

## FOURTH UNECE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION MEETING ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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### Agenda item 9. The 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns

#### Intervention by the Regional Centre of Expertise (Austria)<sup>1</sup>

The RCE community would like to address question B<sup>2</sup> on how regional or sub regional SCP programs can be established. The UNU- Institute of Advanced Studies is globally coordinating a network of more than 70 Regional Centres of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development. This network has been built up in the framework of the UN Decade on Education for Sustainable Development during the past five years and is further growing. Each RCE represents a local network of NGOs, public, private, research & educational institutions, all working in the fields of ESD and sustainable lifestyles, sustainable livelihood and research on sustainable development. Therefore RCEs can provide a global platform with strong experience exchange and local actions.

As there are RCEs in countries of production as well as in countries of consumption of various resources, RCEs cooperate in questions of supply chain management. They do this by community based research to:

- a. raise awareness for sustainable development,
- b. shape actions towards alternative lifestyles,
- c. build relations among actors along the supply chain, as well as
- d. provide a good link to the policy making processes as RCEs inform policy makers with mediation of UNU as a think tank of the UN.

Concluding, the RCE community would like to address question A<sup>3</sup> on key objectives of SCP to be considered in the design of the 10-Year Framework Programme and highlight *community based research* on SCP as well as *global experience exchange by platforms as the global RCEs program*.

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<sup>2</sup> How could regional or subregional SCP programmes be established and how could the funding be scaled up?

<sup>3</sup> What would be the key SCP objectives and themes to be considered when designing the 10-Year Framework Programme from pan-European and North American perspectives? Please list three?