



2022 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

Executive Summary of the Secretary General's Progress report on the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns

The negative impacts of the unsustainable global systems of production and consumption on climate, biodiversity and pollution have continued unabated. The linear take-make-throw away production and consumption systems that drive our global economy have meant that prosperity and depletion of natural resources and the attendant negative impacts to people and planet have gone hand in hand.





Sustainable Consumption and Production (SDG 12) can be an enabler for global pandemic recovery trajectories that leave no one behind, deliver on global sustainability ambitions, and bring us back on track to 2030.

Sustainable Consumption and Production supported by circular economy approaches and other sustainable policy models can¹:

- ▶ Become drivers of poverty alleviation and economic development and could increase incomes by an average of 8 and 13 per cent in low- and medium-income countries respectively by 2060, and by 4 per cent in high-income countries.
- ▶ Help mitigate climate change by reducing GHG emissions by up to 90 per cent by 2060.
- ▶ Have positive impacts on biodiversity, health and pollution since they are projected to result in a 25 per cent decrease in resource extraction. Improved outcomes are based on increasing rates of consumption in emerging and developing economies being offset by reductions in high-income countries.
- ▶ Provide an entry point towards a global transition towards a fairer consumption patterns that benefits all segments of society alike.

Sustained action on Sustainable Consumption and Production offer a message of hope to stakeholders wanting to take action to reach global climate, biodiversity, pollution and well-being goals.²

Based on lessons learnt from a decade of implementation, three cutting-edge pathways for reflection and action by decision-makers of the High-level Political Forum for Sustainable Development are proposed. A new and invigorated global movement for Sustainable Consumption and Production can be anchored in the following four actions:

- 1 Based on the findings of the International Resources Panel Global Resources Outlook 2019.
- 2 Adopted in 2012 and extended in 2021, the 10-Year Framework of Programmes for Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP) is a global commitment managed by UNEP to accelerate the shift towards SCP everywhere, with developed countries taking the lead. The One Planet Network (OPN) implements the 10YFP by facilitating collaboration between over 850 partners from governments, the UN system, civil society and the private sector to elevate best practices and scale up and accelerate the transition to SCP.

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First, think about Sustainable Consumption and Production as a system influencing socio-economic, climate, biodiversity, pollution and waste outcomes.

Single issue solutions that are not coordinated are likely to fail when seeking to address the shift to Sustainable Consumption and Production. An integrated approach that enables identification of synergies, mitigates trade-offs, and addresses the root causes of multi-dimensional environmental problems can be both more cost-effective and more impactful. When integrated into action on global biodiversity, climate and pollution commitments, SCP has the potential to amplify and drive win-win outcomes.

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Second, leave no one behind and join a global movement on SCP that is inclusive and just.

Those countries who have thus far been left behind in transitions to SCP must be engaged. Developed countries should take the lead, as per SDG 12. However, the clear gap between developed and developing country uptake and implementation (due to, among others, issues of access to financial and human resources, environmental technologies, and capacities) has implications on global sustainability gains. National level support and implementation for SCP and circular economy policies must be amplified and adequately resourced, including through the 10YFP Multi-partner Trust Fund.

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Third, inspire action on SCP through enhanced science, monitoring and reporting.

Monitoring and reporting on SCP is critical to identify emerging trends and strategic gaps, demonstrate the benefits of SCP, replicate innovative and impactful practices, and foster collaboration. Setting common objectives and systematic data collection supports prioritizing, planning, and communicating results and mobilizing support based on implementation gaps and stakeholder needs. To this end there is an opportunity for strengthening the policy relevance of the 10YFP through a multilateral and multi-stakeholder dialogue on Sustainable Consumption and Production the form of an annual SCP Dialogue that could meet under the aegis of ECOSOC and report to the High Level Political Forum / United Nations General Assembly.



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Fourth, act for the future that we want, and that future generations deserve

A truly inclusive and global movement must be built on the foundations of national actions. To this end, the 10YFP invites all Member States to nominate or reconfirm their 10YFP National Focal Points who are an essential link between global action and national implementation.

The 10YFP advocates for the practical integration of SCP as a key solution space for the challenges of climate, biodiversity, and pollution. The 10YFP, multilateral environmental agreements and UN agencies should continue to collaborate to develop win-win tools and resources.

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The ambition and breadth of the SDGs and SCP make them unattainable without robust partnerships and funding. A strengthened partnership is needed across stakeholders to ensure that scarce resources are directed towards the most high-impact interventions with potential for multiplier effects across the 2030 Agenda. The 10YFP has the potential to serve as an accelerator of SDG 12 and other related SDGs, and to aggregate, learn from and catalyze the numerous small efforts across its network into a larger movement with greater impact.

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