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Foreword

As the financial and environmental costs of resource depletion and negative ecological impacts begin to affect economic growth, countries around the world need to find ways to manage finite resources while meeting the needs of a growing and increasingly urban world population. By integrating sustainable consumption and production (SCP) patterns into national development planning and implementation, policymakers can make it easier and cheaper to produce goods and services more efficiently, with lower risks to humankind and the environment.

For example, recent research undertaken by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) shows that improved efficiency can reduce energy demand by 50 to 80 per cent for most production and utility systems. Some 60 to 80 per cent improvements in energy and water efficiency are commercially viable in sectors such as construction, agriculture, hospitality, industry and transport. The means to achieving such efficiency gains are outlined for the first time in this comprehensive publication. "Sustainable Consumption and Production : A Handbook for Policymakers" is launched at the occasion of World Environment Day 2015 and it is a direct contribution of UNEP towards the implementation of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on SCP (10YFP), which was formed in response to the recommendations of the Rio+20 Summit. These called for greater support for developing countries to adopt more sustainable patterns of consumption and production.

The handbook contains a rich compilation of SCP definitions, case studies from all over the world, policy instruments, policy implementation processes, monitoring and evaluation methodologies and indicators. It also contains compelling data on both the impact of unsustainable consumption and production, and the efficiency gains to be made by mainstreaming SCP patterns.

Using this handbook, UNEP and its partners have already implemented capacity building activities that are leading to the development of SCP policies at national levels.

We hope that the guidance provided in this very practical publication will assist governments and other organizations to use SCP policies and tools to realize national development goals through greater resource efficiency gains, lower production costs and job creation. Better management of consumption patterns through smart policies and smart living will help create an alternative model of economic growth, in which the needs of the many are better met by the smarter management of precious resources.



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List of Acronyms

10YFP	10 Year Framework Programmes
3R	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AEEAP	ASEAN Environmental Education Action Plan
AfDB	African Development Bank
APELL	Awareness and Preparedness for Emergencies at Local Level
APFED	Asia-Pacific Forum for Environment and Development
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CP	Cleaner Production
CP4BP	Cleaner Production for Better Products
CSR	Corporate Social Responsibility
D4S	Design for Sustainability
DE	Domestic Extraction
DMC	Domestic Material Consumption
EBTR	Ecological Budget and Tax Reform
ESD	Education for Sustainable Development
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GHG	Green House Gases
GSTC	Global Sustainable Tourism Council
IMO	International Maritime Organization
LP	Labour Productivity
MEA	Multilateral Environmental Agreement
MP	Marrakesh Process
MTF	Marrakesh Task Force
NRDC	Natural Resource Defence Council
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PSM	Process Safety Management
PTB	Physical Trade Balance
RE	Resource Efficiency
RECP	Resource Efficiency and Cleaner Production
SCP	Sustainable Consumption and Production
SPP	Sustainable Public Procurement
SPIN	Sustainable Product Innovation
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
TPES	Total Primary Energy Supply
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the
	Pacific
UNESCO	United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNU/IAS	United Nations University/Institute of Advanced Studies
UNWTP	United Nations World Tourism Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization



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