

# Official reporting on national SCP policies and instruments (12.1)

Implementation of the 10-Year Framework of  
Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and  
Production (10YFP)



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# Agenda

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- 5) Value of reporting



# Why report on the implementation of the 10YFP (SDG 12.1)?



01

Follow up on **strong commitments made over the last 25 years**

02

Report achievements and communicate on **contribution to the 10YFP** implementation at national level, while sharing best practices with other countries

03

**Encourage cooperation on SCP across the government through the reporting process**, strengthen inter-ministerial dialogue and policy coherence

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**Communicate on policy performance** and help the international community **better understand the quantified impacts of national policies and instruments**

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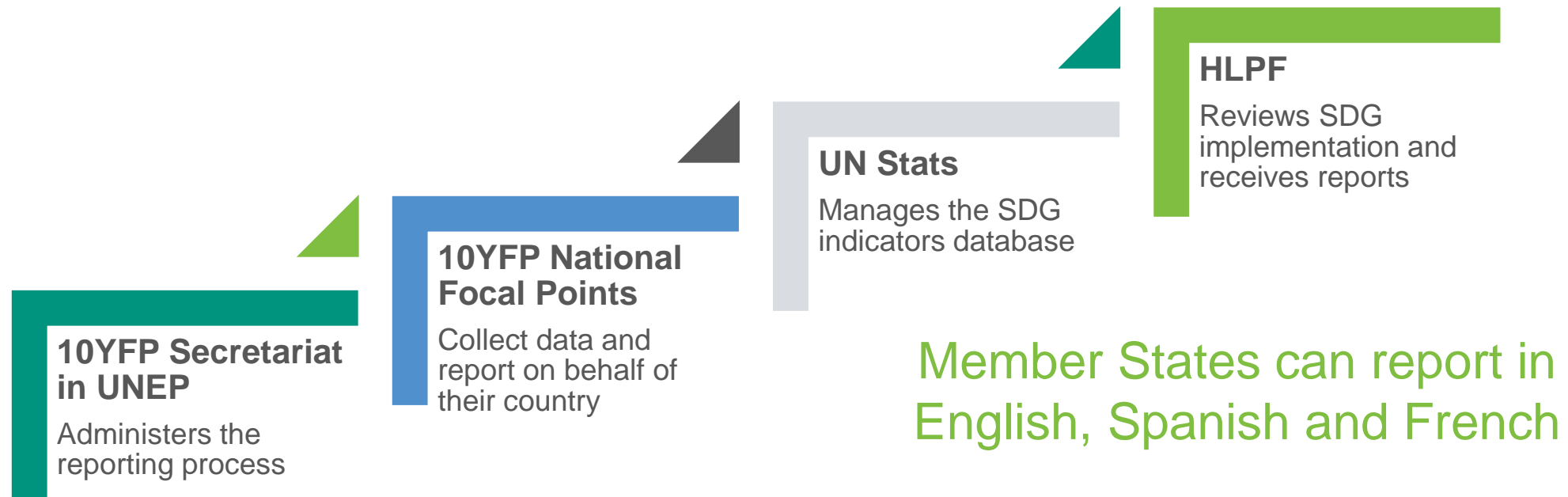
Highlight progress on sustainable development and in **specific sectors / value chains (e.g. food, construction)**

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Feed in the **country's profile** on the One Planet network website (*under development*)

# SDG 12.1 reporting workflow

Ongoing reporting – **NEXT REPORTING CYCLE JULY 2021 – JANUARY 2022**



# Guiding principles



- High relevance
  - ✓ Promoting the shift to a sustainable economy (changing rules & institutions, processes, technologies, behaviors)
  - ✓ Addressing unsustainable consumption & production patterns
  - ✓ Focusing on economic / industrial sectors of high interest to the country (where most of the impacts and opportunities are)
  - ✓ More attention needed on economic / financial instruments, and regulatory instruments, including in relation to the MEAs (climate change, biodiversity, chemicals and waste)
- Significant policy instruments for the country (new national strategy, innovative or cutting-edge approach, quantified / demonstrated impacts, etc.)
- Not an exhaustive inventory: quality over quantity

# What to report?



## Policy instruments

Macro-policies (*National Action Plan for SCP; National Sustainable Development Strategy; Green Economy Roadmap; etc.*), regulatory, economic / financial and information-based instruments



## Activities under reported policy instruments

*(optional but encouraged)*

Specific activities implemented as part of reported policies



**Example:** a national regulation on sustainable public procurement has been adopted (policy instrument). To support the implementation of this new regulation, a guidance manual targeted at procurers in public administrations has been developed (implementation activity).

# Main categories of policy instruments



## Legal or regulatory instruments

*Governed by a legal structure and a system of sanctions (legally binding): laws, regulations, standards, prescriptions or prohibitions, where the highest level of compliance is expected.*



## Economic or financial instruments

*Include economic incentives and disincentives which aim at bringing about an intended behavior or outcome (potentially legally binding): grants, subsidies, taxes, deposit-refund system, tradable pollution permits, etc.*



## Information-based instrument

*Measures or initiatives aimed at influencing individuals and organizations indirectly by means of information, awareness raising, setting of moral standards or codes of conducts: Voluntary agreement, product labeling, award schemes, etc.*

# Regulatory instruments

“Hard” legally binding rules / “command and control” approaches



**Address activities with serious risks** of impacts for the environment and society



**May be the only option** where there is no scope for self-regulatory actions or when they have failed



**Provide clarity** on the rules and requirements, stable and standardized conditions of operations



**Prevent excessive / unfair competition**, protect consumers, maintain quality and other standards (ethical)

Main challenges include enforcement (requires capacity, resources and knowledge), standardization and lack of flexibility.





# Regulatory instruments

A few examples from the 2019 campaign

**Costa Rica**  
Construcción sostenible en el sector público costarricense (Directriz No. 050-2019)

**China**  
Circular Economy Promotion Law of the People's Republic of China

**European Union**  
EU Regulations on eco-design (electric motors, electric displays, washing machines etc.)

**Germany**  
German Packaging Law

**Philippines**  
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (RA 11285)

**South Africa**  
National Environmental Management: Waste Act

# Economic and financial instruments



**Mobilizing the financial resources required** to develop the infrastructures, human capital and institutional capacities needed to advance SCP (financial)



**Align decisions and behaviors** (individual, institutional, business, etc.) with sustainable consumption and production policy objectives (economic)



**Correct policy and/or market failures**, reinstate pricing that takes account of environmental and social costs (fiscal)



**Prevent excessive or unfair competition**, protect consumers, maintain quality and other ethical standards (economic)

Main challenges include monitoring short-term & long-term effects on behaviors and markets, anticipating on potential “rebound effects” / unexpected responses



## Economic and financial instruments

A few examples from the 2019 campaign

### Bulgaria

Tax and Fee  
Incentives for  
Green Vehicles  
Promotion

### Ivory Coast

Mise en place d'une  
fiscalité  
environnementale  
incitative

### European Union

Action plan on  
financing  
sustainable  
growth

### Maldives

Green Tax

### Sweden

Subsidies for  
Electric Bicycles

### Costa Rica

Pago por servicios  
ambientales en  
sistemas mixtos

# Description of the policy instrument questionnaire



## General information

Policy title; Is it contribution to a specific programme?; What type of policy instrument is it (macro-policy, regulatory, etc.); Is it legally binding? At what advancement stage is it? When was/will it be adopted? (no older than 2002 / later than 2022)



## Purpose

Description of objectives; How is it supporting the shift to SCP? To which SDGs does it contribute? Is the policy related to the year's theme (plastics); link to relevant website



## Budget

Cost estimate for the implementation; Type of financial sources (public/private)



## Collected inputs for reporting

Have other ministries been involved / provided information?



## Actors involved

Who has led development/implementation of the policy instrument? Type of lead organization; How many organizations / stakeholders involved?



## Sectoral focus (if any)

Is this a sectoral policy? Identify relevant sectors; which stage(s) of the value chain are being addressed?



## Impacts

Quantified objectives / targets / impacts on resource efficiency (material, water, energy, waste); GHG emissions, pollutants & land use / biodiversity loss; human well-being (inequality, decent jobs, health); has funding been catalyzed?



## Support received

Support received from non national partners? From the One Planet network



# Implementing activities

## Institutional arrangements for SCP

E.g. inter-ministerial committees on SCP, national commission on sustainable development national or regional multi-stakeholder roundtables on SCP

## Knowledge resource and technical tool

E.g. Scientific articles, policy briefs, reports, guidelines, media products, software, educational materials. Any format whether digital or physical.

## Trainings

1) Intended to transfer knowledge and skills; 2) documented curriculum, objectives, outcomes; 3) designated lead persons or networks for peer-to-peer learning

## Outreach and communications

E.g. events, meetings, conferences, presentations, briefings, press conferences, site visits, speeches/talks, social media, magazines, blogs, brochures, video, etc.

## Monitoring and reporting

Various forms: e.g. annual sustainability reports, accounting systems (indicators, associated targets, monitoring and reporting guidelines, principles, etc.).



## Implementation activities

A few examples from the 2019 campaign

### Bhutan

Inter-ministerial Task Force on Sustainable Consumption and Production (under NAP on SCP)

### Colombia

Talleres regionales y sectoriales (under Estrategia Nacional de Economia Circular)

### Croatia

International Expert Conference 'Energy Efficiency in buildings - for a better tomorrow' (SBC policy)

### Finland

Personal Climate Change Action Plan (under Sitoumus2050 - Commitment 2050)

### Germany

Federal prize for innovative projects to reduce food waste (under National Strategy for Food Waste Reduction)

### Tunisia

Organisation de trois sessions de formation sur les Achats Publics Durables

# Main points



## Encouraging Member States to report on

- **Regulatory** instruments
- **Economic and financial** instruments
- High-impact value chains: **food, construction and others such as textiles**
- **Instruments translating MEAs** in national strategies / legislation, addressing consumption and production patterns (their impacts on climate, biodiversity, etc.)



## Tracking policies and instruments along the value chain



## A strong emphasis on collecting policy impact data



- Finance / investment
- Policy / regulation
- Research and Development / Innovation
- Product / service design and planning
- Marketing / advertising
- Extraction / production of raw materials
- Processing of raw materials and making of product parts & components
- Production / manufacturing / construction
- Packaging
- Transportation
- Distribution / retail
- Service
- Use / consumption
- Disposal / treatment of waste / recycling
- *Not targeting a specific step of the value chain*



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# Value of reporting



## HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- 1) High-Level Political Forum (annually)
- 2) Annual report on the SDGs
- 3) Annual report on the 10YFP to HLPF
- 4) Briefing on SCP policy impacts
- 5) Voluntary National Reports
- 6) SDG Indicators database (UN Stats)
- 7) One Planet network annual magazine, success stories and website

