ASEAN Forum on SCP

3 November 2015, New Delhi, India
The Asian region hosted few high-level policy platforms, which set the agenda on the region's leading priorities. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

In September 2013, ASEAN Ministers issued a "Joint Statement on the Implementation of Sustainable Consumption and Production in ASEAN by the ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Environment" committing to strengthen their cooperation within ASEAN+3 on the implementation of SCP and established an “Annual ASEAN Forum on SCP”.

This is a voluntary policy mechanism provides a venue for policy dialogue and collaboration on SCP national and regional strategies for implementation in the region.
Objectives of the Forum

1. To provide a venue for **policy dialogue and collaboration** on SCP national and regional strategies, planning and implementation **including technical support to ASEAN Member States (AMS)**.

II. To provide a **venue for discussions on research and innovation** for sustainable consumption and production patterns that can support tailored, effective policy design and actions.

II. **To develop a resource pool** and to explore opportunity **for capacity building** to support governments and other stakeholders at national and regional level in a transition to SCP, and to **support public awareness** campaigns on SCP.

III. To encourage **discussion on emerging issues** on SCP between AMS including the development of links with the relevant ASEAN Working Groups to promote cooperation on SCP between AMS and global/regional initiatives on SCP.
Main Functions

- Policy Dialogue
- Research/Studies
- Capacity Building
- Communication
- Cooperation
A voluntary initiative
All ASEAN member will join the Forum
The member’s Forum; a Chair; a Technical support/secretariat unit
Annual Meeting of the Forum
For the first few years, only government participants, then expand to engage relevant stakeholders
UNEP in consultation with the ASEAN Secretariat to provide technical support/secretariat services.
Indonesia submitted a formal proposal on the Forum with results of this event to ASOEN and ASEAN Secretariat and received and approved.
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The Forum provided a platform to officially launch the Asia-Pacific 10YFP Roadmap, but also to set a variety of priorities for advancing SCP through the ASEAN platform.

The following is a list of the priority outcomes member states decided upon for 2014-2015 at the meeting:

- A high-level policy meeting to focus in one of the following areas of SCP:
  - Technologies and Finance for Sustainable Consumption and Production in ASEAN priority sectors (Buildings, Tourism, Cities, Food), including access to financial and technologies enablers.
  - Policy recommendations on the basis of meeting results
- A regional training workshop (ToT) for public servants in the central government on SCP and utilization of 10YFP. (October 2014, Lao PDR)
- Continuing the 7th ASEAN+3 Leadership Programme
- A study to embed SCP into sub-regional supply chains.
- A background paper on defining “what traditional practices are indeed SCP practices.”
The following activities of the ASEAN Forum on SCP from 2014 to 2015:

- ASEAN+3 Leadership Programme
- The Rio+20 10-Year Framework of Programmes on SCP (10YFP): Building the knowledge of ASEAN National Focal Points on SCP, held from 21-22 October, and

- Secretariat of the ASEAN Forum and the ASEAN Center for Energy requested the SWITCH-Asia RPSC Programme for technical and financial support to implement the UNEP En.lighten Initiative in the sub-region. The En.lighten Initiative will support market transformation to efficient lighting technologies by reducing energy consumption in the ASEAN Region.
Proposed Activities of the Forum

**Policy dialogue**
- Annual meeting of Forum members – at the 12th APRSCP
- High-level dialogue under ASOEN and ASEAN Ministerial Meeting
  - Providing input in the ASEAN on the area of product standards / Regulations & requirements for product standards
  - SCP Roadmap for ASEAN / [SCP financing mechanism]

**Studies and Information materials**
- National factsheets on SCP including review of the status on SCP
- Updates on report on status of progress in the technical work (Progress and technical work on life cycle thinking initiative on SCP, SPP and eco-labeling and SCP Indicators, SCP innovations, SCP financing mechanisms)

**Capacity building**
- Training for public sector including training of trainers
- Public awareness on SCP

**Cooperation and Networking**
- Joint events (on a case by case basis) with APRSCP, SWITCH-Asia, AWGs and ASEAN+3, etc.
- Study tours and events to share best practices

**Communication**
- Policy Fairs for exhibition of materials
- Information sharing to all relevant stakeholders
- Greening SMEs
Summary of Discussions

1. SCP in sub-regional policy level
   - Approval of the SCP Agenda in the political document of ASEAN post 2015.
   - Strengthening ASEAN Forum on SCP through Institutionalization
   - Strengthened cooperation with ASEAN+3 Countries

2. SCP Policy Platform in each ASEAN country
   - Policy document, statement of head of states, and policy platform of each country on SCP.
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3. Updates on report on status of progress in the technical work (Contribution of countries and partner organizations)
   * Progress on life cycle thinking and hotspots analysis
   * SPP and eco-labeling
   * SCP Indicators

4. Strengthening partnerships
   * Involving other partners like OECD, GIZ and current partners such as UNEP through SWITCH-Asia and 10YFP on SCP

5. Next FORUM on SCP will cover policy areas and the technical areas on information on progress at the technical level. Back to back meeting with 12th APRSCP Cambodia 2016 with Resource Persons (GGI) to present in the ASEAN Forum.