



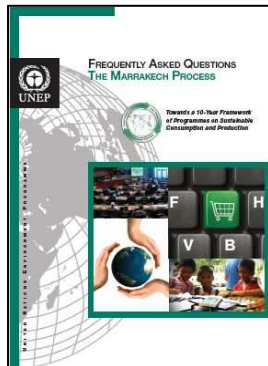
## NEWSLETTER OF THE MARRAKECH PROCESS

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### Launching the Frequently Asked Questions on the Marrakech Process



The [Frequently Asked Questions on the Marrakech Process](#) have just been launched. This booklet describes the multi-stakeholder Marrakech Process. It defines the concept of SCP, provides brief answers and overviews of each of the activities of the Marrakech Process, and highlights the outcomes and progress achieved, stressing SCP contributions to poverty alleviation and climate change mitigation.

Through a series of examples and a collection of best practices, these FAQ highlight the global efforts to build capacity, implement SCP programmes and design enabling policy frameworks on SCP. It was officially launched at the third Advisory Committee meeting in New York...

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

The [Second Public Draft of the 10YFP](#) (*Proposed input to the Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD) on a 10 Year Framework of Programmes on SCP*) has been released. It benefited from valuable comments from the Marrakech Process Advisory Committee, NGOs, businesses, other major groups and UN Agencies.

Based on these comments, the Secretariat will issue an early Third Public Draft in July 2009. This document will secure further feedback in Marrakech Process regional meetings as well as with Major groups and stakeholders.

The [First Public Draft of the proposal for a 10YFP](#) was available in September 2008.

See the entire document of the ['Outline and Timeline of the 10YFP'](#)

### Third Advisory Committee Meeting back to back to CSD17



The Third Meeting of [the Marrakech Process Advisory Committee](#) took place in May 2009 in New York, during the [UN Commission for Sustainable Development](#) meeting (CSD17). The Advisory Committee discussed the second 10YFP draft as well as other inputs to the CSD process from the various mechanisms of the Process.

The meeting highlighted the importance of the linkages between regional SCP expert meetings, organised under the Marrakech Process, and the CSD Regional Implementation Meetings (RIMs). Members of the Committee also reiterated that the Life Cycle Approach is crucial in advancing towards more sustainable consumption and production patterns. They stressed the need to work further on the vision, insisting on the contribution of SCP to poverty alleviation and the importance of “leapfrogging” to developing countries.

It was agreed that, in order to better contribute to CSD18-19 (review and policy years where the draft 10YFP will be reviewed), the CSD and Marrakech Processes now have to “row together”.

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee is currently scheduled to take place in November or December 2009 back-to-back with the Asia-Pacific RIM organized by UNESCAP, since this is likely to be the last of the RIMs. The Advisory Committee meeting will also round off the regional expert meetings organised under the Marrakech Process.

### Two side events on the Marrakech Process at CSD 17

The 17th meeting of the [UN Commission for Sustainable Development](#) (CSD17) took place in New York in May 2009. See [Agenda](#)

There were limited discussions on the progress achieved by the Marrakech Process, in particular regarding the elaboration of a 10 Year Framework of Programmes on SCP (10YFP).

Two Side Events took place involving governments, Task Forces, NGOs and the Private Sector:

#### ***1. Sustainable Consumption and Production Towards the CSD18: Key Programmes for Action***

The objectives of this event were to:



- Report on the major activities/initiatives of the Marrakech Process and how they can contribute to the development of the 10YFP.
- Discuss key programmes needed to promote SCP, and accelerate the shift towards resource efficient and low carbon economies/societies.
- Discuss inputs and preparations for the CSD 18 on SCP.

See [Agenda](#)

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#### ***2. SCP towards a Green Economy: How to get there? The contribution of the 'Marrakech Task Forces on SCP' to a Global Green New Deal***

The main objectives of this side event were to:



- Present the work of Marrakech Task Forces and their contribution towards a greener economy and a Global Green New Deal.
- Discuss and highlight the linkages between Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) and green economy objectives.

See [Agenda](#)

### **Way Forward for the Sustainable Lifestyles Task Force**

The [Task Force on Sustainable Lifestyles](#) met in Paris to study the way forward for its work. Participants discussed the packaging and dissemination of the Task Force's results as well as possible delivery mechanisms to provide inputs to the 10YFP. They reviewed progress and lessons learnt from all projects (finalised and ongoing).

The Task Force also decided to further explore synergies and linkages between its projects as well the possibility to transform the Task Force's work into formal partnerships as one possible input to the 10YFP.

A formal report on the work of the Task Force is under preparation.

### **Progress Achieved by the Global Survey on Sustainable Lifestyles**



The Global Survey on Sustainable Lifestyles (GSSL) has been progressing rapidly, thanks to various partners from all regions – universities, NGOs, research institutes and the business sector.

Its main objective is to explore how sustainable lifestyles are perceived and shaped by young adults from different cultures worldwide. The GSSL has therefore been disseminated in 10 languages and has attracted 8000 respondents from more than 20

countries. It has also provided an opportunity to organize special events and to build a Global Network on Sustainable Lifestyles.

A final report on the GSSL will be published in early 2010 including their contributions and a cross-cultural introduction on sustainable lifestyles and cultural diversity.

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

### **The Sustainable Tourism Development Task Force delivers Policy Recommendations**

During the 5<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of the [International Task Force on Sustainable Tourism Development](#) (19-22 April 2009, Marrakech, Morocco), the Task Force's members agreed on a set of policy recommendations for sustainable tourism development strategies for implementation to improve the economic resilience of the sector, guarantee long-term sustainability of tourism development and enable the tourism industry to address key stakeholder concerns. The Task Force also launched the Arabic version of the training kit for the Hospitality schools.

The recommendations will be presented during preparations for the 18<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development in 2010 and at the UNWTO General Assembly in October 2009. Members of the Task Force recommend that this document be disseminated among all stakeholders engaged in sustainable tourism development. See policy recommendations.

It was also decided to transform the Task Force into a UN Partnership on Sustainable Tourism and thus bring best practices to the CSD process.

### **News from the Capacity building on Sustainable Public Procurement Project**



In January 2009, UNEP has initiated a project entitled “Capacity building for Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) in developing countries”. The project, funded by the European Commission and Switzerland, aims at supporting six countries (Costa Rica, Mexico, Tunisia, Mauritius, Chile, and Uruguay) in the implementation of SPP through the testing of a specific methodology developed by the [Marrakech Task Force on SPP](#).

Since then, start-up missions have been organized in Mauritius, Mexico, Costa Rica and Uruguay leading to the establishment of national focal points and Steering Committees and to agreements on the modalities of implementation of the SPP pilot projects in these countries.

Regional training workshops on the Task Force on SPP Approach were organized in Paris in April 2009 and in Santiago in May 2009 targeting a pool of 50 experts coming from over 20 countries. An awareness-raising workshop on SPP, attended by 25 representatives from various Arab countries, was also organized in Cairo on 4-6 May 2009 by the League of Arab States and UNEP.

### **Upcoming Events**

- *African Regional Meeting on SCP* (24-26 June, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

The main goal of this meeting will be to finalize the Regional Review Report on the 5 CSD themes (Chemicals, Mining, Transports, Waste, and SCP), and to discuss Africa’s input to the 10 Year Framework of Programmes as an input to CSD process.

As part of the Marrakech Process, Regional Expert meetings on SCP will also take place in:

- *Asia Pacific* (11-13 September, Manila, Philippines) back to back to the Green Industry meeting organized in collaboration with UNIDO and UNESCAP
- *Latin America* (16-18 September, Cartagena, Colombia)
- *The Arab Region* (28-29 September, Egypt)
- *The UNECE Region* (30 November, Geneva) back to back to the UNECE RIM

The overall objective of these consultations is to strengthen regional strategies to provide feedback and inputs into the draft 10YFP as well as input to CSD 18 that will be conveyed to the Regional Implementations Meetings –RIMS - of 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/>.