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International
Resource
Panel

Task Group on catalysing science-based-policy action on SCP Proposed way forward

UNEA-4 Resolution No. UNEP/EA.4/L.2

Innovative Pathways to achieve sustainable consumption and production

On 12 March 2019, the United Nations Environment Assembly issued a resolution entitled “Innovative pathways to achieve sustainable consumption and production” (UNEP/EA.4/L.2). In this resolution, UNEA asks the Executive Director to: *...establish, within existing resources and building on work already undertaken without duplication of efforts, a time-limited task group comprising the International Resource Panel and the One Planet Network, to provide insights on the management of natural resources and raw materials in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable consumption and production, as well as to identify, taking into account national circumstances, technical tools, best practices, policy options, sustainable technologies and innovative business models, and finance flows in this regard. Requests further that the task group completes its work in time to present the results to the United Nations Environment Assembly at its 5th session...*”

The following is a proposed action plan for the above-mentioned task group prepared in response to this request.

1. Background

The One Planet Network and the International Resource Panel have been collaborating since their inception to catalyze science-based policy action on sustainable consumption and production. The inclusion of the International Resource Panel as the provider of science-based evidence in the ‘One Plan for One Planet – strategy 2018-2022’ and the inclusion of the One Planet network in the International Resource Panel’s 2018-2021 work programme will further strengthen this collaboration.

Some of the main outputs of this strategic partnership in 2018 included:

- ✓ Informing and aligning policy priorities in the 2018-2022 Strategy of the 10YFP and the 2018-2021 Work Programme of the International Resource Panel.
- ✓ Development of a joint narrative on: i) sustainable consumption and production for the review of progress on SDG 12 at the 2018 High-Level Political Forum, ii) decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation for the review of SDG 8 at the 2019 Forum.
- ✓ The conceptualization of an SDG 12 Hub, together with other relevant partners, to streamline reporting, data collection and data visualization on SDG 12 indicators.
- ✓ Development of the Sustainable Consumption and Production Hotspot Analysis tool (SCP-HAT). This tool includes three technical modules to analyse hotspot areas of sustainable consumption and production per country and enable science-based prioritization.
- ✓ Joint capacity development training “Systems-Thinking and Policy Planning for sustainable consumption and production” at the 2018 High-Level Political Forum.
- ✓ Joint communications and dissemination activities at the 2018 High-Level Political Forum to raise awareness of the importance of SDG12 for the achievement of all 17 Goals.



- ✓ Cross-fertilisation of strategic documents from both initiatives to bring together the scientific knowledge of IRP reports and the policy knowledge of the One Planet Network members.

2. Objective and Scope

The Task group comprised of the International Resource Panel and One Planet network will aim at preparing a pathway for increased uptake of the International Resource Panel's reports by the One Planet network (governments, business, and other stakeholders) and beyond. This will be addressed by "translating" the reports of the International Resource Panel, such as the Global Resources Outlook 2019 and other relevant reports (proposed list in Annex 1), to extract key data and messages and address different stakeholders' groups including policy makers and businesses.

The objective is to ensure that key stakeholders have access to comprehensible information packages and messages, that are based on evidence, data and science, and which help identify priorities, implement and monitor strategies for a sustainable management of natural resources.

The development of these knowledge products would support countries in moving towards an effective implementation by focussing on:

- i) Within key sectors and/or value chains, support the identification of where efforts will have the most impact on resource use, building on status and trends of natural resource use within a given sector or material category. It is envisaged to focus on sectors that are highly resource-intensive: Construction, Agri-Food and Textiles.
- ii) Strengthen the understanding on the critical role of sustainable resource management for climate, biodiversity, a clean and healthy planet and socio-economic development;

The dissemination and related advocacy on these messages will inform:

- a) the One Planet network on key entry points to prioritise action and leverage support on SCP.
- b) high-level discussions on climate, biodiversity and sustainable development to be held by countries and the UN in 2020. The information will provide evidence of the role that natural resources and SDG 12 play in the achievement of the objectives agreed by countries in these areas.
- c) the project *Mainstreaming coherent and effective sustainable consumption and production policies, including through circular economy models: Best practices and recommendations*, which addresses OP 15 of the UNEA4 resolution – in which UNEP will focus the work on the inventory of best practices

3. Activities and outputs

The Task Group will:

- A. Identify priority information required to prioritise action on SCP and natural resource management:
 - Consult selected members of the One Planet network – who are potential "users" of this information – on the priority information required from their perspective. The basis for this is the list provided in Annex 1.
 - Extract the information from International Resource Panel reports and where relevant consult International Resource Panel experts.



Output: a Set of key messages that are comprehensible, action oriented and evidence-based, that governments and other stakeholders in the One Planet network can use to prioritise action and mobilise support on SCP.

B. Develop the narrative and tailored knowledge products

- Identify between 1 and 3 of the most strategic high-level agendas (or events) to which to provide evidence on the role that natural resources and SDG 12 play in the achievement of the objectives agreed by countries in these areas.
- Develop a concise narrative on the role of natural resources in each of these areas/agendas that is comprehensible, action oriented and evidence-based

Output: Between 1 and 3 concise briefs on the role of natural resources in a key agenda.

C. Dissemination and Advocacy

- Develop communication material based on the above outputs – including material for digital outreach that would precede UNEA5
- Facilitate the participation of the members of the task group to the steering committee of the International Resource Panel and the executive committee of the One Planet network.
- Engage members of the One Planet network or the International Resource Panel for high level events related to the key agendas identified.

Output: Communication material

4. Composition of the task group

In the context of the above objectives and outputs, the International Resource Panel should be seen as the “supplier” of data and information and the One Planet network as the “user” of the same.

The task group will be composed of 15 members of the One Planet network and the International Resource Panel. It will include:

- 4 Government representatives, of which it is recommended that 2 that are (or have been) members of the steering committee of the International Resource Panel and of the Board of the 10YFP
 - ✓ Argentina: Ms. Maria Celeste Pinera, Director of Environmental Evaluation, 10YFP National Focal Point, Ministry of Environment
 - ✓ Finland: Ms. Merja Saarnilehto, Programme Manager, Ministry of Environment
 - ✓ The Netherlands: Mr. Arthur Eijs, Policy Advisor, Ministry of Infrastructure & Water Management
 - ✓ South Africa: Mr. Ndivhuho Raphulu, Director, NCPC-SA (nominated by Department of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries, Government of South Africa)
- Up to 3 Business/private sector representative in the One Planet network
 - ✓ Centre for Responsible Business, India: Mr. Rijit Sengupta, Chief Executing Officer
 - ✓ Saudi Green Building Forum, Saudi Arabia: Mr. Faisal Alfadl, Founder/Secretary General
- 2 representatives of a scientific initiative or NGO in the One Planet network
 - ✓ WWF: Ms. Martina Fleckenstein, Policy Manager, Food Practice
 - ✓ WRF: Mr. Baas de Leeuw, Managing Director



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- 3 representatives of the United Nations system, International Financial Institution or intergovernmental organisations
 - ✓ UNDP: Mr. Tim Scott, Senior Policy Advisor, Environment
 - ✓ UN-Habitat: Mr. Christophe Lalande, Leader, Housing Unit
 - ✓ European Union: Mr. Javier Arribas-Quintana, Senior Expert
- 1 Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel
 - ✓ Ms. Izabella Teixeira, former Minister of Environment, Brazil
- 2 Experts of the International Resource Panel
 - ✓ Ms. Stefanie Hellweg, Professor ETH Zurich Institute of Environmental Engineering (IfU) Ecological Systems Design
 - ✓ Mr Jeffrey Herrick, Soil Scientist USDA-ARS Jornada Research Unit New Mexico State University
- 1 UNEP representative
 - ✓ Ms Ligia Noronha, Director, Economy Division

The above composition of the task group includes at least one representative of the Sustainable Food Systems (WWF) and of the Sustainable Buildings and construction programme (UN-Habitat), as the programmes directly addressing the most resource intensive sectors.

The Secretariats of the International Resource Panel and One Planet Network will facilitate the task group and coordinate the activities, with the support of UNEP.

The nominations for the task group were received through an open call for proposals launched through the International Resource Panel and the One Planet network. The selection of task group member will be finalized by the one of the co-chairs of the International Resource Panel and the Chair of the 10YFP Board. Selection criteria considered regional and stakeholder balance.

The task group will:

- i) provide inputs and information on the identification of priority information,
- ii) represent the stakeholder group / programme / organisation they are nominated for and ensure consultations within that group,
- iii) champion the key messages within their stakeholder group and relevant events.

Interested parties are kindly invited to consider these responsibilities when submitting expressions of interest.

5. Timeline

Establishment of the Task Group – December 2019

Set of agreed key messages – March 2020

First Brief on natural resources & a key Agenda – June 2020

Other 2 briefs – tbc (pending resources)

International Resource Panel Steering Committee meeting: First quarter 2020

One Planet network Executive Committee meeting: May 2020

Materials for digital outreach in preparation for UNEA5: January 2021

6. Budget



In addition to in-kind support from the One Planet network, the International Resource Panel and UNEP, the following additional resources would need to be mobilised:

Task	Amount (USD)
Travel and DSA for Task group member to attend 2 meetings (to be held during IRP or OPN meetings) (10 participants @3000 per traveller)	30,000
Design, layout, printing (briefs and digital material)	15,000
Policy briefs @ 20,000 USD each	60,000
Total	105,000
<i>If an exhibition is to be envisaged for UNEA5 – and additional 50 to 200,000 USD would need to be considered</i>	<i>From 50,000 to 200,000</i>
<i>Total minimum required to deliver at least 1 policy brief</i>	<i>35,000</i>

Annex 1: Reports of the International Resource Panel for consideration by the task group

- Global Resources Outlook 2019: Natural Resources for the Future We Want. [GRO 2019](#)
- Resource Efficiency: Potential and Economic Implications, 2017. [G7 report](#)
- Resource Efficiency for Sustainable Development: Key Messages for the Group of 20, 2018. [G20 report](#)
- Global Material Flows and Resource Productivity, 2016. [MFA report](#)
- Food Systems and Natural Resources, 2016. [Food systems report](#)
- The Weight of Cities: Resource Requirements of Future Urbanization, 2018. [Weight of Cities report](#)
- Resource Efficiency and Climate Change (to be launched at UNFCCC COP 25)