

**Thailand's Intervention on
Interlinkages and Cross-Cutting Issues**

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1. Thank you Mr. Chairman,
2. My delegation would like to associate itself with the views expressed by Argentina on behalf of G77 and China.
3. Thailand is of the view that the theme of sustainable consumption and production is linked to all the other themes of this cycle, particularly in terms of the decoupling of economic growth from the use of natural resources and environmental degradation throughout the product life cycle.
4. We believe that the 10-year framework programme on sustainable consumption and production would be an appropriate tool to address the themes of the current thematic cycle in a holistic and comprehensive manner.
5. Furthermore, we view the thematic cluster as also related to the MDGs, especially in the area of health and environment. Many developing countries are still struggling to achieve the MDGs. The recent multiple global crises in finance, food and energy, coupled with the adverse impacts of climate change

have additionally posed a serious obstacle to many developing countries achieving the MDGs and sustainable development goals.

6. Even though Thailand has achieved the MDGs at the national level well in advance of the 2015 targets and has set a timeline for ambitious targets that go beyond the original Goals, we do share common concerns with other developing countries on the need for substantial assistance and support to strengthen national efforts toward sustainable development. This should include the transfer of appropriate technology, new and additional sources of funding and capacity building.

7. Moreover, effective and efficient holistic means of implementation are of utmost importance to developing countries.

8. Finally, Thailand would like to reiterate that education and awareness-raising related to policies pertaining to the thematic areas of this cycle are the key factors for successful implementation, and should be highlighted at CSD19.

9. Thank you.
