

Sustainable Consumption and Production Policies and Actions in the Pacific



THE CONTEXT

The Pacific Countries have a unique geographical position and their economic development hinges on their natural resources and ecosystems. Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) practices need to be tailored to this special context.

Finding ways to balance economic growth and resource use while minimizing harm to the environment and promoting the well-being of residents is a complex task. Developing strategies for SCP requires addressing issues of resource management, waste minimisation, and community engagement. Overcoming these challenges is essential to ensure a healthier future for both the environment and the people in the Pacific.

The [SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action \(S.A.M.O.A\) Pathway](#) adopted by Pacific Island Countries (PICs) in 2014 recognised the importance of changing unsustainable practices and promoting SCP as one of the overarching objectives and essential requirements of sustainable development. It acknowledged the need to strengthen cooperation and support from the international community in supporting their sustainable development efforts.

WHAT WE ARE DOING

The SWITCH-Asia Programme has been extended to the fifteen¹ countries in the Pacific region for future intervention, where regional and multi-country technical advisory support will be provided through the Policy Support Component (PSC), based on the needs of the countries. SWITCH-Asia PSC will develop an engagement strategy involving selected actors from countries through multi-stakeholder consultations to come up with relevant interventions toward strengthening SCP uptake in the region, in support to circular economy and climate challenges.

The Initiative will aim to

- 1 Facilitate arriving at a shared understanding of the SCP context and needs of the Pacific region;
- 2 Facilitate development of relations with key SCP stakeholders in the Pacific;
- 3 Develop engagement strategies in the Pacific countries and facilitate their collaboration with countries in other regions, including defining types of SCP activities that could be implemented in the upcoming years.

WAY FORWARD

- 1 Enhance understanding of SCP context and facilitate relations with SCP stakeholders in the Pacific region;
- 2 Launch the SWITCH-Asia programme in the Pacific and hold consultations with prospective partner organisations in the region;
- 3 Organise thematic Multi-Stakeholder Consultations (MSCs) / workshops for the Pacific region;
- 4 Provide inputs into ideas for potential interventions throughout the SWITCH-Asia Policy Support Component;
- 5 Develop and publish knowledge and communication products that will contribute to raising awareness and strengthening knowledge on SCP relevant thematic issues in the region.

WHO WE ARE

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Launched in 2007, the **EU SWITCH-Asia Programme** is the single largest programmatic investment to promote and facilitate the uptake of sustainable consumption and production practices in the Asia and Pacific region. Under the current phase of its Policy Support Component (PSC), SWITCH-Asia lends advisory support to multi-country and sub-regional initiatives on policy and practices for sustainable consumption and production and their contribution to circular economy and achievement of Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Climate Agreement.

¹ SWITCH-Asia Programme's partner countries in the Pacific: Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Palau, Niue, and Nauru

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