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## FOREWORD

It gives me a great pleasure to follow up on one of the most important recommendations of the Rio +20 Summit of 2012 for attaining sustainable development and renew Lebanon's commitments to shift towards Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns. Originating from its holistic perspective and cross-cutting character, the Sustainable Consumption and Production approach will allow us to ensure that economic and social gains can be obtained without undermining environmental benefits. Improvement the quality of life and well being, and actively involving all stakeholders from public bodies to the private sector, research institutions and society at large.

Lebanon has engaged in the process of preparing its national agenda to adopt the concepts and approaches of Sustainable Consumption and Production, and since January 2015, the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Industry in Lebanon have embarked together on the development of Lebanon's Action Plan for Sustainable Consumption and Production for the Industrial Sector. This Action Plan was elaborated through a strong and active participatory approach ensuring the engagement of all Stakeholders, with the support of the European Union and the United Nations Environment Programme.

I would like to highlight the large national engagement for the adoption of this approach and for delivering Sustainable Consumption and Production patterns. This plan provides the priority actions to adopt Sustainable Consumption and Production in the industrial sector, and it will pave the way for the adoption of a similar approach in other sectors in Lebanon, and for the integration of Sustainable Consumption and Production in national policies and plans.

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## About SwitchMed

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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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

10YFP	10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns
ABL	Association of Banks in Lebanon
ALI	Association of Lebanese Industrialists
BAT	Best Available Technique
BdL	Banque du Liban
CAS	Central Administration of Statistics
CDR	Council for Development and Reconstruction
CNRS-L	Lebanese National Council for Scientific Research
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon Dioxide
CRDP	Center for Educational Research and Development
DTIE	Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (UNEP)
EFI	Environmental Fiscal Instruments
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
EU	European Union
FCCIA	Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture
GAFTA	Greater Arab Free Trade Area
GCC	Gulf Cooperation Countries
GPHD	Green Production Help Desk
HPMP	HCFC Phase-out Management Plan
IDAL	Investment Development Authority of Lebanon
ILO	International Labour Organization
IPPC	Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control

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