



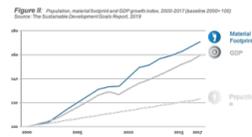
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The One Planet network implements the 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP).

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## KEY INSIGHTS FROM THE REPORT TO THE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2020

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



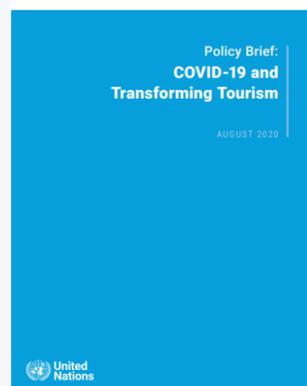
Only 10% of reported SCP policies are led by ministries in charge of economic and development plans

This fact comes through in the annual report of the 10YFP to the High-Level Political Forum 2020, even though the drivers of unsustainable practices are socioeconomic in nature, as recognised by science and understood by practitioners. Yet, Goal 12 on SCP is traditionally considered an “environmental goal” and as such not appropriately addressed through economic policies and incentives, despite being central to our economies and the natural resources that underpin our socioeconomic system.

Opportunities to achieve the needed transformations at the necessary speed lie in bringing the implementation of Goal 12 into national economic and development plans, including by prioritising highly resource-intensive sectors, such as of agriculture, food and beverage, and construction. A shift to addressing Goal 12 in national economic plans, financial policy instruments and national budgets is crucial, together with measures to ensure a socially equitable transition, as it will enable the integration of natural resources and the full costs of their related impacts and negative externalities into national economic policies.

[Read the full report of the 10YFP to the HLPF here](#)

## NEWS



UN Secretary-General releases policy brief on COVID-19 and Tourism

The policy brief, entitled “COVID-19 and Transforming Tourism”, provides policymakers, Member States, Private sector and all stakeholders with an overview of the impacts of the pandemic on tourism and the millions of livelihoods the sector sustains.

The brief, featuring UNWTO as lead author along with contributions from 11 other UN entities, integrates and promotes all recovery recommendations and deliverables developed with the support of UNWTO Member States, as well as other agencies.

[Download the full policy brief to find out more](#)

## SDG 12 is the Goal of the Month



The UN selected SDG 12 as its goal of the month in August 2020, publishing a deep dive article on this transversal SDG which is at the heart of the One Planet network.

This included discussion of the COVID-19 health crisis on progress towards SDG 12, in particular around challenges regarding the uptick of waste - plastic waste in particular - that is being generated.

The article also looks at SCP from the perspective of technology – including mobile apps and e-waste – as well as food security.

[Find more information on the multiple layers of SDG 12 – the goal of the month](#)



## Earth Overshoot Day 2020 landed on August 22nd

Earth Overshoot Day, calculated by the [Global Footprint Network](#), marks the date when humanity's demand for ecological resources and services each year exceeds what the Earth can regenerate in that year. In 2020 this date was August 22nd.

In the words of UNEP Executive Director Inger Anderson, "this date serves as a reminder that our relentless consumption of natural resources has exceeded what our planet can regenerate this year. But together, we can [#BuildBackBetter](#) - smarter, more inclusive & sustainable than before."

[Find out more about the trends of Earth Overshoot Day around the world, and what innovative solutions are in the works to #MovetheDate](#)



## OneEarth launches the 'Beacon for Sustainable Living' website

The Beacon for Sustainable Living is an initiative supporting those leading the way on sustainable everyday living. The goal is to move work forward by identifying creative strategies and overlooked approaches to living-well-for-all within our ecological footprints in ways that reflect the scale, urgency and magnitude of change.

[Visit the website and find out how to take action](#)



## New research project linking scientific and social innovation, for global impact

This new EU funded project led by RMIT University under the Jean Monnet research partnerships will examine the role of the EU's Smart Specialisation in linking scientific and social innovation, and how this can deliver global action to address societal challenges. It links closely with the EU's commitments to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Network's outputs will be materials directed at communication; policy briefings to assist decision-making; and specific learning activities for young researchers. Its major outcomes will be achieved through direct engagement with policy makers, young researchers and other scholars.

[Find out more about this collaborative project](#)

# NEW PUBLICATIONS



## Using Consumer Information to Mitigate Climate Impact in the Tourism Sector

The Consumer Information programme has prepared six infographics which summarise some of the key findings of the report “Consumer Information Tools and Climate Change – Facilitating low-carbon choices in Tourism, Buildings and Food Systems” related to different topics.

This month we feature the infographic on using consumer information to mitigate climate impact in the tourism sector. This infographic is an easy to grasp look at the challenges the tourism sector faces and how different consumer information tools can help.

[Read more about the full report and download the infographic to share](#)



## Sustainable Procurement Technical Guidelines released for Beijing 2022 Games

The Beijing Organizing Committee (BOCOG) has officially released 'the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games Sustainable Procurement Technical Guidelines (Phase I)' on July 1st, 2020. The China Environmental United Certification Center (CEC), co-lead of the One Planet network Sustainable Public Procurement programme, will be providing key technical support for the application of the guidelines.

[Read more about the technical criteria contained in the guidelines](#)



## New report on the impacts of plastics advertising to children

This report analyzes the correlation between advertising to children, the commercialization of toys in Brazil and its effects on the consumption and disposal of plastic, as well as on children's health. Considering that 90% of toys worldwide are made of plastic and that toy advertising to children are predominant on TV and Youtube, it exposes the challenges regarding the commercial exploitation of children by this sector and brings technical, political, environmental and pedagogical solutions to this issue.

This research was carried out by the Federal University of São Carlos Green Chemistry, Sustainability and Education Research Group, and commissioned by the Alana Institute through the Child and Consumerism program.

[Find out more about the conclusions of this innovative report](#)



## New brochure highlights role of the Consumer Information programme on delivering on SDG 12

The One Planet network Consumer Information Programme has launched a new five page brochure giving an overview of the Programme describing its objectives, key work areas, structure and relevant stakeholders. It also provides information on how to join the Programme.

The Consumer Information programme serves as a global platform to support the provision of quality information on goods and services, and the identification and implementation of the most effective strategies to engage consumers in sustainable consumption.

[Download the full brochure to see how your organisation can get involved](#)

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## COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES



### Survey: The relevance of the 2030 Agenda to circular built environment

The Sustainable Buildings and Construction programme has been working on a global state-of-play report on circularity in the built environment and is looking for inputs to a short survey.

Interested stakeholders are invited to provide thoughts and comments on the rankings for the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the core indicators to be considered (or not). The programme is looking for opinions on relevant indicators that reflects the importance of the various SDG targets and indicators for circularity in the built environment.

[Click here to find out more and provide your inputs to the survey](#)



### Working Group on Product Lifetime Extension

The report “[The Long View - Exploring Product Lifetime Extension](#)” showed that the lifetime of many products is becoming shorter and shorter, with vast amounts of waste being produced when these products ultimately become unusable after a few years or sometimes even less.

With this in mind, the One Planet network Consumer Information Programme has set up a working group, led by UNEP and the [Akatu Institute](#), to strengthen collaboration and advance work on product lifetime extension for a more circular economy.

[Read more about this working group and express your interest to take part](#)

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## EVENTS & E-COURSES



## International Conference on the Green New Deal

17 September 2020

The Green Climate Fund and the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Korea have organised an international conference on green new deal policies. This virtual conference is held with the aim of enhancing the global momentum for green recovery policies in the post COVID-19 era, and to strengthening international communication in the climate sector by sharing Korea's Green New Deal policy direction.

[Click here to register for the International Conference on the Green New Deal](#)



## World Circular Economy Forum goes online in 2020

29 - 30 September 2020

The virtual WCEOnline event is part of the World Circular Economy Forum and will bring together circular change-makers from around the world to show practical circular economy examples that will help us to seize this unique opportunity to rebuild our economies stronger, greener and better.

Covering six separate sessions, WCEOnline will enable the circular community from all over the world to participate in the discussions. The sessions will provide different lenses through which business leaders and policy makers can assess the risks and opportunities associated with their resource dependence.

[Find out more about the keynote speakers at this year's conference, and how you can register](#)



## Three online courses available on systems thinking, ethical leadership in business

14 September – 16 October 2020

21 September -13 November 2020

19 October – 20 November 2020

These e-courses, led by the [Earth Charter](#), aim to build a global system of systems leaders who help their organisations to discover meaningful missions that will transition our ways of living on the planet to become sustainable and resilient.

The first two courses will build individual and organisational capacity to address the systemic causes of challenges to fragile, unsustainable systems that lack resilience.

The third course introduces business stakeholders to ethics and sustainability theory and practices, to help participants develop sustainable and inclusive business in an era of uncertainty and disruption. This course offers a space to learn about the nexus between the Sustainable Development Goals, the Earth Charter, and business sustainability.

[Find out more about all three e-courses and register today](#)



## Environmental Aspects in Public Procurement in Europe

1 - 2 October 2020

This conference will bring together experts, practitioners and scientists to discuss the role that environmental aspects currently have in public procurement in Europe and how the aim of environmentally friendly procurement can be implemented in practice.

Participants will discuss past experiences and new ideas in procurement, and how they relate to relevant topics such as climate protection, circular economy, biodiversity, and a non-toxic environment.

[Find out more about this digital conference and how to participate free of charge](#)

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## Public procurement law & sustainability online course

6 - 8 October 2020

The Green Electronics Council (GEC), in partnership with The Academy of European Law (ERA), is sponsoring a special EU Public Procurement Law & Sustainability online course taking place from October 6 - 8, 2020. This is an invite-only event targeted to leaders in the public procurement and/or policy field. There is a limited number of seats available and tuition-free for all invited attendees. GEC is currently accepting nominations to receive an invitation

[Find out more about the course, expert speakers, and how to register before September 14th](#)

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## 3rd Global Conference of the Sustainable Food Systems programme

23 November - 4 December 2020

The 3rd Global Conference of the Sustainable Food Systems Programme will be held virtually.

The purpose of this 3rd global conference is to provide substantial input to the UN Food Systems Summit that is tentatively scheduled for the third quarter of 2021, building on the achievements of the SFS Programme's membership during the first five years of implementation as well as the outcomes of the Programme's previous two global conferences.

[Stay tuned for more information on the agenda, speakers, and how to participate at this year's conference](#)

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## UPDATES FROM OUR FRIENDS



## Sustainable Lifestyles and Education programme newsletter

The Global Search for Sustainable Schools is a global project that aims to enable schools in the global south to implement their sustainability plans.

Since the beginning of 2020 the winning schools across 9 countries have received grants to implement sustainability into their curriculum, infrastructure and learning environments. With schools closing down across the globe, the winning schools have been working hard to rework their plans, find solutions and adapt to the new reality due to the COVID pandemic.

[Find out more about this project and read all the latest updates from the SLE programme](#)

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## Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) latest news



The Green Growth Knowledge Partnership ([GGKP](#)) is a global community of organisations and experts dedicated to providing the policy, business and finance communities with knowledge, data, guidance and tools to transition to an inclusive green economy through the policy-focused [Green Growth Knowledge Platform](#), [Green Industry Platform](#) and [Green Finance Platform](#).

This month the full COVID-19 webinar series is available for download, featuring high-level conversations on the global response to the coronavirus, and how to build back better and greener while protecting the most vulnerable people and countries

[Check out this and the other latest news, research and upcoming events highlighted by the GGKP](#)

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## GlobalABC newsletter



The GlobalABC connects governments, private sector and organisations to drive the transformation towards a zero-emission, efficient, and resilient buildings and construction sector.

This month, download The GlobalABC Global and Regional Roadmaps for Buildings and Construction in Africa, Asia and Latin America, which help set pathways to decarbonisation of the buildings and construction sector by 2050.

[Click here for all the latest news and upcoming webinars from the GlobalABC](#)



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