

Western Europe and Others Regional Briefing for 10YFP National Focal Points and MEA Focal Points

“Multilateral Cooperation on SCP post-2022”

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SUMMARY REPORT

The Regional Briefing for Western European and other States Regional Group (WEOG) for the 10-Year Framework on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP) post-2022 was Chaired by Switzerland, Ms. Martine Rohn, as Vice Chair of the 10YFP Board and representative for WEOG. The objectives and agenda are included in the Annex to this report as well as the list of participants.

Introductory remarks from the Chair:

In her opening remarks, Ms. Martine Rohn, Vice Chair of the 10YFP Board conveyed the following:

- The 10YFP is mandated to implement Sustainable Development Goal 12.1 until 2030, however the original 10YFP mandate adopted in 2012 ends in 2022. Much has been achieved through this framework, but there remains a lot to be done.
- We need sustainable consumption and production (SCP) solutions in order to achieve the targets in Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) put in place by countries for the three planetary crises of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution and waste.
- To address these three crises we cannot work in silos. We need to better understand the needs of the MEAs, and what the possible SCP solutions can be.
- This is the first ever meeting that brings together 10YFP National Focal Points with focal points from MEAs to gather insights. All inputs will be documented to feed into the next Strategy for multilateral cooperation on SCP.

Towards global leadership and action on Sustainable Consumption and Production

Ms. Rohn summarized the key elements agreed with the 10YFP Board and Group of Friends on the 10YFP Post-2022 summarized as follows:

1. There is a large consensus on maintaining the integrity of the 2030 Agenda in which the 10YFP has a mandated role and the need for a continued mandate for multilateral cooperation on SCP (as per [A/Conf.216-5](#)).
2. A common strategy is required for multilateral and multi-stakeholder cooperation on SCP beyond 2022 that reflects political ambition through priorities and objectives.
3. Sustainability agendas need to more integrated, with SCP to serve as an instrument to connect conventions and multilateral environmental agreements, and support implementation.
4. The importance of building on science to bridge gaps and help decision-makers understand the economics underpinning SCP, including through strengthened cooperation with the International Resource Panel, and support the application of the value chain analysis for prioritization.
5. The need to ensure Member States engagement and commitments to translate into action and implementation.

6. There will be a review of experience since 2012, building on the capacity and experience of the One Planet network
7. The importance of a global movement for SCP: mobilizing and building on the One Planet network, engaging other alliances, platforms and partnerships
8. The need to strengthen engagement with the wider UN system and the 10YFP.

Opportunities for mainstreaming SCP into Climate, Biodiversity, Pollution and Waste agendas:

- Multiple examples were provided that demonstrate how SCP policy instruments and tools contribute to achieving targets on climate, biodiversity, pollution and waste.
- Opportunities were presented to mainstream SCP into agendas for UNFCCC, BRS Conventions, UNCDD and the Convention on Biological Diversity and SAICM including:
 1. Opportunities to mainstream SCP into current processes
 2. Through the SCP approach, a value chain analysis can enable the identification of hotspots and drivers in high-impact sectors driving the environment crises addressed by the international agendas and conventions.
 3. Based on this scientific and systemic knowledge of hotspots and drivers, priority actions can be identified and integrated into national action plans for the different Conventions and agendas.
 4. Opportunities to provide guidance on SCP indicators and SCP reporting across MEA targets

Inputs provided by the participants on the future of SCP post-2022:

The need for more specific targets on SCP relating to high-impact value chains, sectors, products and/or natural resource use. These targets should link to existing frameworks and commitments under MEAs and other agendas. Such targets can mobilize coalitions and partnerships towards concrete action.

The need to ensure a transition to SCP that is just and inclusive.

Validation of the 10YFP as the platform for global cooperation on SCP to make value chains more sustainable. There is a strong need for regional and international cooperation on SCP to address consumption and production related impacts.

The importance of policy integration and consistency to ensure a balance between trade-offs to avoid burden shifting.

The need to measure and cooperate on finding solutions for impacts relation to consumption footprint e.g. through consumption-based targets for GHG emissions.

The importance of **changing behaviour and engaging consumers** as citizens in the SCP transition

Simple and actionable language/communication on SCP and implications for business and the economy: the need for pragmatic approach and to demonstrate the interconnections with long-term economic and social risks of unsustainable consumption and production. Use only one name when communicating on the 10YFP/One Planet network.

The need for opportunities to share best practices, information and lessons learned.

The importance of science and value chain analysis to understand impacts across sectors and how to influence them. *E.g. to apply the approach to business models.*

The need to demonstrate the value-added of SCP as a systems approach over separate actions.

Inputs on the role of National Focal Points in the 10YFP Post 2022:

The need for the National Focal Points (NFPS) in the region to work collectively in advocating for SCP at the international level. For conferences such as the High-Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development (HLPF) or United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA), NFPs can work strategically as a network to advocate for strengthening the message on SCP and advancing the political agenda of SCP.

Connecting focal points through SCP: It was acknowledged that linking 10YFP National Focal Points to Focal points from the different agendas on Climate, Biodiversity and Pollution and Waste is important. However, the integration function needs to be clear and developed in a way that is manageable.

Creating synergies without overlap: Challenges were highlighted in terms of a lack of resources and capacity to join and be informed on the multiple processes happening in other agendas. It is important that an integration mechanism can create synergies without overlaps. One connecting factor could be the drivers of the different planetary crises.

More visibility for 10YFP National Focal Points is needed which can be helped by more visibility and clearer language on SCP.

Summary of next steps:

In the wrap-up session of the meeting, the 10YFP Secretariat presented the following next steps in the 10YFP post 2022 process to the participants:

- The definition of the way forward **on SCP**, responding to today's challenges and priorities, with the active participation of all actors
- **Insights from briefing and online survey to be consolidated** and the National Focal Points kept informed (*survey for 10YFP, SAICM and MEA Focal Points to provide additional information and written inputs – sent by the 10YFP Secretariat for completion by 31st August 2021*)
- Opportunities to **mainstream SCP as a vehicle to achieve MEAs targets and objectives**, to be further discussed and elaborated.
- **Science-policy interface to be further strengthened along with prioritization through the high-impact value chain analysis** and consultations.
- Opportunities to be further explored for the **One Planet network to work with key alliances and partners** to communicate on tools and solutions for a transition to a sustainable economy which addresses climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution and waste (drivers and impacts).
- A **list of voluntary actions and commitments** on SCP to be elaborated contributing to the implementation of MEAs and/or to the transformation of high-impact value chains.

Annex 1: List of participants

Country	Role	Name
Switzerland (Chair)	Vice Chair of the 10YFP Board and Representative for WEOG Regional Group	Ms. Martine Rohn
	10YFP National Focal Point	Mr. Sebastian Koenig
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	National Focal Point Basel Convention	Mr. Andreas Moser
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	National Focal Point Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions	Ms. Mara Curaba
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	Environment and Climate Change Canada	Ms. Erin Silsbe
	Health Canada	Ms. Marie-Soleil Fecteau
	Health Canada	Ms. Sarah Coombs
	Environment and Climate Change Canada	Ms. Somayyeh Montazer-Hojat
	Environment and Climate Change Canada	Ms. Carolina Seward
	Environment and Climate Change Canada	Ms. Kirstin Geissler
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	National Focal Point Stockholm Convention and SAICM	Mr. Hans-Christian Stolzenberg

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	Focal Point BRS Conventions	Ms. Caren Rauert
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Ireland	National Focal Point Basel and Stockholm Conventions, SAICM	Mr. Darren Byrne
Israel	National Focal Point Basel Convention	Ms. Yael Oren
	National Focal Point Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and SAICM	Ms. Romy Even Danan
Italy	National Focal Point UNCCD	Mr. Andrea Macchioni
Luxembourg	National Focal Point Basel Convention	Ms. Sandra Flemming
Malta	Manager, Ministry for the Environment, Climate Change and Planning	Mr. Luca Lacitignola
Netherlands	10YFP Alternate Focal Point	Mr. Arthur W M Eijs
	10YFP National Focal Point	Mr. Cuno van Geet
	National Focal Point UNCCD	Mr. Jeroen Rijniers
	Focal Point BRS Conventions	Mr. Reginald Hernaus
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Spain	Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism	Ms. Clara Randulfe Sanchez
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Annex 2: Background and Agenda

Background:

The 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production (10YFP) was adopted at Rio+20 for the period 2012-2022. The 10YFP is also reflected in Agenda 2030 under Sustainable Development Goal targets 12.1 and 8.4. The reflection on the 10YFP post-2022 was initiated by the 10YFP Board in 2020 with other Member States leading the 10YFP as a collective effort to build a post-2022 vision for multilateral cooperation on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP). The 10YFP National Focal Points have a key role in this reflection process to ensure that the next phase builds on their experiences and insights.

This briefing was chaired by Switzerland, Ms. Martine Rohn, as Vice Chair of the 10YFP Board and representative for the Western European and other States Regional Group (WEOG)

Objectives: The specific objectives of the briefing:

1. Introduce the post-2022 process to the 10YFP National Focal Points, including the vision and recommendations of the 10YFP Board and next steps in the process;
2. Gather relevant information on the national context that national governments are facing regarding implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and the 10YFP, and their translation into national policy instruments;
3. Discuss options for streamlining messaging on SCP across the relevant agendas of the upcoming events and meetings.

Expected Outcomes:

- 1) The 10YFP National Focal Points are briefed on the 10YFP Board's vision and ongoing processes for the 10YFP post-2022. The 10YFP NFPs know how they can get involved and contribute to the post-2022 process.
- 2) Insights from the 10YFP National Focal Points on the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements, and the 10YFP are documented, clarified and put into the context of the post-2022 process.



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Regional Briefing: Multilateral Cooperation on SCP post-2022

14:00-16:00 CET 2 hours duration

Session Chair: Ms. Martine Rohn

5 minutes	<p>Welcome remarks from the Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Martine Rohn
30 minutes	<p>Towards global leadership and action on SCP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation: Towards global leadership and action on SCP <i>10YFP Secretariat</i> (10') <p>Discussion facilitated by Ms. Martine Rohn (20')</p> <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What are the three things that need to happen in order to have a successful and effective shift to SCP at the national level?</i> 2. <i>What is your vision for multilateral cooperation on SCP post-2022 and how can it support action at national level?</i>
60 minutes	<p>Mainstreaming SCP solutions to reverse climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation: Mainstreaming SCP to achieve commitments on climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution - <i>the 10YFP Secretariat</i> (5') - Presentations on experience in implementing MEAs relating to climate, biodiversity and pollution through SCP policies and instruments (15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Maya de Souza, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, United Kingdom</i> o <i>Jesus-Maria Alquezar-Sabadie, DG Environment, European Commission</i> - Discussion facilitated by Ms. Martine Rohn (40') <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>How to enable the uptake of SCP tools and solutions in the implementation of national commitments on climate change, biodiversity and pollution?</i> 2. <i>What are the challenges in addressing and integrating these multiple yet interconnected agendas at national level? How are the cross-linkages made between respective national action plans, policy development, data collection, and reporting processes?</i> 3. <i>How are SCP objectives integrated into national economic strategies and translated into economic & financial instruments?</i>
20 minutes	<p>The role of National Focal Points facilitated by Ms. Martine Rohn</p>



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	<i>-How do you see the role of 10YFP National Focal Points Post-2022?</i>
5 minutes	Next steps and closing remarks from the Chair
<i>Background documents:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The outcome document from the WEOG meeting 2019 in Thun, Switzerland- Report from the Visioning Workshop of the 10YFP Board and Group of Friends for SCP- Report from the 2nd workshop of the 10YFP Board and Group of Friends for SCP	