

IPM CSD 19

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Sustainable consumption and production (SCP)

- Germany fully aligns itself with the statement of the European Union. In addition to that statement allow me to highlight 3 aspects regarding the 10 YFP on SCP.
- Given the huge influence of consumption and production on the environmental situation the **adoption** of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production is the key decision at CSD 19. Therefore this framework should be ambitious and **based on a clear political commitment expressed at CSD 19. It should encourage and enable** national and regional governments, businesses and other major groups to make consumption and production patterns more sustainable. The political commitment at CSD 19 should ensure a significant scaling up of the work on SCP at the national, regional and international level. In that regard the framework should built on the **positive experience of the Marrakesh process**. This process in its finding new ways of cooperation and steering of policies has proved to be very effective in terms of positive results but clearly lacked a strong political commitment which we now hope for at CSD 19.
- The framework should provide for a stronger involvement of all relevant stakeholders. It is not the task of governments alone to implement a 10 YFP. Industry, retailers but also major groups of NGO´s, local communities, youth, women representing huge consumer groups are key to make more sustainable consumption and production happen. To this end we see the need for **new cooperation formats, for example a global pact between policymakers and relevant stakeholders on sustainable consumption and production patterns**. In this regard Germany also proposed a program on labelling for sustainable products and services.

- In order to implement a 10 YFP we need a **well-functioning organisational structure that incorporates all key cooperation partners including the relevant stakeholders**. In view of the experience gained with the Marrakesh process and the discussions at CSD 18 and the intersessional meeting in Panama a structure with a single secretariat, a board consisting of governments and stakeholders as well as structures on the regional and national level – e.g. in the form of mandated focal points – could be successful.