



North American Roundtable on Sustainable Production & Consumption

AGENDA

Advancing Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in North America Workshop

Tuesday, December 11, 2012: 2:00pm – 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 12, 2012: 8:30am – 12:00pm

Venue: UNEP Regional Office of North America

900 17th Street Northwest, Suite 506, Washington, DC 20006

This workshop is a sharing and strategy session among stakeholders engaged in advancing sustainable consumption and production (SCP), including US and Canada government representatives, civil society, academia, private sector and international organizations. This meeting is organized by the North American Roundtable on Sustainable Production and Consumption (NARSPAC) in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme – Regional Office for North America (UNEP RONA). It includes representatives of the Global Research Forum on Sustainable Production and Consumption (GRF-SPC) from the North American region. The results of the meeting will be shared at UNEP RONA's North American Major Groups and Stakeholders consultation (12-13 December).

The goals of this meeting are:

1. To share goals and activities of existing SCP initiatives in North America,
2. To discuss opportunities that arise from the adoption of the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20), and
3. To identify strategic areas of collaboration, possible expansion of the network (e.g., to include trade unions, local authorities and other stakeholders), and next steps (e.g., the formation of a Strategic Working Group on SCP in North America).

Tuesday December 11

*Facilitation: Vanessa Timmer, Executive Director, One Earth
Jack Luskin, Emeritus, University of Massachusetts Lowell*

2:00-2:45

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMING REMARKS

*Amy Fraenkel, Director, UNEP Regional Office for North America
Jeffrey Barber, Executive Director, Integrative Strategies Forum (ISF) –
co-founder of NARSPAC*

- 2:45-3:15** **SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION VISIONING EXERCISE**
Philip Vergragt, Tellus Institute and Clark University
- 3:15-3:45** **REVIEW OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED SCP INITIATIVES**
NARSPAC & a historical overview – Jeffrey Barber
UNEP and UNEP RONA and SCP – Hilary French
- 3:45-4:00** **BREAK (COFFEE AND TEA)**
- 4:00-5:45** **REVIEW OF EXISTING & PROPOSED SCP INITIATIVES (continued)**
BREAK GROUPS AND PLENARY DISCUSSION
For a systemic societal transition to a sustainable production and consumption system, what do you see as the main opportunities & leverage points? How is your organization involved in advancing these opportunities?
- 5:45-6:00** **OPPORTUNITIES AND NEXT STEPS – INITIAL DISCUSSION**
What are possible next steps, particularly given the adoption of the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP on SCP)? What insights from today do we want to share with the UNEP RONA consultation?

Some participants are having dinner together at their personal cost - others are welcome to join.

Wednesday December 12

- 08:30-09:00** **LIGHT BREAKFAST**
- 9:00- 10:00** **10YFP ON SCP – A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE WITH Q&A**
Charles Arden Clarke, Head of the Goods and Services Unit, Sustainable Consumption and Production, UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics – by video conference
Chantal Line Carpentier, Sustainable Development Officer, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
- 10:00-10:15** **REFLECTIONS FROM DAY ONE**
- 10:15-10:30** **BREAK**
- 10:30-12:00** **OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION AND NEXT STEPS**
What are opportunities for collaboration and next steps? Which stakeholders should be included in North American SCP efforts, and what is our outreach strategy? What do we want to share with the UNEP RONA consultation?
- 12:00-12:15** **CLOSING DISCUSSION AND KEY MESSAGES FOR THE UNEP RONA PANEL**