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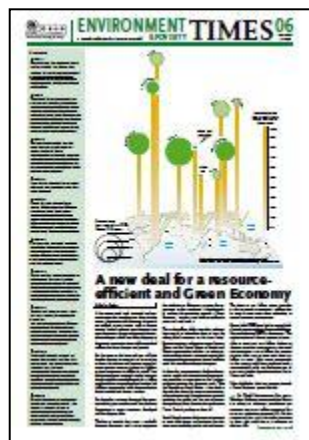
### Third Draft of the 10YFP Now Available!

The [Third Public Draft of the 10YFP](#) (Proposed input to CSD on a 10 Year Framework of Programmes on SCP) has been released for public consultation. This draft of the 10 YFP is a living document to be developed in consultation with regions and stakeholders throughout the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) 18-19 Cycle in 2010-11. All groups of stakeholders are invited to submit comments, more specifically on programmes that would be needed to address constraints and obstacles to change unsustainable patterns of consumption and production. This process complements the ongoing CSD 18 review year that aims at identifying and reporting constraints and obstacles as well as best practices for sustainable consumption and production that will then feed into the policy recommendations of 19th session of the CSD. Deadline to provide comments is December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The [Second Public Draft of the 10YFP](#) was released on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. It benefited from valuable comments from the Marrakech Process Advisory Committee, NGOs, businesses, other major groups and UN Agencies.

For further background information, see the '[Outline and Timeline for the development of the 10YFP](#)'

### Launching the new edition of the Environment and Poverty Times



Can policies and actions to promote resource efficiency and SCP trigger the transformation to a green economy? In a context of multiple global crises, UNEP/GRID-Arendal in cooperation with UNEP's Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE) gathered inputs from all over the world to respond to this question. The 6th issue of the *Environment and Poverty Times* – an easy-to-read and illustrated 'newspaper' – was launched on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Manila at the International Conference on Green Industry in Asia.

The *Environment and Poverty Times* highlights the links between poverty alleviation and environmental concerns. This issue focuses on resource efficiency as a catalyst for greening the global economy while simultaneously contributing to poverty alleviation efforts in developing countries.

The publication includes thought-provoking articles on economic shifts that provide alternatives for a more sustainable future including an article on “the Marrakech Process contributions to building resource efficient economies and sustainable societies”. These are complemented by articles featuring concrete examples from all over the world highlighting initiatives in areas such as energy, waste management, agriculture, construction and tourism.

Please visit the [interactive e-book](#) (with videos and moving graphs) or download the publication as a [PDF](#).

## Meeting with all the Marrakech Task Forces in Helsinki

Marrakech Task Forces leaders met, with the Marrakech Process secretariat, on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Helsinki, Finland.

Leaders of the Marrakech Task Forces welcomed the latest draft of the 10YFP and developed a comment paper on 3<sup>rd</sup> 10YFP draft to be delivered to UNDESA and UNEP. They discussed possible inputs to CSD18, Regional Implementation Meetings and Regional SCP Expert Meetings (see [upcoming events](#) section for exact dates and venues). Next steps of the Marrakech Process and the 4<sup>th</sup> International Expert meeting were also put forward including Task Forces inputs to the Secretary General Report for CSD18. Meeting report coming soon!

### Recent activities of the Task Forces:

The **Sustainable Lifestyles Task Force** is exploring ways to continue its work in another form such as a UN partnership. The ongoing Global Survey on Sustainable Lifestyles is expected to be finalised by the end of 2009 as well as an external evaluation of current and earlier projects of the Task Force. Finally, the Task Force is studying dissemination options to deliver results to governments, NGOs and other stakeholders.

The **Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) Task Force** reported progress in the implementation of the SPP Approach in 12 pilot countries (Tunisia, Mauritius, Chile, Uruguay, Costa Rica, Mexico, Argentina, Ghana, New Zealand). Following the pilot phase, the TF expects to hand over a revised approach and other materials to the upcoming UNEP Centre of Expertise on Sustainable Public Procurement.

The policy recommendations for sustainable tourism development strategies for governments (approved by the **Sustainable Tourism Task Force** at its fifth Task Forces meeting in Marrakech in April 2009) will be presented at the UNWTO General Assembly in October 2009. The Task Force is also planning to become a 'UN

partnership'(secretariat with UNESCO, UNWTO and UNEP) with a trust fund to support the partnership.

The **Cooperation with Africa Task Force** is focusing on two priority areas: the African eco-labelling mechanism (including tourism) and four pilot countries and cities working on SCP programmes. African governments have promised support for the work on eco-labelling (one of the priorities of the African SCP strategy).

**Sustainable Buildings and Construction Task Force** – held a Barents Region Meeting in St. Petersburg as well as side events during climate negotiations highlighting the great GHG emission reduction potential of the built environment. One of the key messages has been that policies supporting sustainable energy solutions in buildings should be part of NAMAs (Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions) and that specific capacity building and financing mechanisms are needed for the sector

### **Workshop on the Global Survey on Sustainable Lifestyles (GSSL)**



The Task Force on Sustainable Lifestyles is organizing an international multi-stakeholder workshop in Paris (France) on October 12-13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 aimed at gathering representatives of the Task Force on Sustainable Lifestyles, experts and researchers currently analyzing the results of the GSSL. Members of the GSSL advisory group as well as UNEP's main partners on sustainable lifestyles issues (international organizations, NGOs, business sector) will join this meeting too.

The objective of the workshop is to present and share the main results of the GSSL at a national level, and draw regional and international

conclusions. Furthermore, concrete policy recommendations for sustainable lifestyles will be developed with a focus on research and education, especially in the perspective of CSD 2010-2011 and the 10YFP.

The GSSL questionnaire is available online at [www.unep.fr/gssl](http://www.unep.fr/gssl)

### **Meeting of the future Tourism Sustainability Council (TSC)**

The Global Sustainable Tourism Criteria (GSTC), sponsored in part by UNEP and coordinated by the Sustainable Tourism Task Force, is becoming established as a de facto worldwide minimum sustainability standard for hotels and tour operators. The Sustainable Tourism Stewardship Council (STSC), developed by the Task Force, will serve as the accreditation body for sustainable tourism certification and eco-labels worldwide. On September 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 these initiatives formally announced their merger to form the Tourism Sustainability Council (TSC) in Washington D.C. Its official launch will take place in March 2010. UNEP, with support from the United Nations Foundation, will represent one major outcome of the Marrakech Task Force on Sustainable Tourism.

Further information: <http://www.unep.fr/scp/marrakech/taskforces/tourism.htm>; [www.unep.fr/scp/tourism](http://www.unep.fr/scp/tourism)

### **Meeting of the Sustainable Investment and Finance in Tourism (SIFT) coordinating committee**

The SIFT meeting assembled financial institutions and public and private investors to form the coordinating committee and a worldwide network on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2009. Among the participants in this first meeting were the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), the United Nations Foundation (UNF), the Global Sustainable Tourism Alliance (GSTA), and the Rainforest Alliance.

The Center for Responsible Travel (CREST) – the organization developing a proposal for the operation of the SIFT network – presented its approach. Further reports were delivered on a UNEP-WWF funded project to develop tourism sustainability indicators for investment and finance, and on the Tourism Sustainability Scorecard developed by IDB to screen large-scale tourism projects for sustainability to determine eligibility for financing. This scorecard makes extensive use of the GSTC.

The SIFT program was established as an outcome of the Sustainable Tourism Task Force. The principle objective is to establish sustainable tourism guidelines and a network to exchange information on mainstreaming sustainability criteria into tourism investments and finance decisions.

Further information: <http://www.unep.fr/scp/tourism/activities/sift/>

### **News from the Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) Task Force**



Since February 2009, SPP ‘start-up missions’ have been organized within the framework of the “Capacity Building for Sustainable Public Procurement” project in Mauritius, Mexico, Costa Rica, Uruguay and Tunisia with the following objectives:

- To officially launch the Marrakech Task Force Approach on Sustainable Public Procurement;
- To establish institutional frameworks (National Focal Points, Steering Committees, etc.); and
- To clarify the project modalities and goals of the project.

A group of 76 experts from over 20 countries have been trained on the Marrakech Task Force Approach on Sustainable Public Procurement during regional training workshops organized in Paris (April 2009), Santiago (May 2009) and Mexico (July 2009). An awareness raising workshop on SPP, attended by 25 representatives from various Arab countries, was also organized in Cairo on May 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 by the League of Arab States and UNEP. Two trainings are going to take place in the coming months:

- For francophone countries in Tunis from the 17 to 20 of November and
- For Asian countries in Kuala Lumpur from the 15 to 18 December.

The Marrakech Task Force on SPP has also recently launched its first issue of the SPP [newsletter](#)! To subscribe, please contact [newsletterspp@unep.org](mailto:newsletterspp@unep.org)

### **The Ad-Hoc Expert Group Meeting on the Sustainable Development Report on Africa (SDRA) 2008-2009**

Considering that the on-going economic and social restructuring in Africa offers a unique opportunity to establish more resource efficient consumption and production patterns, the Ad-Hoc Expert Group Meeting on the Sustainable Development Report on Africa was held in Addis Ababa from June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The overall objective of the meeting was to enable participants to deliberate on and strengthen the thematic regional review reports, prior to their presentation to the Africa RIM. The meeting helped to prepare the regional inputs for CSD-18. It discussed and provided feedback on the draft Regional Review Report on SCP in Africa that has been prepared by the Secretariat of ARSCP. The meeting also discussed the draft framework for the global 10YFP on SCP and provided specific regional input in line with Africa's priorities.

The meeting brought together about 50 national and international experts and practitioners in the fields of mining, transport, chemicals, waste management and sustainable consumption and production. It also included SCP experts involved in the elaboration of the 10YFP. Other participants were experts from UN and other bodies including, UNDESA, UNEP, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the African Union (AU), the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Secretariat, and the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).

More information will soon be available at: <http://www.unep.fr/scp/marrakech/consultations/regional/africa.htm>



### **Asia Pacific Regional Meeting on SCP back to back to the Green Industry Meeting**

The Fourth Asia Pacific meeting on SCP, organized by UNEP in close collaboration with the UN Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), was held back to back to the Green Industry meeting

in Manila, Philippines on September 12<sup>th</sup> 2009.

The meeting brought together government representatives in Environment and Foreign Affairs Ministries, SCP experts from scientific and academic institutions, representatives from industry and civil society engaged in developing and applying policies, management practices and investments for SCP. Stakeholders responsible for coordinating national positions and undertaking negotiations at the CSD on the development of the 10YFP were also involved.

The main objectives were to:

- 1. Strengthen knowledge and implementation mechanisms on SCP** that will in turn enable countries (including developing countries and emerging economies) to move towards a Green Economy and leapfrog from traditional pollution and resource intensive development patterns to cost-efficient SCP patterns.
- 2. Prepare the Asia Pacific contribution for the elaboration of the 10YFP** to be reviewed and negotiated at the CSD19 in 2011. Regional outcomes and priorities will also feed into the discussions of the review year during CSD18 in 2010.

The Asia-Pacific regional consultations have outlined preliminary ideas on a regional strategy for SCP. The region has held three consultations in Indonesia (2003), South Korea (2003), and the Philippines (2008) in joint cooperation with UNESCAP and the Asia Pacific Roundtable on SCP (APRSCP).

More information will soon be available at:

<http://www.unep.fr/scp/marrakech/consultations/regional/asiapacific.htm>

## Fifth Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Meeting on SCP in Cartagena



The 5th Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Meeting on SCP took place in Cartagena, Colombia on 16-18 September 2009. The main objective was to report the progress achieved on SCP in the region with regard to the priorities identified by the Council of Experts and ratified by [Decision 10 of the Forum of Ministers](#) and to define the specific contributions of the region to 10 YFP that will be presented to the CSD in 2010. These inputs, which include priorities and needs for the region, will also be recommended by the Experts Council to the Forum of Ministers of Environment, at the time of its next meeting in Mexico early next year.

The meeting involved 94 participants from 23 countries from Latin America and the Caribbean including representatives from subregional organizations, NGOs, business sector and academia.

One of the main outcomes on SCP was the set of recommendations to the Forum of Ministers of the Environment with a special focus on National Plans and Strategies, Small and Medium Enterprises, Sustainable Public Procurement and Sustainable Lifestyles with a particular focus on youth.

See recommendations to the Forum of Ministers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Meeting report coming soon! For more information, please visit <http://www.redpycs.net/> or <http://www.unep.fr/scp/marrakech/consultations/regional/latinamerica.htm>

### Upcoming Events

- European meeting on SCP, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Geneva, back to back to the UNECE RIM

\* The successive Marrakech Process Regional Meetings held between June and November will feed into the Regional Implementation Meetings (RIMs).

- Arab Region RIM, October 4-6<sup>th</sup> 2009, Cairo, Egypt
- Latin America and Caribbean RIM, November 17-18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Guatemala.
- African RIM, October 27-30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Asia-Pacific RIM, November 30<sup>th</sup> - December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009
- UNECE RIM, December 1-2<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Geneva, Switzerland

The prior Marrakech Process meetings aim to strengthen regional strategies and provide feedback and inputs into the draft 10YFP as well as input to CSD 18 that will be conveyed through the Regional Implementations Meetings into the official CSD process.

For further information, please refer to the Marrakech Process [online calendar](#) or visit our website <http://www.unep.fr/scp/marrakech/>.

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