SCP IN RELATION TO SDG12: REFLECTIONS ON SUCCESSES & IMPERATIVES

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Successes

- Regional responses to SCP development: Regions organizing themselves for collective action on SCP e.g. Roadmaps on 10-YFP
- Organizational and institutional frameworks & platforms for SCP: Roundtables on SCP (e.g. Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, European), National Cleaner Production Centres and SCP Professionals;
- Strategic Frameworks for SCP: National/regional development policies, plans and programmes on SCP, Green Economy Strategies etc.
- * 10YFP National Focal Points: promoting implementation of the implementation of 10YFP at national level
- Good global practices: energy efficiency, pollution prevention, circular economy, taxes, eco-labeling, SPP

Challenges

- Weak institutional linkage: between SDG 12 Government Ministries, focal points and 10YFP Secretariat
- Mainstreaming SCP in MDGs: SCP SDG cross-cutting enabler, there is not yet effective mainstreaming of SCP in these SDGs
- * Knowledge and information barrier: SCP poorly understood by Governments, 10YFP National Focal Points and other stakeholders
- Lack of clear messages about SDG goals, specific targets, and consistent progress reviews
- Goals: translation of SCP indicators into national objectives and national indicators
- Technical Capacity: Little support for regional platforms (e.g. ARSCP), research and information exchange and/or dissemination
- Inclusion: Vulnerable and marginalised groups (IPs, women, youth, PLWSDs)

Maximising Implementation – SDG 12 & Others

- Partnerships: Opening wider windows for more intense networking on SCP among SCP professionals and practitioners
- ❖ National Policies: Retooling national policy and institutional arrangements to support SCP and bring coherence among SDGs.
- * National Goals: Translating SCP targets into national targets and indicators w.r.t. decoupling impacts & resource use from economic development
- Support practical implementation, monitoring and quantitative reporting of SCP actions (resource use reduction, impact reduction etc.)
- Strong operational linkage between 10YFP Secretariat and national focal points
- Intense education and information dissemination to engender a common understanding of SCP and its practical application in the SDGs – deploy nodal agencies

Key Recommendations

- 1. SCP still complex and not easily understood: need for more awareness on its benefits to SD and shift to SCP patterns; training, and support for appropriate policies and research in SCP
- 2. Support countries to develop SCP indicators, good quality databases to support SCP monitoring and reporting progress
- 3. Support regional SCP platforms e.g. ARSCP and national cleaner production centres and their equivalent institutions that are at the core of promoting SCP
- 4. Better linkage of 10YFP Secretariats to national focal points