

Scientific and Technological Community

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Mr. Chair,

(and I wish to thank also both panellists for their very interesting contributions)

The Scientific and Technological Community believes that the topics addressed by the CSD-19 and the launching of the 10-Year Framework Programme on SCP will need to feature prominently in the Rio+20 context.

Our Community is strongly supportive of CSD-19 launching an ambitious and actionable 10YFP and making it a central element of the Rio2012 outcome. Indeed, we believe that there is an urgent need of changing consumption and production patterns from business as usual. As new scientific evidence shows, the current unsustainable consumption and production patterns have started to put the natural functioning of the earth system, as we know it, at risk. Similarly, without meeting the MDGs and continued efforts to eliminate mass poverty also beyond 2015 the world will not reach its goal of global sustainability.

For us, it will be extremely important that CSD-19 feeds such a sense of urgency in the Rio+20 preparatory process. There is an urgent need for our societies to transition to a green economy. In fact, there is an urgent need for more far reaching societal transformations. Without such a major change of the course of human development on our planet we risk transgressing critical planetary boundaries and leaving billions of people in poverty. This was also clearly stated by both panelists.

Mr. Chair, your list of issues for Rio2012, including urbanization, food security, water for life, access to energy are being prominently addressed in the preparations of the Scientific and Technological Community for the summit in Rio next year, including in our four regional science and technology workshops. We would like to make these regional workshops multistakeholder dialogues with governments, intergovernmental organizations and all Major Groups.

Thank you.