



High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development SDGs Learning & Training Workshop

System-thinking and policy planning for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SDG12): learning for impact across Agenda 2030

12th July 2018 (10.00 AM - 01.00 PM)

United Nations Headquarters in New York, Room S2727, 27th floor of the Secretariat Building

The objective of this workshop is to help Member States and stakeholders participating in the 2018 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development better understand the transformative dimension of Sustainable Development Goal 12 (SDG12) on Sustainable Consumption and Production and its centrality to Agenda 2030. The workshop will also provide them with the knowledge and resources available to support decision making and implementation at global, regional and national levels.

The workshop has been jointly developed by UN Environment, serving as the Secretariat of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production, a UN commitment adopted at Rio+20, UNITAR and other partners of the One Planet network which is implementing this Framework. The workshop will also be delivered in collaboration with key global initiatives for resource efficiency such as the International Resource Panel.

Learning objectives

The overall objective of the training workshop is to build institutional capacities and mainstream sustainable consumption and production into national policies. After the training workshop, participants will be able to:

- 1. Explain the science behind resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production;
- 2. Discuss the centrality of sustainable consumption and production across Agenda 2030, looking at the interlinkages that exist between SDG12 and other SDGs from resource efficiency, environmental impacts and human well-being standpoints;
- **3.** Identify enabling conditions, policy tools and instruments that can support the mainstreaming of SCP into policy planning and implementation;
- **4.** Outline steps for applying the sustainable consumption and production approach to a real-life policy-making context.





Partners

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is the dedicated training arm of the United Nations, serving some 40,000 beneficiaries annually by conducting close to 500 capacity development and research activities in 100+ countries. The Institute's mission is to develop the capacities of individuals, organizations and institutions to enhance global decision-making and to support country-level action for shaping a better future. Providing training and capacity development to assist mainly developing countries, UNITAR targets two key groups of beneficiaries: the delegates to the United Nations and others who develop intergovernmental agreements establishing global norms, policies, and programmes; and the key national change agents who turn the global agreements into action at the national level. Through a network of 17 accredited International Training Centres, UNITAR is able to reach out and create capacities of beneficiaries around the globe. UNITAR's Green Development and Climate Change Program (GCP) develops the capacities of individuals and training institutions in developing countries to advance green and climate resilient development in support of Agenda 2030 and the Paris Agreement on climate change (www.unitar.org/ccp).

The International Resource Panel was launched by UN Environment in 2007 to build and share the knowledge needed to improve our use of resources worldwide. The Panel consists of eminent scientists, highly skilled in resource management issues. It is supported by a steering committee, made up of governments, the European Commission and UN Environment; including the government of China represented by its Ministry of Environmental Protection. The International Resource Panel studies key questions around global resource use and produces assessment reports that distil the latest scientific, technical and socio-economic findings to inform decision-making. The Panel provides advice and connections between policymakers, industry and the community on ways to improve global and local resource management. Its goal is to steer us away from overconsumption, waste and ecological harm to a more prosperous and sustainable future. So far, the Panel has published more than 20 scientific publications becoming an active and authoritative voice on sustainable resource management (http://www.resourcepanel.org/).

One Planet network

This workshop will be delivered in close cooperation with the partners of the One Planet network - the network implementing the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (www.oneplanetnetwork.org). The One Planet network gathers more than 700 partners from all sectors of society, supporting the mainstreaming of sustainable consumption and production objectives and approaches across sectors as well as within its six programmes. Partners will be mobilized to share their expertise throughout the project implementation depending on countries' specific areas of interest with regards to trainings and skills development.

In order to illustrate policy planning and instruments for sustainable consumption and production, presentations from two programmes will be delivered to participants: Sustainable Food Systems (http://www.oneplanetnetwork.org/sustainable-food-system) and Consumer Information for Sustainable Consumption and Production (http://www.oneplanetnetwork.org/consumer-information-scp).





	Agenda
10:00-10:10	Opening remarks
	Nikhil Seth, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director, UNITAR
	Charles Arden-Clarke, Head of the 10YFP Secretariat, UN Environment
10:10 - 10:50	Session 1 - The Science behind Sustainable Consumption and Production
	In cooperation with the International Resource Panel
Moderator:	Charles Arden-Clarke, 10YFP Secretariat, UN Environment
10:10 – 10:30	System-thinking approaches; informing decisions for sustainable consumption and production, Reid J. Lifset, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Center for Industrial Ecology
10:30-10:50	Understanding the impacts of our consumption and production patterns, Professor Anu Ramaswami, University of Minnesota, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, member of the International Resource Panel
10:50 – 11:10	Session 2 - Sustainable Consumption and Production at the core of Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals
Facilitator:	Maya Valcheva, UNITAR
10:50 – 11:00	Linking SDG12 on Sustainable Consumption and Production to other SDGs and targets (brainstorming exercise), led by Charles Arden-Clarke and Fabienne Pierre, 10YFP Secretariat / One Planet Network, UN Environment
11:00 – 11:10	Achieving Agenda 2030 through Sustainable Food Systems: a practical case, Martina Otto, Head, Cities Unit, Economy Division, UN Environment
11:10 – 12:55	Session 3 – Instruments to support policy planning and implementation for sustainable consumption and production
Facilitator:	Maya Valcheva, UNITAR
11:10 – 11:25	Scientific assessments to prioritize and plan, Fabienne Pierre, 10YFP Secretariat, UN Environment and Stephan Lutter, Institute for Ecological Economics, Vienna University of Economics and Business





11:25 – 12:10 Integrated pol

Integrated policy design and multi-stakeholder cooperation on the ground: key tools to promote Sustainable Food Systems

Principles for designing integrated policies for sustainable consumption and production: the Sustainable Food Systems Transformative Framework, Martina Otto, Head, Cities Unit, Economy Division, UN Environment (10')

Food Labs at local and national levels in Zambia, Carol Gribnau, Green Society Director, Hivos - (10')

Group exercise: first steps to promote an inclusive approach to SCP and the multi-stakeholder challenge (25')

12:10-12:55

Using sustainability information to transform markets and behaviors

Guidelines for Providing Product Sustainability Information, Elisa Tonda, Head, Sustainable Consumption and Production Unit, Economy Division, UN Environment and Vance A. Merolla, Director Global Sustainability, Colgate Palmolive (20 min)

Group exercise: understanding sustainable consumption and production challenges through sustainability information and environmental claims (25')

12:55 - 13:00 Closing remarks

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