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## FOREWORD

The Sustainable Consumption and Production National Action Plan (SCP-NAP) for Palestine is one of the main outputs of the SwitchMed program that had been executed in the Mediterranean region with UN Environment support. SCP is one of the concepts being implemented in Palestine and this NAP draws a roadmap mainstreaming the concept in three relevant sectors: Tourism, Housing and Construction, Agriculture and Food.

Those sectors were selected according to the assessment that was developed earlier under the SwitchMed program in addition to the most recent developments in this field. Numerous activities and initiatives can be developed and implemented in those three sectors from an SCP approach. The timeframe of this NAP is 6 years (2017-2022) coinciding with the sectoral and cross sectoral strategies which are currently being developed in Palestine.

A participatory approach was used in the development of the SCP-NAP. All relevant stakeholders in the different sectors were consulted and they shared their inputs in series of workshops, meetings, and consultations during the preparation of the NAP. SCP is one of the most multidisciplinary themes, in which most of the sectors can share and contribute during the implementation phase.

The development and implementation of this NAP is one of the instruments which will facilitate the Palestinian's attempts to achieve Sustainable Development that shall guarantee the rights of both the current and future generations alike. This is guaranteed by the Basic Law and Environment Law No. (7) for the year 1999, and its amendments.

By developing and implementing this NAP, Palestine will be one of the first countries who initiated implementation of SDG12 - Sustainable Consumption and Production - and the development of an SCP-NAP is among its success indicators.

The development of the SCP-NAP is the first step in long way of targeting the SCP concept and the implementation of this NAP needs a lot of efforts, financial resources, coordination and cooperation, and continuous monitoring and evaluation. We hope that we will be able to implement this SCP-NAP and secure the needed funding either through local resources or through the international support which should push forward the support in achieving Sustainable Development. It is worth mentioning that Palestine is one of the countries in the international community who started the implementation of the SDGs and took the needed institutional and legal arrangements in this regard by establishing a national SDG team under the leadership and supervision of the Prime Minister's Office. Palestine has further started the integration and merging of the SDGs into the national sectoral and cross sectoral strategies in the planning cycle of the period 2017-2022. This will be reviewed in the next planning cycle in order to implement more priority targets.

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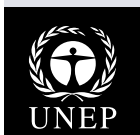
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The EU funded SwitchMed project is implemented jointly by the project countries (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia) and the institutional partners UNEP, UNIDO and SCP-RAC. SwitchMed is divided into 3 components addressing different parts of the transition process to Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) - SDG12:

- (i) A policy component, built around the Barcelona convention (for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea and Coastal Regions) and SCP national action plans;
- (ii) Demonstration activities linked both to the policy component and the private sector;
- (iii) Networking function to allow for exchange, joint learning and further scaling up;

UNEP-DTIE is coordinating the national policy component – Reinforcing circular economy in the Mediterranean governance framework and mainstreaming SCP in national policies. Under the national policy component the project countries will develop Sustainable Consumption and Production National Action Plans (SCP-NAP).

The implementation methodology used under the SwitchMed national policy component has been adapted to each countries' specific needs and requests. To assure coherence between ongoing and previous national work, the activities at country level build on already existing work and projects (Green Economy, SCP assessments, sustainable development assessment and strategies, SCP projects, etc). In this process UNEP works with national consultants in the project countries to allow a transfer of knowledge and reinforcement of national capacity. The SCP-NAP methodology assures that a large and diverse group of national stakeholders are involved in the national process (government, civil society, private sector, media, academia, bi- and multilateral partners, UNCTs, etc). Furthermore collaborations with UN institutions and other bi-lateral partners have been established at country level.

### Main objectives:

- Leapfrogging to socially inclusive Sustainable Consumption and Production practices preserving the environment;
- Integrating the natural capital and the environment in the core business of Mediterranean companies
- Creating a critical mass of citizens for SCP;

### The successful development of eight SCP-NAPs demonstrates that:

- (i) in-country activities have to be nationally owned and nationally driven to be successful;
- (ii) the involvement of a large and diverse group of national stakeholders from the beginning of the planning process is crucial;
- (iii) linkages and synergies have to be established with already existing projects and initiatives and collaboration with other partners should be encouraged and fostered.

Each country has chosen to follow its own path to develop an SCP-NAP and this series of publications clearly shows the diversity of processes as well as outputs. In some countries the SCP-NAPs are based on SCP national assessments, while in other national partners decided to build upon already existing national SCP information and knowledge.

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