

**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 Switzerland¹

A. 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?

C. What would be the key 3–5 programmes the UNECE region would like to see in decisions on SCP made at the nineteenth session of CSD?

- As we have heard yesterday and today, many of the countries of this region have been active in the Marrakech Process that was launched in response to the decision regarding SCP taken at the Johannesburg Summit.
- Within the Marrakech Process, several topics have received particular attention in form of a Task Force. Certainly, this choice of topics is a good indication for what these countries consider as key subjects that should be addressed under the 10 YFP.
- In this context, Switzerland has given particular emphasis to the topic of green and sustainable public procurement. We believe that there is a lot of potential in this topic for accelerating the shift towards more sustainable consumption and productions patterns.
- Governments are important consumers of goods and services themselves. By taking into account environmental and social criteria over the full life cycle of goods and services in their purchases, governments can lead the way towards more sustainable forms of consumption and production and they can send important signals to the market.
- Likewise, we are very much supportive of the topics that have been dealt with and the good work that has been undertaken on a voluntary basis in the other Marrakech Task Forces.
- Nevertheless, we are aware that many important aspects of SCP have not been dealt with in the Marrakech Task Forces. Therefore, we believe that the 10 YFP should be much more comprehensive and more systematic than the list of topics coming out of the Marrakech Process and we are certainly looking forward to be learning of the priorities of other countries in the process leading up to CSD 19.

¹ The text is presented as received from the author.

B. How could regional or subregional SCP programmes be established and how could the funding be scaled up?

- Changing sustainable consumption and production patterns is very much at the heart of sustainable development. There is no doubt that more effort and resources need to be mobilized to facilitate this change. At the same time, it is probably not realistic to assume that all of a sudden large amounts of additional financial resources will be made available after successful conclusion of CSD 19.
- Therefore, probably the best strategy for establishing and financing SCP programmes is to better mainstream SCP activities into the work programmes of existing organizations and into existing processes. The strive towards more sustainable forms of consumption and production needs to be part of the core activities of existing organizations.
- Therefore, it is important that we not only identify the SCP programmes that we would like to see implemented, but that we also clearly identify by whom we these programmes being implemented.

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