The ARSCP Newsletter informs members about the organization, its activities and progress

ARSCP Members Celebrations

The first half of the year has been marked by celebrations. During this period, the South African National Cleaner Production Centre celebrated its tenth year anniversary. Then the three NCPCs of East Africa celebrated the end of the second half of the SIDA funded Lake Victoria Environmental Management Programme (LVE MP II) project by giving awards to the best performers in the implementation of RECP.

Congratulations to all players and winning companies.

The RECP award giving ceremonies have been held in Kisumu Kenya, Kampala Uganda and Mwanza Tanzania. This is part of the activities under 2nd Phase of the LVE MP II. During the ceremony some companies demonstrated the savings made through implementing RECP in their operations.

Well done to all companies which took part in the training and competition in the three EAC riparian states. You have been able to demonstrate to companies all over the World that by using RECP concept you save money and the environment.

Awards were given on water saving, energy saving waste reduction, GHG reduction and an overall winner. In Tanzania, the overall winner was Tanzania Breweries Ltd.

We take the opportunity to congratulate the NCPC staff and their leaders Ms Jane Nyakang’o Director Kenya NCPC, Prof Cleo Migiro of Tanzania CPCT and Silver Ssebagala of Uganda NCPC for the good work done as demonstrated by the good results.

In his remarks at the occasion at the Mwanza, Dr Patrick Mwesigye of UNEP ROA said that the project should not end at this stage. Rather it should move from a project to a programme. The Lake Victoria Basin Commission should take over the project ensuring its continuity.

Sub regional projects are important tools for bringing awareness on SCP and RECP merits.

SCP: Africa’s Partnership Flagship Programme

AMCEN Experts met in Dar es Salaam from April 9th to 12th 2013, to deliberate on the Regional Flagship Programmes as part of Rio+20 follow up activities. This meeting organized by UNEP was aimed at boosting sustainable development agenda for the region.

The 2012 Rio meeting had noted that Africa sustainable development progress is not on track due to new and emerging challenges of climate change. It noted that due to the abundance of human and natural resources Africa possesses opportunities to use green economy strategies to leapfrog in development.

This meeting endorsed five flagship programmes which would lead the region out of poverty in a sustainable development trajectory. Among them is Partnership for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in Africa.

Other programs are: African Green Economy Partnership (AGEP), Sustainable Land Management, Desertification, Biodiversity and Ecosystems-based Adaption to Climate Change (LDBE), African Programme on Sustainable Energy Development (APSED) and Africa Integrated Environmental Assessment for Sustainable Development (AIEASD).

The matters agreed at the meeting will soon be tabled to the Environment Ministers who will recommend the way forward and means of implementation.

The ARSCP was invited to the meeting. The President Mr. N. Raphulu, Dr Ife Adewumi and Mr. E. Mugisha attended.

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ARSCP Executive Board

- Mr. Ndihuho Raphulu- South Africa, President
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- Mr. Lambert Faabelou-Ghana Member representing West Africa
- Mr. Tawanda Collins Muzamwese-Zimbabwe, Member representing South Africa
- Mr. Leilas Daba-Ethiopia Member representing East Africa
- Dr. Ife Adewumi-Nigeria Member representing Academia
- Mr. Edgar Mugisha-Uganda Member representing Business
- Prof Cleophas Migiro—Ex Officio
**African Water Saving Initiative Workshop held in Kigali**

During 24-25 April 2013, there was a regional workshop on African Beverages Industries Water Saving Initiative (ABIWSI) in Kigali, Rwanda. This meeting was convened by UNEP in conjunction with the Rwanda Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production Centre and attended by over 50 people from all over Africa. Thank you Rwanda and Mr. Steve Niyonzima for your hospitality.

During this meeting participating companies demonstrated on how they have made more profits by cutting down water consumption. Beverage industries in Ethiopia, Ghana, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Burundi were involved.

Whereas 4hl are required to produce 1hl of beer according to international standards, these breweries were using more than 20litres before the RECP programme. Now they are consuming only 8 hl and have potential to cut down further. Soft drink industries which were consuming 6lt for one lt of drink are now using about 3litres. In view of these results the workshop recommended a new water saving project with UNEP which would cover the whole industrial sector to be known as Africa Industries Water Saving Initiative (AFIWSI).

**ARSCP meets with AMCEN President**

On the 11 April 2013, The ARSCP Executive Board members had an audience with the AMCEN President, Hon. Terezya Hovisa, Minister for Environment, Vice President’s Office, Tanzania. The two parties discussed matters of mutual interest. The AMCEN President promised to work closely with the ARSCP and the first task she would do is to seek ways of strengthening the organization.

We thank the Minister for the good will and commitment to advance ARSCP cause.

**Former President of ARSCP appointed to the Board of 10YFP on SCP**

The first Secretary and second President of the ARSCP Professor Clephas Migiro has been appointed Board member of the Global Ten year Framework on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP on SCP) for the first two year term. Currently he is the Executive Director of the CPCT of Tanzania and an ex-officio member of the ARSCP Executive Board.

The 10YFP on SCP will be the most important framework for the next ten years to ensure that concrete actions are taken to deal with climate change, abject poverty and reduce emissions to make a healthy and safe world. This Board will play an important role of supporting and guiding the implementation of the Global 10YFP at all levels.

In his speech in Mwanza during the RECP Awards, the representative from UNEP. Dr Patrick Mwesigye, described Prof. Migiro’s leadership as having spearheaded the adoption of the RECP, SCP and the 10YFP on SCP. Prof C. Migiro is one of the most experienced SCP practitioners in the sub-region, with experience stretching for over 15 years. He will be an important asset to the 10YFP. Africa has two representatives. The other is Mr. Thembelo Ngculu of South Africa Permanent mission at the UN. Headquarters in New York.
SCP Progress in Africa

In order to know what Africa has done in SCP, the Report by UNEP on Global Outlook on SCP Policies is one of the best sources of information.

This report was launched in Accra, Ghana, during the ARSCP’s seventh roundtable meeting. This 2012 publication includes some of Africa’s policies, initiatives and activities which have been or are under implementation to shift the region towards a SCP development pattern, including case studies.

The Report shows that Africa has demonstrated a political will to shift to a sustainable path. Examples are Burkina Faso, Egypt, Ghana, Mauritius, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia which have already developed national sustainable consumption and production programmes.

Another report published is on Sustainable Consumption and Production in Africa 2002-2012 published by UNEP. (www.unep.org/roa).

The progress in implementing the 10YFP on SCP thematic areas is shown in the report.

There is also a lot of information in the Review Report of Sustainable Consumption and Production in Africa prepared for the CSD 18. This is available on http://www.unep.fr/scp/go/publications.htm

The ARSCP has been involved in the preparation of these reports.

Celebrating World Environment Day - June 5th

Each year on the 5th June, the World marks the environment day. The day has been set by the UN to stimulate awareness on the environment. The day is celebrated with special messages from the UN Secretary General.

Normally, ARSCP Members join other stakeholders in this celebration by taking all opportunities to help communities understand our universe, how humans are destroying it and how to preserve it. In the past years there have been held public meetings, rallies, radio programmes and exhibitions on this day for same purpose.

Furthermore, key players may also arrange school lectures or small public meetings to raise awareness especially programmes designed to changing mind sets. Everyone needs to understand consequences of unsustainable lifestyle.

Accordingly, we urge members to look around their company, community or home and point out those negative and unfriendly activities. Discuss then with your family, community or authority and show them the solution in a participatory manner. It is our duty as the environmental watch guards of our society. Clear message is “If we continue with business-as-usual, fewer future generations will see this World”.

Ongoing and near future Regional SCP Activities

- Review of African 10YFP on SCP
- RECP Capacity Building Programmes - NCPCs
- RECP net 3rd Global Network Conference on RECP
- ARSCP 8 Preparations

Education for Sustainable Consumption and Production

Abject poverty and environment degradation in Africa are caused by environment problems including land degradation, desertification, environment pollution, loss of diversity and climate change. In order to rectify this situation, we need a change of mind sets of our people. Education is key in achieving this.

Children should be made to understand that humans have reached stage where we are negatively impacting on the ability of the future generation to meet their basic needs. Accordingly, they need to make rational choices.

Education on Sustainable Consumption and Production has proved to be a very useful and cheap strategy to instill this knowledge. If you are teacher for example, you should start using your subject eg, maths, geography, chemistry, physics etc. to inject environment knowledge to children.

For example in Maths you can show the necessity of improved cooking stoves and impact of deforestation by making the children to calculate number of years it would take to finish the village forest which has tree population of x trees by using traditional stoves or using improved cooking stoves.
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### About us
ARSCP is a regional NGO with a broad mandate of coordinating sustainable production and consumption activities within the Africa region.

### Our Vision
The vision of ARSCP is to achieve sustainable development of African countries with effective contribution to the reduction of poverty, improvement of well being of the people as well as the protection and conversation of the environment.

### Mission
The ARSCP's mission is to promote the development of national and regional capacities for the effective promotion and implementation of sustainable consumption and production principles and serve as the regional clearinghouse for sustainable consumption and production activities in the region.

### Our Management
The organizational structure of the ARSCP consists of three bodies: the General Assembly, the Executive Board and the Secretariat. The ARSCP Executive Board comprises elected members on two years

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### To become an ARSCP Member - Just Apply

Most of our members join the Organization during the regional roundtable meeting which we organize after every two years. Next one is due in year 2014.

Corporations, institutions and individuals can apply for membership by contacting the National Cleaner Production Centre in their country or contacting the Secretariat in Dar es Salaam Tanzania.

With global issues like environment you need to work with others. Fortunately, the ARSCP exists and gives you a platform to promote your ideas on environment matters whenever you are. As an internationally legally registered entity, it is can operate in any democratic country in the World.

We urge everyone to join, whereas, ARSCP member is anyone who promotes SCP, applies to join the organization and pays subscription fees.

The ARSCP Secretariat is strengthening its capacity to better serve its members with SCP knowledge, information and expertise. If you wish to contribute on how this could be done in a better way, please email us with your ideas.