 10YFP Secretariat and to establish and administer a Trust Fund.

As stated in the proposal, this project the "Global Platform for Action on SCP" has been fully integrated into the 10YFP. This integration, however, has had some implications, notably in terms of the implementation modalities and timeline.

Due to the 10YFP negotiation process, most of the project activities have been delayed. The main reason is that following the adoption of the 10YFP at Rio+20, the UN General Assembly 67 Session, was requested to decide on the composition and nomination of the Board and reporting body of the 10YFP. It was only the 26 November 2012, that the UNGA67 designated the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) as the ad interim Member State body to receive reports from the board and secretariat. It also decided to establish a ten-member board consisting of two members from each United Nations regional group, to be nominated, no later than 31 January 2013 (resolution A/C.2/67/L.45).

At this time the nomination of the 10YFP Board is not complete. Three out of the five UN Regional Groups have made their nominations; we are still awaiting those of the African and the Asian and the Pacific groups.

According to the 10YFP adopted text, the Board is to convene international and regional meetings - the Secretariat does not have this mandate. This has prevented UNEP from hosting the 10YFP regional and/or international meetings, which were expected to be implemented between August and December 2012. It has also delayed some of the planned training activities.

For the reasons listed above, an extension of 7 months was requested. This extension is necessary, in particular considering that over USD 385,000 for regional meetings and trainings, and USD 140,000 have been allocated for the international meeting, which is now planned for the first quarter of 2014, but confirmation of which is still pending approval of the future Board. UNEP will prepare a revision of the full pledged project (1st and 2nd tranches) which will be submitted within the following two months.

However, while awaiting UNGA's decision and the nomination of the Board, UNEP - as the 10YFP Secretariat - has engaged in extensive preparatory work necessary to establish and put all the components of the 10YFP in motion. These include most of the expected outputs in the component 4 of this project, such as: the 10YFP communication strategy, the Global SCP Clearinghouse, and preparations for the establishment of the UN inter-Agency Coordination Group, which is expected to meet in May. Consultations on the development and launching of the programmes of the 10YFP have also advanced the work of component 3. Components 1 and 2 have been delayed, but UNEP is working with its regional officers and external partners in re-scheduling these regional meetings for the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2013.

Finally, linkages have been made between the 10YFP and other key processes such as the sustainable development goals (SDGs), the post-2015 development agenda, and Green Economy. Synergies are being explored with the Regional Implementation Meetings for CSD20.

## **CHALLENGES, MANAGEMENT ACTIONS, RISK MITIGATION PLAN:**

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**Summarize main implementing challenges, if any, and strategy/actions which have been adopted to address them. List potential risks (internal and external) that may jeopardize the implementation of activities and/or the achievement of outputs and outcomes; please explain which actions have been planned to mitigate the identified risks.**

The main challenge faced has been the political agenda and negotiations on the 10YFP. At Rio+20 the UNGA was requested to decide on the "member state body" that the 10YFP Board and Secretariat will report to; and to decide on the composition and nomination of the 10YFP Board. To this date (28 March 2013) the Board has not been fully nominated. This has delayed the full operationalisation of the 10YFP, as well as the full implementation of this project, notably the organization of regional workshops and meetings.

The biggest risk for this project is a further delay on the nomination of the 10YFP Board. UNEP, as the 10YFP Secretariat, is organising a "Briefing Session on the 10YFP" for the UN Missions in New York. One of the main objectives of this session is to highlight the importance of the 10YFP and speed up the nomination of the Board.

UNEP has taken, as well other management actions, such as preparatory work with regional offices and partners re-scheduling and starting preparations of regional meetings and workshops, which are now planned for the second and third quarter of 2013. The plans for the regional meeting in Latin America have been discussed and agreed with Chile and Mexico – nominated members of the 10YFP Board. Likewise, UNEP has been preparing supporting documents and facilitating consultations for the development and launching of the programmes, which some of them might be ready to launch by the third quarter of 2013. The activities planned in this project will be contributing to the development of these programmes.

## **OUTCOME SUMMARY**

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**Provide for each outcome listed in the project document the description, the indicator, progress made/result achieved (focus on the current reporting period only).**

The formal adoption of the 10 Year Framework at Rio+20 demonstrates renewed willingness by the international community to achieve the shift towards sustainable consumption and production. It also reflects clear interest in rapid implementation among countries. This has been shown through the countries request to participate in the 10YFP, as well as in the positive response to the nomination of national focal points.

It is too early to report outcomes on components 1 and 2.

On Component 3: an increased number of stakeholders that have expressed interest and are been engaged in the development of the 10YFP programmes.

On Component 4: Cooperation with UN Agencies has been formalised and enhanced through the preparation of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group.

## OUTPUT PERFORMANCE

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Provide for each output listed in the project document the description, indicators and progress made/any result achieved (focus on the current reporting period only)

Provide brief information on [main activities](#) undertaken; reason for modifications of planned activities (if applicable) and list of activities which were planned but not implemented, explaining the reasons.

Kindly include as annexes, any supporting documents which can be provided to the donor as means of verification for each of the outputs achieved and other relevant activities' documentation (if files can be downloaded, please provide below the link).

In the light of the 10YFP, most of the activities and preparatory work foreseen under Component 4 were conducted and achieved. This includes the following:

- **Development of marketing and outreach campaign for the online SCP clearinghouse (emailing campaign and brochure):**

UNEP has developed the online Global SCP Clearinghouse, a unique one-stop hub dedicated to advancing SCP worldwide and to serve as the information platform of the 10YFP. Offering a harmonized and dynamic platform, it will facilitate and trigger more innovation and cooperation towards SCP implementation.

During this reporting period (August to December 2012), an emailing campaign was prepared including a database with over 7,000 stakeholders and an extensive outreach package was developed, including a teaser website and video ([www.start.scpclearinghouse.org](http://www.start.scpclearinghouse.org)), a brochure available in the 6 UN languages and social networks (facebook and twitter). (Please see Annex I: brochure Global SCP Clearinghouse)

The marketing and outreach campaign was ready by the end of the year. Politically, we could not launch it before the UNGA67 resolution, and strategically launching it during Christmas holidays was not recommended. The Global SCP Clearinghouse was pre-launched on 20th February during UNEP's Governing Council, on the occasion of the Greenroom event "Global Action for Sustainable Consumption and Production". The formal launching of the Clearinghouse is planned for May 2013.

- **SCP case studies collection and development of reporting tools for the online SCP – (second phase)**

Given that the pre-launching of the Global Clearinghouse was postponed for political issues, this second phase will be postponed starting in July 2013.

During the pre-launching or testing phase of the Global SCP Clearinghouse and its content management system, UNEP will receive feedback in order to identify and plan the development of new tools or re-design the existing ones to improve their effectiveness and functioning. This will include among other tools the search engine optimization and the application of multi-lingual option.

- **Establishment of the UN inter-agency SCP Network**

The 10YFP calls for UNEP, as secretariat of the 10YFP, to collaborate "with all relevant UN Bodies, [...] through an *inter-agency coordination group*, and with regional entities and commissions so that there is strong coordination". To this end, after the UNGA67 resolution, an informal conference call (on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012) was organised with relevant UN Agencies, to discuss the status and next steps for the 10YFP, as well as to prepare the establishment of the Un Inter Agency Coordination Group. All UN Agencies were invited to comment on the template for the development and launching of the 10YFP Programmes. Valuable feedback was received. (Annex II: minutes of UN Agencies conference call).

Likewise, a letter from the Executive Director was sent to 26 relevant UN agencies in December 2012, following the UNGA resolution, requesting the designation of representatives. To date, 17 agencies have responded to the invitation, including: FAO, ILO, International Trade Center, UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNDESA, UNDP, UNEP, UNESCAP, UNESCO, UNESCWA, UN Habitat, UNICEF, UNOPS, UN Women, UN World Food Programme and UN WTO.

The first meeting of the 10YFP inter-agency coordination group is expected to take place mid-May 2013 as well as the adoption of its terms of reference in consultation with the 10YFP board.

- **Development of the 10YFP logo and website of the Global Platform for Action on SCP:**

The secretariat has been working on the branding of the 10YFP, including a visual identity (logo), a website ([www.unep.org/10yfp](http://www.unep.org/10yfp)), and some information tools such as the 10YFP brochure and a quarterly 10YFP newsletter (Annex III: 10YFP Brochure with logo). The 10YFP communication strategy is currently being developed, including some effective information tools.

- **Launching the first 10YFP newsletter:** Although the launching of the newsletter was foreseen for the second semester, UNEP was able to advance progress on this. The first issue was disseminated in December 2012, through a database of 5,000 members (Annex IV: 10YFP newsletter).

**Activities under component 3** (Scale up and replicate best practices on SCP and support the development of new partnerships/initiatives), which were planned for implementation between the first semester of the project, have been modified to be integrated into the 10YFP context. The activities foreseen have been re-considered to be aligned to the new plans and common methodology/steps to develop and launch the 10YFP programmes. The activities planned on sustainable tourism, sustainable lifestyles and agri-food will take place during 2013 in a way that will be supporting the development of the 10YFP related programmes.

UNEP has been working in close consultation with UN agencies, partners and UNEP programme Coordinators; in particular those involved in the previous Marrakech Task Forces, on the development of guidance document and template for the 10YFP Programmes, as well as the "steps" to develop and launch programmes.

**Activities under component 1** (support to the implementation of regional/sub-regional SCP strategies and initiatives) **and component 2** (Mainstreaming SCP into decision making, national development and economic plans):

- **Regional multi-stakeholder meetings on SCP in Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean, one regional/sub-regional training session on SCP, one outreach event with the International Resource Panel and one sub-regional workshop on mainstreaming SCP in development plans and strategies in Western Africa** could not be organized given the delay in the nomination of the 10YFP Board, which is responsible for convening the regional and international meetings of the 10YFP. However, UNEP has conducted a great amount of preparatory work, in close cooperation with UNEP's regional offices and other partners, these meetings are planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2013, as follow:

- **Regional multi-stakeholder meeting on SCP in Africa:** these activities will take place back-to-back with the next special session of AMCEN in Tunisia in Sept 2013, during which the review of the African 10YFP will take place and African priority areas and programmes will be identified to work under the global 10YFP.
- **Multi-stakeholder meeting on SCP in the Arab region:** the 4<sup>th</sup> Roundtable Meeting on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Arab Region on "Putting the 10YFP for SCP into Action" might take place back to back to the ESCWA RIM, in late May, in Dubai (tbc).
- **Regional multi-stakeholder SCP meeting in Latin America and the Caribbean:** this meeting will be organised back-to-back with the Eco-Innovation meeting organized with the region's National Cleaner Production Centers in June 2013, Peru (as part of the EU-UNEP project on Eco-innovation). This SCP regional meeting will launch the 10YFP in the region and will identify priority areas, strengthen partnerships, build synergies and increase stakeholder engagement in the 10YFP activities and programmes.

- **Dissemination of an analytical paper on the contributions of SCP and Resource Efficiency to Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development:** The development of this paper will be presented as one of the joint projects of the UN Agencies once the UN Interagency Coordination Group is established. Likewise, in the light of the post-2015 development agenda and the ongoing consultations on the Sustainable Development Goals, various countries have highlighted the great importance of SCP in the future sustainable development international agenda. UNEP will prepare this report within the context of the post 2015 development agenda, analyzing and providing recommendations on how to build linkages between SCP and the 10YFP with the post-2015 development agenda and in particular with the SDGs processes.
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## RESOURCES AND BUDGET

Provide: i) any remark on the overall budget based on the financial report for the current reporting period; ii) indicate if there is a delay in spending the funds, please clarify reasons; iii) mention resources to be mobilized yet, if any; ii) additional resources leveraged by UNEP and/or partners as a result of the project

- Given the need to wait for the UNGA's resolution, which took place only on the 26 November 2012; as well as the delay in the nomination of the 10YFP Board, which to date has not been established, various activities of the project have been postponed, together with the spending the funds.
- Staff costs were not reflected during 2012, given that these costs are associated with staff working on the regional and international meetings and on the second phase development of the SCP Clearinghouse, which have not yet taken place. These activities are planned for in the below workplan below, and will be reflected in the next reporting cycle.

## WORK PLAN FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD:

Summarize: i) activities scheduled – including any key milestones\*<sup>4</sup> and lead responsibilities; ii) main outputs to be achieved in the upcoming reporting period and iii) forecast of expected expenditures.

Project Milestones:	Semester
<b>A) Component 1</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Reports of the regional multi-stakeholder meetings (2) on SCP Latin America and the Caribbean and the Arab Region</li> <li>– Report of one regional/sub-regional training sessions on SCP</li> <li>– Report of one outreach event on science based on policy interface for SCP, in cooperation with the International Resource Panel</li> <li>– First draft of the report on the work on SCP/RE indicators</li> </ul>	<b>2nd Semester (Jan-June 2013)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Reports of the regional multi-stakeholder meeting on SCP in Africa</li> <li>– Reports of two regional/sub-regional training sessions on SCP</li> <li>– Report of one outreach event on science based on policy interface for SCP, in cooperation with the International Resource Panel</li> <li>– Final draft of the report on the work on SCP/RE indicators</li> </ul>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Semester (July – Dec 2013)</b>
<b>B) Component 2</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Report of two sub-regional workshop on mainstreaming SCP in development plans and strategies in Western Africa and the Caribbean</li> <li>– Dissemination of an analytical paper on the contributions of SCP and RE for Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development –in the context of the post 2015 development agenda and SDGs.</li> </ul>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Semester (July – Dec 2013)</b>
<b>C) Component 3</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Report of a sub-regional capacity-building workshop on sustainable tourism in Caribbean</li> <li>– Launching of the first phase of a survey on sustainable lifestyles focused on youth – in light of the 10YFP Sustainable lifestyles and Education</li> <li>– Report of a national capacity-building activity supporting the international Sustainable Food Systems programme and Agri-food task force on SCP.</li> <li>– Report of the launching of the Partnership on Sustainable Products – harmonizing tools and practices</li> <li>– Report of a regional meeting of the working groups of the Sustainable Public Procurement Initiative in Latin America</li> <li>–</li> </ul>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Semester (July – Dec 2013)</b>
<b>D) Component 4</b>	

<sup>4</sup> A milestone is not equal to a summation of tasks or activities. Rather it represents the achievement of a feasible project management stage and be strictly answerable as yes or no answer.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintenance of the online SCP clearinghouse</li> <li>- Establishment of the UN inter-agency SCP Network</li> <li>- Online monitoring, reporting and statistical tools available</li> <li>- 1 Newsletters of the Global Platform for Action on SCP</li> </ul>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester (Jan-June 2013)</b>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organization of the first International Meeting on SCP</li> <li>- Review, analysis and dissemination of the business case for SCP</li> </ul>	<b>First quarter 2014</b>

#### **VISIBILITY:**

**Describe communication, visibility and outreach activities undertaken at project level, if any.**

- EU logo has been included in the Clearinghouse website and brochure.

#### **FINAL REMARKS:**

**Describe: i) lessons learned during project design and implementation; ii) stakeholder participation and level of engagement/satisfaction; iii) where applicable, outline any links and synergies developed with other projects; i) main issues and recommendations for the attention of the donor; iv) overall observations on project performance and whether the projects has had any unforeseen positive or negative results.**

- The formal adoption of the 10 Year Framework at Rio+20 demonstrates renewed willingness by the international community to achieve the shift towards sustainable consumption and production. It also reflects clear interest in rapid implementation among countries. For instance, by September 2012 the UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific had already received requests from eight countries in the region for support for their implementation of the 10YFP at the national level. Also in September 2012, the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment at its fourteenth session adopted a decision on sustainable consumption and production that calls for a review of the African 10-Year Framework Programme to hasten the implementation of the global 10YFP.
- Linkages and synergies have been built with different initiatives and projects. This includes synergies with the Regional Implementation Meetings for the CSD20, for which the Regional Economic Commission in West Asia and Asia and the Pacific (UNESCWA and UNESCAP) have invited UNEP, as the 10YFP Secretariat, to participate in a plenary presenting the 10YFP and to organise side events during the RIMS. Moreover, we are exploring the option to organise the 4<sup>th</sup> Arab Roundtable on SCP back to back to the UNESCWA RIM, in Dubai, May 2013.
- Cooperation with AMCEN (African Ministerial Conference on Environment) has also been strengthened. At its next meeting from 10-12 April, in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, the SCP Partnership for African, one of nine AMCEN flagships will be presented. There will be a pre-session meeting on 9 April 2013 on SCP and Green Economy, during which the experts of the AMCEN meeting will develop implementation plans for these two flagships, and develop linkages with the anticipated EU project, SWITCH Africa Green.
- PAGE and the 10 YFP are thematically complementary but distinct initiatives, respecting the different mandates and associated international processes. The 10YFP was first envisaged in the 2002 Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI), was developed through eight years work of the Marrakech Process, and was formally adopted at Rio+20. That same conference encouraged the sharing tools and policies on green economy as a means to support poverty eradication and sustainable development – PAGE has been developed to assist in this task.
- At country level, interventions by 10YFP and PAGE will be complementary, with PAGE's primary focus on macro-economic including fiscal policies, aiming to shift investment through policy reforms to more inherently "green" sectors, and also to reduce environmental impacts and increase resource efficiency in "brown" sectors. The 10 YFP will support interventions that foster sustainable consumption and production primarily through sectoral approaches and policy, regulatory and voluntary instruments, with a bottom-up multistakeholder approach engaging governments, business, NGOs and other stakeholders. In this regard the two sub-regional workshops on National Action Plans/mainstreaming SCP in development plans will be developed in coordination with colleagues responsible for PAGE, avoiding duplication and identifying synergies at the national and regional levels.
- Finally, it seems clear that a shift to SCP could play an important role in structuring the future Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and/or guiding actions for their achievement. To this end, UNEP has prepared a technical report on the potential contribution of SCP policies and initiatives to poverty eradication. Furthermore

during the, Ministerial Roundtables on SDGs at UNEP's 27<sup>th</sup> Governing Council, a clear linkage was made between SCP and the SDGs, with many Ministers calling for the establishment of an SDG on SCP.

## **ANNEXES:**

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Please list supporting documents included as annexes, if any.

- Annex I: brochure Global SCP Clearinghouse
- Annex II: minutes of UN Agencies conference call
- Annex III: 10YFP Brochure with logo
- Annex IV: 10YFP newsletter

### **Websites and Links**

- 10YFP Website: [www.unep.org/10yfp](http://www.unep.org/10yfp)
- and video ([www.start.scpclearinghouse.org](http://www.start.scpclearinghouse.org))
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