SDG 12.1 Reporting for SWITCH-Asia Countries – Connecting the dots between actions and reporting

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What is SWITCH-Asia?

**MAIN OBJECTIVES**

- Promote sustainable development.
- Contribute to economic prosperity and poverty reduction in Asia and Central Asia.
- Contribute to a transition towards a low-carbon, resource-efficient and circular economy.

Total 24 countries in North East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia and Central Asia

**WHERE WE WORK**

**Regional Policy Advocacy Component**

**SCP Facility**

**Grant projects on the ground**

SWITCH Asia I - 2007-2014
SWITCH Asia II – 2017-2021
SWITCH Asia RPAC – What do we do?

Catalyses policy dialogue on SCP, contributing to green growth and reduction of poverty.

Advocates for improved regulatory frameworks related to SCP.

Showcases best practices of SCP policy instruments.

Generates knowledge and builds capacities to support the uptake and reporting of SDGs.
Why reporting is so important?

- To accelerate the implementation (if we don’t report it is difficult to understand where we are)
- To share the challenges and lessons learned with others
- To get international recognition (if you don’t report what you are doing in your country is not accounted towards the implementation of the 2030 agenda)

- For more than half of the SDGs, progress is either heading in the wrong direction or has stagnated.

- The region’s progress is “deteriorating” on:
  - SDG 6 (clean water and sanitation)
  - SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth) and
  - SDG 12 (responsible consumption and production).
How can countries report on SDG12 at the international level?

- **Global Indicator Framework**
  - SDG 12 indicators Tier I or Tier II: 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.6

- **VNRs**

- **SDG Target 12.1** Implement the **10-year framework of programmes** on sustainable consumption and production.
  - **Indicator 12.1.1** Number of countries with SCP national action plans or SCP mainstreamed as a priority or a target into national policies
What countries in Asia could report under SDG 12.1.1

- National Action Plan on SCP (e.g. Pakistan NAP on SDG 12 Sustainable Consumption and Production, Sri Lanka NAP on SCP, Vietnam NAP on SCP to 2020, Malaysia National SCP Blueprint 2016-2030, etc.);
- Policy or guidelines on Green Public Procurement, Sustainable Public Procurement or Ecolabeling (e.g. Philippines’ “Green Choice” programme; Thai Ecolabel);
- A policy in resource efficiency (e.g. Resource Efficiency Policy being developed by India)
- A policy that mainstreams SCP or Circular Economy (e.g. Vietnam’s next Socio-Economic Development Strategy for the period of 2021-2030)
- Policies or strategies on waste management, water efficiency, energy efficiency, etc. (e.g. Malaysia’s Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Corporation Strategic Plan 2014–2020);
- Sector policies that include a specific component on sustainability (food, tourism, etc.)
- Regulatory instruments such as a ban on single use plastic, green building codes, etc. (e.g. Bali’s ban on single-use plastics, Pakistan Green Building Code)
- Economic and financial instruments (e.g. tax incentives to help support the development of renewable energy, green bond in Indonesia, Carbon pricing in Pakistan)
What countries in Asia have reported so far - Pilot Exercise 12.1.1

- **11 Countries have already reported** during the pilot exercise: Bhutan, China, Indonesia, Lao, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand.

- We noticed that were great policies in the countries that were not reported (such as NAP on SCP)

- Since the pilot exercise was done, countries have developed new policies, so it is very important that they report again capturing they have done since then
What countries in Asia have reported so far - VNR Analysis

- So far, 17 out of the 19 countries that are part of the SWITCH-Asia Programme have submitted at least one Voluntary National Review.

- 8 countries (Bhutan, Lao, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam) have reported on target 12.1.
  - All 8 Countries have reported to have included SCP into their policies, plans, programs or strategies.
  - 3 Countries (Pakistan, Thailand and Vietnam) have reported to have a National Action Plan on Sustainable consumption and Production.
  - Countries are not reporting on the implementation.

- Not all countries with National Action Plans or strategies on SCP have reported about that in their VNRs

- Ensure coherence between VNR and Global Indicator Framework
How is SWITCH-Asia RPAC supporting SDG12 Reporting?

- November 5th. **Webinar** “SDG 12.1 Reporting for SWITCH-Asia Countries – Connecting the dots between actions and reporting”


- 2020 TBD. **Specific Trainings** in SDG 12 Indicators.

- **Knowledge Products**.

- **National activities**.
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