

# United Nations Environment Programme

## UNEP's Program of Work on Resource Efficiency and Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP)

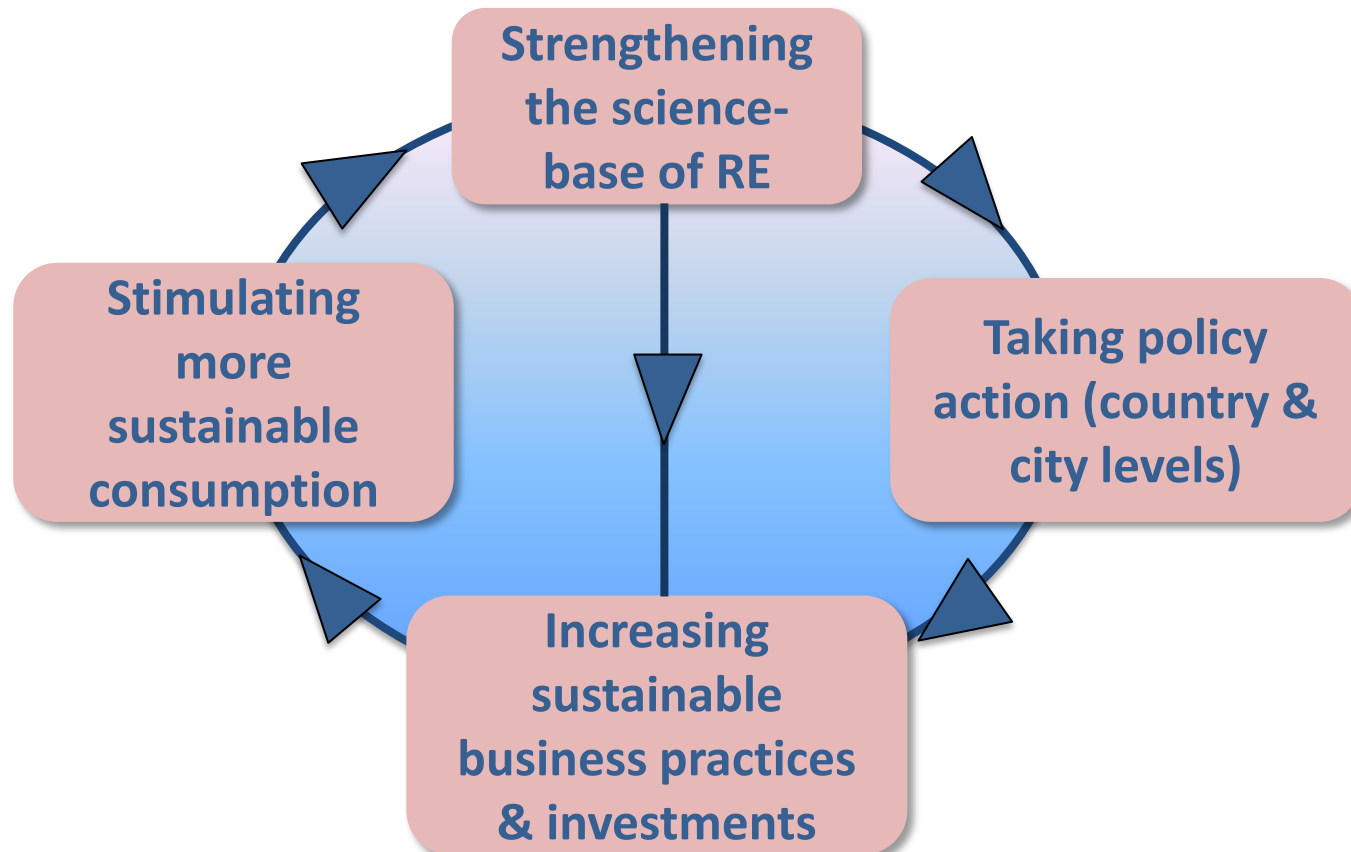
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# Resource Efficiency Subprogramme Logic

**Objective:** To ensure natural resources are produced, processed and consumed in a more environmentally sustainable way in which environmental impact is decoupled from economic growth and social co-benefits are optimized.



# EA A - Strengthening the science-base of RE

## Highlights

Strategic outreach of the **International Resource Panel's** work organised in the context of **UNEP's Governing Council and the Rio+20** negotiation process

IRP Synopsis Report  
*Responsible Resource Management for a Sustainable World: Findings from the International Resource Panel*



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RESOURCE PANEL

## Challenges

Lack of an integrated analysis approach between different key resources. Sectoral scientific assessments might be perceived by policy-makers as an incomplete picture of the challenges and potential policy solutions for improved resource management.

## Risk management measures

IRP members have accepted to take a more resource integrated approach and to undertake assessments on the nexus of key strategic resources (such as water, energy, land) and their environmental impacts over the full life cycle.

## Strategic partnerships

- Resource Panel associated Research institutions
- European Commission

# EA B - Resource efficient policies at country and city level

## Highlights

Adoption of the **10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production**

**Green Economy** outcome of Rio+20:

- Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE)
- Twenty country reports highlighting potential green economy benefits and options in national contexts
- Ongoing **advisory services** being provided to 25 countries

Launch of the **Global Initiative for Resource Efficient Cities**

## Challenges

With the momentum created through the Rio+20 process, many organisations are redirecting programmes towards GE, bearing a risk of overlap and competing offers to countries to support a GE transition.

## Risk management measures

UNEP is actively engaging in partnerships with other organizations to implement activities and ensure synergies, e.g. with GIZ, UNDP, GGGI, ILO, Poverty and Environment Partnership -PEP, World Bank, OECD and UNITAR etc.

## Strategic partnerships

UNDESA, UNDP, UNCTAD, ILO, UN-HABITAT, UNITAR  
GE Coalition, Worldbank, GGGI, OECD, ICLEI, UCLG etc.

# EA C - Increasing sustainable business practices including at sectoral level

## Highlights

The Business Case for the Green Economy

Launch of Principles for Sustainable Insurance

Initiative 'Friends of paragraph 47' by Brazil, Denmark, France and South Africa.

- **FAO/UNEP Agri-food Task Force on SCP** (FAO HQ, April 2012), agreed on 4 work areas.
- Ongoing projects: **Sustainable Rice Platform**, Fisheries Improvement Project
- Discussion paper « The Critical Role of Global Food Consumption Patterns in Achieving Sustainable Food Systems and Food for All”

## Challenges

In absence of level playing field, business might not be encouraged to invest in resource efficient, cleaner and safer production practices.

## Risk management measures

**Coordination of the intervention in the private sector with the advisory services provided by UNEP to the governments**, both in the area of green economy and sustainable consumption and production.

## Strategic partnerships

FAO, UNIDO, NCPCs, GRI, UN Global Compact, ISO  
UNEP FI & SBCI members, etc.

# EA D - Enhancing sustainable consumption through more sustainable products and product information

## Highlights

- Launch of the **Sustainable Public Procurement Initiative**, supported by 30 organisations.
- Pilot project being completed in 7 countries
- Preparation of a project on SPP & Ecolabelling in 17-20 countries

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative  
*Greening the Economy Through Life Cycle Thinking*

## Challenges

Difficulties of understanding what triggers consumer behaviour and to measure the change in such behaviours, as well as impact of UNEP related activities

## Risk management measures

Work focusing on the sustainable consumption “enablers” (ie. public policies such as procurement and education, methodologies and tools to help define product sustainability and provide the basis for understandable, sound, transparent and verifiable product sustainability information)

## Strategic partnerships

UNEP-SETAC LCI, ISO, WRI  
ICLEI, SUN , UNESCO, PERL, etc.

# Looking ahead

- Delivering on the new partnerships/initiatives launched at Rio+20 (SPPI, GI-REC etc.) ; playing the role of a convenor AND delivering tangible outputs
- Operationalising the 10 Year Framework of Programmes:
  - General Assembly Resolution
  - Secretariat, Trust Fund, Clearinghouse
- Programme of Action on the Green Economy

# Regional Activities

- The North American Multi-Stakeholder Workshop on Sustainable Consumption and Production SCP, Washington, DC – November 2008
- The North American Workshop on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) and Green Building -31 January – 1 February 2011, Ottawa, Canada
- The Road to Rio+20 Initiative, with US GBC and WBCSD (2011-2012)
- Next Steps? (10 YFP Regional Activities? Clearinghouse?)



THANK YOU!