



This is the Fourth Newsletter of the ARSCP. Major aim is of the Newsletter to inform members about the organization, its activities and calendar as well as inform all stakeholders from time to time about the progress being made on SCP.
Please feel free to contribute to the success of this information dissemination tool which is open to our partners, members and all practitioners of SCP and stakeholders .The current edition provides news and notes on the organizational and SCP events which took place during the period January 2012 to June 2012. It is also published just after the much awaited Rio +20 meeting, thus it gives some hints about its outcome

About us

Introduction

The African Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ARSCP) is a regional non government, not for profit international organization that was established in Casablanca in 2004 by the NCPCs together with other SCP practitioners present at the meeting. It was registered in Tanzania in September 2004 under the Societies Ordinance, 1954 and given a Certificate of Registration Number SO.12734

Mission

The ARSCP Mission is to promote the development of national and regional capacities for the effective promotion and implementation of principles of sustainable consumption and production and to serve as the regional clearinghouse for sustainable consumption and production concepts.

Areas of competence

ARSCP operates through a permanent Secretariat under an Executive Secretary. For most of her activities, the ARSCP relies on her members. It has over 100 members scattered in over 40 countries of Africa and beyond.

Capacity building and training on SCP

The ARSCP provides capacity building and training services in SCP to ensure that our clients meet the needs of the market and community without destroying the environment.

Provision of expert advisory services on SCP

ARSCP provides consultancy services on SCP ranging from SCP policy formulation, monitoring, and control. The ARSCP is well conversant in Africa and can create a solution that you require.

Experts mobilization

ARSCP can mobilize a team of experts for your work in Africa. We have a data bank of over 100 professionals in over 40 African countries. If your work is related to SCP we are the best source for regional experts.

Project management

The ARSCP provides project management and engineering services for SCP projects in industry, business, government, academic and NGO.

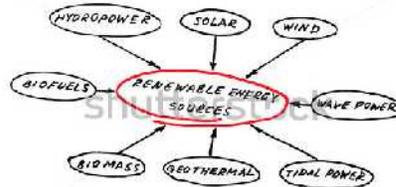
Research

ARSCP provides unique, niche-focused research that seeks to capitalize in areas of the SCP. We deliver accurate, timely research and data collection for our region.

ARSCP is your assured partner in SCP in Africa,

Outcome of Rio +20

Governments, private sector and civil society organizations agree on change to protect the environment. All have started to implement corrective measures to this end. Renewable energies, waste recycling, means to protect small islands, sustainable businesses practices are picking up, ensure you are not left to blame



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Renewable energy-Many sources at our disposal



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Hurricanes- most dangerous to small islands



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Green economy- safely carries all

If you would like more information about the ARSCP, go to www.arscp.org.

ARSCP News

- ARSCP successful holds its 7th Roundtable Meeting in Accra, Ghana
- ARSCP elects a new Executive Board, Ethiopia, Ghana and South Africa are new EB members
- ARSCP members hold their 5th General Assembly
- Membership to ARSCP increase three times the 2005 number
- ARSCP introduces Student Membership
- ARSCP Members celebrate Global Environment Day on 5th June 2012
- The Global Outlook on SCP Policies Study-Taking actions together-launched in Stockholm during Stockholm +40.
- Uganda has the possibility of hosting the ARSCP-8
- Rio +20 was held in Rio Brazil end June 2012.

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- ✓ Please inform others about what is happening in your country/company with regard to SCP in this newsletter
- ✓ Do you have interesting website for ARSCP members. Submit your website.
- ✓ We invite general and focused articles on SCP for the Newsletter
- ✓ Pass this newsletter to others



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Upcoming Events

- AMCEN Meeting in Dar,
- Africa Industrialization Day, 20th November

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After Rio+20, Nations Should Intensify Cooperation

The future of this planet depends on an integrated and balanced approach to sustainable development. Sustainable development ensures current survival and successors' survival tomorrow. However, it is a quite complex issue that demands more than a purely ecological response. It's not just about environmental destruction, but also about addressing other pressing problems facing humanity and the world such as unequal economic development, disparities in social development, depleting natural resources and unhealthy and imbalanced ecosystem. In 2005, the wealthiest 20% of the world accounted for 76% of total private consumption, the poorest fifth just 1.5%. More than fifty percent of total global income is owned by only 10% of the world's richest people while 2.5 billion people in the South live on less than \$2 a day. In 2007, humanity footprint exceeded the earth bio-capacity by 50% meaning that it took 1.5 years for earth to regenerate the renewable resources that people used in that year.

It is in pursuit of solution/s that global scientists have put forward a number of proposals/solutions to make development a sustainable process. However, to-date, none seems to meet the ears of decision makers. Copenhagen, Durban and lately Rio discussed same issues. As a result, only lip service and scams on key global issues came out of these meetings. Major reason is mindsets especially of those who think that they are enjoying more than others on this planet. It is time the general public took their leaders to task for these failures. Leaders, be in government or enterprise not only do they have a responsibility to defend the needs and interests of their people but they must also be capable to move with the wind of change in time. Should the rich be allowed to protect their interests over the others?

Governments are obliged to put in place enabling environment, economic reforms, educational reforms and good governance practices in order to enable good life for their people. However, these alone cannot assure good results. The world is now a village where the impact and effects of activities in one country easily find themselves in another. It is myopic to consider that one is secured while next door there is suffering. Since, all humans live in this one earth, there is strong need to sit together in a roundtable and plan a sustainable survival strategy jointly.

For example, it does not need to be repeated that unsustainable consumption is responsible for the state of the earth today. Poverty, disease, climate change, hunger to mention few, can be traced back to the excessive pressure put on our ecosystem. Reversing this trend requires humanity to be graced with good foresight and prudence. That is why, it is logical for a differentiated approach for sustainable development in which the polluters pay become more responsible for the current state of the earth. For example, fossil fuels are mostly used by rich nations, are cheaper than renewable energy sources which are currently in the market and could be adopted by the less developed nations. A negotiated trickle down process from developed to developing nations to support cleaner development mechanism could make a big difference as development of

poor nations could by-pass those cheaper but, polluting sources. In the just ended Rio +20 Summit, Governments, Businesses and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) made commitments for practical measures that work toward sustainable development. In principle they agreed that access to energy for everyone, gender equity, ocean biodiversity, the right to clean and safe drinking water are important for social and economic development. Thanks to the efforts of UNEP, UNIDO, Marrakech process and SCP practitioners, a lot of pilots and demonstrations have been carried out over the last ten years. No player will start from scratch as implementation of good measures have started in many countries and companies.

Achieving sustainable consumption and production (SCP) is considered to be one of the three overarching objectives of sustainable development. Major reason for unsustainable growth is economic activities. Accordingly, it is important that our economies are tilted to grow in a sustainable path. Governments, businesses and practitioners who decide to pursue a green economy path deserve to be supported. Following the declaration made at the Johannesburg summit (Rio+10), a 10YFP on SCP has been gradually developed to support regional and national sustainable development initiatives. The framework of programmes aims at achieving a green economy through pursuing eco friendly activities. This is a journey we must walk together vigorously with full understanding that it will take time to reach targets. In the course of this journey some will have to sacrifice for others to benefit, but in the end it will result in a win-win to all, future generation, earth and nature.

As has been found in many studies, lack of resources hinder the widespread of SCP and green economy in developing countries. Although development of a country should come from its own domestic resources, sustainable development is a special kind of development that encompasses social responsibility to others, it requires special considerations. That is why, it is important for the rich nations to look back and pull the others, what is wrong if all live in comfortably, peaceful and in harmony?. Thinking otherwise is devilish. Poor nations require capacity building/education, clean technologies and finances to adopt sustainable development trajectories.

The World must increase sharing to ensure a brighter future for all.



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Weaving rugs as part of sustainable business activities

Author is Andrew Kitenge of ARSCP Secretariat.



Readers' Forum

On ARSCP-7

Architect Francis Njuguna of Kenya wrote: " I greatly appreciate the experience of the Ghana conference and was truly enriched by the presentations and deliberations. I am certain that the conference will impact our work in a positive way. Lets share any further developments"
Regards Francis.

Josephine wrote:

In your Press release on ARSCP-7 "You might want to mention UNEP other than only 'was also present'.
Best regards, Josephine.
Josephine is right. UNEP and UNIDO were not only present at the meeting but supported the roundtable through sponsorship and presentations. We thank them for this exemplary work.
ARSCP Secretariat.

On WED



Sharing on WED Celebrations. Thank you all for your active participation and responses as below:

Collins from Zimbabwe wrote:

Today is World Environment Day "Green Economy: Does It include you". I wish you well on this day and this is an important day as well for the ARSCP as some of our SCP initiatives have an environmental component. I hope we will interact and enlighten stakeholders on this day and emphasize the importance of environmental sustainability. In Zimbabwe some networking events are lined up for the day as part of this commemoration
Regards Tawanda Collins Muzamwese

Angelina from Ghana wrote

" Today being World Environment Day (WED), I have had three interviews on three different radio stations on what the theme means to all of us . I took it from the point of what it means to laymen in terms of sustainable lifestyles- pressing the point that a home needs to manage water, electricity and waste wisely. For example switching of appliances when not in use, using water wisely etc. The Ministry of Environment Science and Technology, Ghana and the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) launched a programme called Sunyani in one of our regional capitals with the theme "Greening our Economy for Sustainable development. Does it include You? We are going to hold mini durbars, tree planting, quizzes, radio and TV talks.

In line with WED and Rio+20 we have placed Public Notices in all the major newspapers and are collaborating with the Ghana Education Service for children and youth between the ages of 10-18years to develop an artwork with the theme "the environment today and the environment in 20 years from the lens of the youth". We have also started Radio and SMS to increase awareness on Plastic Waste Management with three radio stations in the country. This is in a nut shell".

Regards, Angelina Mensah [tutuah2@gmail.com]

Edward Bendu of Sierra Leone wrote:

"Here in Sierra Leone, we held float parades in Freetown, Makeni, Magburaka, Bo, Kenema, Kabala and Kamakwie with several school bands and Nature Club Pupils and our NGO partners including UNDP, USAID STEWARD PROGRAMME, EFA, ENFORAC in attendance. We had several banners carrying the global WED theme: Green Economy: Does it include You?. We held a seminar on the global topic after the float parade, heard position statements from EPA, UNDP, ENFORAC, a pupil representing Nature Clubs, a skit rendered by Albert Academy; a quiz competition at the end of the seminar in which Sierra Leone Grammar School emerged the winner. We are also announcing the winners of the essay and drawing competition this Friday. We had several radio and television discussion programmes in Freetown and all the centers mentioned above. Tree planting to be coordinated by Forestry Department in one of our catchment areas at Kossoh Town on Monday, the 11th June, 2012.

Disaster Management Group and UNV also cleaned plastics and rubber bottles on the WED Day itself. It was a well loaded programme this year. We could have done more but we had budgetary constraints. The entire programme was published by our local tabloids including Standard Times, Premier News and ENVIROSCOPE. I am also developing a full documentary and report which we are going to upload in our - EPA Website (epa-sl.org) and will also be sending to UNEP for upload onto their website.

This is a short update on EPA-SL WED activities this 2012. We did well this year as we covered all the regions- West, North, South and East. Thanks and kind regards".

Edward Bendu, HOD IEC Department, EPA-Sierra Leone.

Ife from Nigeria wrote;

"ARSCP- Nigeria was part of the World Environment Day Celebration at the Capital of State of Osun, Nigeria, where the Governor, Engr Adesoji Rauf Aregbesola gave lecture to a large Audience on the need for everyone to be involved in reforestation by planting trees and shrubs around our premises, in public places and in Reserved Areas. Emphasized the symbiotic relationship between human beings and plants on the purification of CO2 released by human beings into oxygen by plants.

He then led a team of people to commemorate the Day with planting of trees in public places within the State. Before going for the Tree planting exercise however, the Governor was presented with the African Regional Award of Excellence for (i) pragmatic leadership; (ii) environmental management; and (iii) youth empowerment. The Award was first given at the 7th African Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production at the end of the first Days Workshop in Accra by the Executive Board through the Hon Commissioner of Environment, Prof Mrs. Bukola Oyawoye, who represented the Governor and had to travel back that Day. The Governor pledged commitment to promoting sustainable development in Osun State, in Nigeria and the whole of Africa".

Best Regards, Ife Adewumi.



ARSCP News

ARSCP successfully holds its 7th Roundtable Meeting in Accra, Ghana

The seventh meeting of the ARSCP was held in Accra Ghana from the 21st to 23rd May 2012. The theme for the meeting was 'African Ten Year Framework Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production in the context of Sustainable Development and Poverty Alleviation and its Framework for Implementation'. The meeting was held ahead of the Rio summit. The key aim was to feed into the Rio+20 – 'the future we want' and take stock of the progress made in Africa in the implementation of sustainable consumption and production (SCP). The meeting was officiated by the Minister of Environment Ghana, Her Excellency Madame Sherry Ayittey. In her speech among others, she welcomed the delegates and said that Ghana was keen on the outcome of the meeting which targeted Rio+20. She asserted that her government delegation would be ready to take the meeting recommendations to Rio +20 conference to be held in June 2012. We thank all the sponsors particularly Government of Ghana, UNEP, UNIDO and EPA, Marrakech process and all participants for making the event successful.

ARSCP New Executive Board-2012-2014

The highest policy making body of the ARSCP is the Executive Board. The term of office for the Board members is two years Executive Board members are elected by the ARSCP members during GA meetings.

During the 5th GA meeting, elections of new executive board was held and the following were elected:

1. Ndivhuho Raphulu (South Africa)- President
 2. Ms Hanan el Hadary (Egypt) representing North Africa- Secretary
 3. Mr. Lambert Faabeluon (Ghana) representing West Africa
 4. Mr. Tawanda Muzamwese (Zimbabwe) representing S. Africa
 5. Mr. Lelissa Daba (Ethiopia) representing East Africa
 6. Dr. Ife Adewumi (Nigeria) representing Academia
 7. Mr. Edgar Mugisha (Uganda) representing Business Community
- Prof. Cleophas Migiros (Tanzania) Ex Officio member.

Edgar Mugisha was elected by the Board as ARSCP Treasurer. On behalf of the members we take the opportunity to congratulate the new EB and wishing them a successful and fruitful tenure

ARSCP members hold their 5th General Assembly

Back to back with ARSCP-7, members of the ARSCP held their 5th General Assembly. Attended by over 50 members, it was the most attended meeting in the ARSCP history. Good attendance was a result of heavy recruitment made for new members prior

to the meeting. Members were told of the organization's plans and budget for the next two years was approved Thereafter members selected Uganda to host the next roundtable meeting in 2014 and elected new executive board members

Uganda to host ARSCP-9

If all goes well, members of the ARSCP will meet in Uganda (Kampala) for ARSCP-9 in mid 2014. This follows the nomination and ultimately approval of the nominee by ARSCP members during its General assembly in Accra Ghana on the 23rd May 2012. Mr Edgar Mugisha of the Atacama Consulting Group of Uganda in East Africa will lead the process.

Organizing regional roundtable meetings has been a core activity of the ARSCP since its inception. The major challenge experienced so far in hosting these events is soliciting government approval and funding and our advice is to start the process as early as possible. We wish Edgar and his team good preparations.

ARSCP Has Introduced a Student Membership Category

ARSCP started in 2004 in Casablanca Morocco with 47 founder members; 12 institutional and 35 individual members. UNEP and UNIDO and NORAD were selected as patron members. Today, 2012 the organization has about 150 individual members and 15 institutional members. Anyone with interest and agree to the constitution can become a member. In order to have a strong regional voice, the organization needs more members.

Realizing the potential of promoting SCP through youths, the ARSCP has introduced a new membership category-Student Membership. Terms and conditions for this category will be posted in the ARSCP website.

The Global Outlook on SCP Policies Study-Taking actions together-launched in Stockholm during Stockholm +40

The Global Outlook on SCP Policies Study which the ARSCP took part in during 2011 has been completed and published. It was launched in Stockholm during Stockholm +40 (forty years after UNEP was born in this City). The publication is available on line at <http://www.unep.fr/fr/scp/go/index.htm>. Among key findings is that due to their superior strengths in dealing with social-economic problems, SCP is already being practised by many governments, businesses and CSO in Africa. UNEP DTIE thank all who contributed to the successful completion of this work and calls upon further work in promoting SCP by all. We thank UNEP for giving us the opportunity to contribute to this important work UNEP will continue to gather information on good practices and initiatives on SCP. Please feel free to send your contributions from your country or area to <

<http://web2.unep.fr/globaloutlook/Login.aspx>

