

Hello

Herewith my statement earlier this afternoon.

Regards

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"The representative of UNIDO reaffirmed the earlier statements of the Chair of the RIM and ECA that Africa's regional preparation for this CSD cycle has been exemplary in terms of cooperation between agencies, in particular ECA, UNEP, African Union, African Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ARSCP) and others and resulted in sharing of good practices and knowledge. He further reinforced that the themes under review are closely interrelated. The efficient and safe use of materials and chemicals is at the core of sustainable consumption and production and requires sustainable mining and transport. UNIDO, by its mandate, is focused on supporting enterprises to deliver goods and services in a resource efficient and clean manner, and delegates are therefore encouraged to consider how entrepreneurs can be supported to realise the policy aims and targets set for the themes under discussion. He confirmed the widening policy gap in particular in waste and chemicals management, which in UNIDO's view points to the need to scale-up and mainstream best practices proven by pilot and demonstration projects completed in recent years. The ARSCP, National Cleaner Production Centres and other centres (including those established under the Basel Convention), are available to develop and implement projects, programmes and policies that provide access to best practices and techniques and finance, and create the human and institutional capacities to utilise these in a manner most beneficial to the national development priorities".