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Accelerating the transition to inclusive green economies and sustainable consumption and production patterns



RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

Unsustainable and inefficient resource use has led to widespread environmental degradation, climate change, pollution, waste generation and resource scarcities – all of which have negative impacts on the health and well-being of people and the planet.

Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) – a stand-alone goal in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – offers an unprecedented opportunity to address these global challenges. UNEP’s Resource Efficiency Subprogramme supports a wide range of activities that foster the adoption of sustainable consumption and production patterns, which underpin the transition to greener and more inclusive economies.

A global framework for SCP

The 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (10YFP) is a global framework of action to accelerate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production (SCP). The 10YFP, for which UNEP serves as the secretariat as well as a partner, brings together more than 450 partners worldwide, including governments, UN agencies, businesses, NGOs and academic institutions. Its six programmes cover Sustainable Public Procurement, Consumer Information, Sustainable Tourism including Eco-tourism, Sustainable Lifestyles and Education, Sustainable Buildings and Construction and Sustainable Food Systems. These programmes deliver innovative and catalytic projects to support the shift to SCP patterns. Delivering on SDG 12 enables delivery of multiple SDGs, including those on energy, climate, water and land, sustainable economic growth and health.

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Greening economies around the world

UNEP works through a number of partnerships and networks to promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth. The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) provides countries with a suite of services that enable them to formulate, adopt and implement national green economy strategies. The Green Fiscal Policy Network provides policy-makers with the opportunity to learn about fiscal reforms to support a green economy transition. The Environment and Trade Hub offers demand-driven capacity building to achieve the environmental dimension of the SDGs through sustainable trade and investment. The Green Growth Knowledge Platform supports the world's largest community of organizations and experts in generating, managing and sharing knowledge and data to mobilize an inclusive green economy.

Providing the knowledge base for resource efficiency

We produce economic and scientific assessments, research, tools and knowledge products that enable public and private sectors to enhance overall resource efficiency.

Promoting sustainable lifestyles

We empower individuals to make informed consumption choices and adopt sustainable lifestyles through education, consumer information, campaigns and general awareness-raising.

Supporting countries to green their economies & produce & consume more sustainably

We support governments to adopt economic, fiscal and sector reforms that accelerate investment in resource-efficient, low-carbon and resilient public and private infrastructure to lay the foundations for sustainable economic growth.

Supporting resource-efficient, low-emission and resilient cities

We work with nations, regions and cities to promote sustainable housing and infrastructure and support the effective and inclusive governance of natural resources.



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Helping business seize green opportunities

We engage with businesses across sectors (SMEs in particular) to develop, adapt and apply tools to promote eco-innovation, life-cycle thinking, cleaner production, sustainable value chains and sustainability information to consumers.

Harnessing the power of the financial sector

We partner with banks, investors, insurers and regulators to catalyze leadership on finance and sustainability, working to mobilize investments needed for the transition to an inclusive green economy.

Our Plan

The 2030 Agenda requires transformative change. UNEP can help build capacity and support countries to develop and adopt their own policy pathways for trade, investment and SCP that will underlie and anchor the sustainability of their economies into the future. A contribution of just \$5 million, for example, can enable the Environment and Trade Hub to deliver services to more than 10 countries over the next three years.

With additional funding for the Global Initiative for Resource Efficient Cities and the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction, UNEP can support the world's booming cities, empowering them to replicate and enhance initiatives that support sustainability in the provision and consumption of food, housing, mobility, leisure and consumer goods.

With an additional \$5 million, UNEP can promote the adoption of innovative approaches in responsible industries and value chains in three countries and measure their positive contribution to the SDGs and climate commitments.

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