

# CP/RAC Focal Point Meeting 2013



*“switching” to sustainable consumption and production patterns  
in the Mediterranean region*

**National Policy Component:  
Support to Mediterranean countries in mainstreaming SCP  
in development policies**

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# SWITCH MED structure

## Policy Component (UNEP/MAP)

- **Regional Level:** Integrate SCP into the Barcelona Convention (UNEP/MAP & CP/RAC)
- **National level:** Mainstreaming SCP in countries development policies (DTIE & CP/RAC)

**Oct 2012-Sept 2015**

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## Demonstration Component (UNIDO)

- **Pilote activities SCP NAPs** (DTIE & CP/RAC)
- **Green entrepreneurship & civil society** (CP/RAC)
- **MEDTEST** (UNIDO)
- **Networking Facility** (CP/RAC)

**Oct 2013-Sept 2017**



# National Policy Component: Steps for the development and approval of SCP NAPs

1. Designation of effective lead agency / establishment of interministerial coordinating committee

2. SCP roundtable / Establishment of multi-stakeholders platform

3. Scoping study (Needs, Challenges, Opportunities)

4. Planning for change workshop (Def of targets, priorities)

5. Drafting of the SCP action plan

6. Approval of the SCP action plan at the highest level /validation workshop

12/18 months

# SWITCH-Med scoping missions for the Policy Component

**Informing beneficiaries** and key partners in countries of the launch of SWITCH-Med

**First snapshot and mapping of the national processes** and initiatives related to SCP and GE (SCP NAP and Med Roadmap)

**Identifying key partners** for the different components

# Calendar of scoping missions

Dec 2012 → Tunisia 1st part

February 2013 → Lebanon

March 2013 → Jordan, Palestine and Israel

April 2013 → Egypt and Morocco

July 2013 → Algeria

September 2013 → Tunisia 2<sup>nd</sup> part

TBC → Libya



# Preparation of the missions

- ✓ Factsheets to identify main strategies/projects/partners
  
- ✓ Contact with:
  - ✓ MAP- CP/RAC – 10 YFP – H2020 Focal Points (MoE)
  - ✓ EU Delegation FP
  - ✓ UN resident coordinator + UN country team
  - ✓ Other Ministries (Planning, Economy, Industry, Finance, Trade)
  - ✓ Relevant regional and national stakeholders (Incl. CSOs /NGOs / business organisations)

# Main outcomes 1/2

- ✓ High interest for the project in general
- ✓ Need for a better diffusion of SCP approach and tools
- ✓ EU Delegation and UN Country teams are willing to support the development of SWITCH-Med (possibilities to devt project to implement SCP NAPs)
- ✓ Eco and social priorities to be taken into account →  
Employment
- ✓ Need for real projects on the ground / implementation of existing strategies



# Main outcomes 2/2

- ✓ Identification of existing national strategic and planning processes related to SCP and National priority sectors/Areas
- ✓ Most of SCP NAPs will be linked / integrated in on-going planning processes (sectorial strategies or Green Economy)
- ✓ List of persons met during the SM (160) → to be linked with the stakeholders engagement database



## Scoping mission Lebanon

- ✓ SWITCH-Med will be integrated in the UNDAF and its implementation will be in line with the UN's priorities in Lebanon;
- ✓ Focus the national action plan on few priorities and/or on a specific area;
- ✓ Assist the country in implementing the "*Litani River strategy*" (EU and UNCT support);
- ✓ Possible reactivation of the National Council for Sustainable Development (gathering 7 Ministries);
- ✓ Green helpdesk of UN-ESCWA

## Scoping mission Palestine

- ✓ SWITCH-Med activities in Palestine will be linked with the next UNDAF 2014-2016 under development.
- ✓ Ministry of Environmental Affairs (MEA) is willing and committed to implement Rio+20 recommendations. SWITCH-Med is seen as a good opportunity to start working on SCP (no SD strategy)
- ✓ UN country team advised to join the development of the next National Development Plan so that SCP could be included in the plan (1st inter-ministerial workshop took place in March)
- ✓ MEA would prefer to have a separated process for the SCP NAP;
- ✓ Several stakeholders advised to work with academia and to link SCP with health issues



# Scoping mission Jordan

- ✓ Jordan developed many valuable sectorial strategies but lack implementation
- ✓ Sustainable Development Committee led by Ministry of Planning (not very active for the last 4 years);
- ✓ MoP is responsible for the SD agenda;
- ✓ Jordan developed a Green Economy Scoping Study (energy, water, transport, waste management, agriculture and tourism), good basis for the SCP study;
- ✓ Jordan is currently developing its national agenda for the next 10 years (2015-2025);
- ✓ The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI – Germany) is willing to finance the development of a GG Action Plan (budget: 1 M<sup>o</sup> €)
- ✓ The option of developing a new SCP action plan has been rapidly discarded;
- ✓ Meeting with Nuqul Group

# Scoping mission Israel

- ✓ Green Growth strategy developed last year with an important participatory process;
- ✓ Process constitutes a good example on how Ministries joined forces to successfully develop a strong strategy;
- ✓ NGOs roundtable → highlight the improvement of their relation with MoE thank to the Green Growth process
- ✓ Implementation of the green growth strategy: Research Center for Resource Management and a Green Growth knowledge center (on the model of a CP center but with a broader scope);
- ✓ MoE mentioned that they would like a deeper process in few issues (Material resource management, recycling market, household consumption)



# Scoping mission Egypt

- ✓ Technical staff of EEAA and MoI show a high interest to understand the SCP related concepts and tools;
- ✓ The NCPC is highly involved in SCP → 1<sup>st</sup> SCP Program for Cairo City;
- ✓ A National Commission on SD exists since 2006, could be reactivated,
- ✓ Link the SCP NAP with on-going strategies at the national level, and build up on the green economy strategy and the SD initiative UNDP is leading;
- ✓ CEDARE is involved in the development of the Green Economy Scoping Study and UNDP's SD work; produce one single document which should be finalized by the end of July;
- ✓ One possibility for the SCP NAP would be to wait for the finalization of this document and then revise it with an "SCP point of view" and take the outcomes to the next level through the development of a road map/action plan.

## Scoping mission Morocco

- ✓ National SD strategy under development (following the national charter launched in 2009);
- ✓ Has developed several strategies since 2007 / lack of implementation
- ✓ UNEP has on-going work on GE and Sustainable Public Procurement;
- ✓ Good existing national strategies for agriculture and sustainable tourism;
- ✓ Concentrate on implementation rather than on developing another strategy;
- ✓ Capacity building to Economic and Social Council





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## **Mediterranean SCP Methodology/toolkit**

Coordination meeting, 7/8 th May 2013, Brussels



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# ToR to develop an SCP methodology/toolkit

- ✓ Adapted to the specific socio-, economic and cultural characteristics of the Mediterranean region;
  - ✓ Based on the experience already gathered on SCP in the region;
  - ✓ Built on the experience of SWITCH-Asia (SWITCH Asia toolkit and UNEP methodology Planning for change);
  - ✓ To be integrated into the policy framework of the Barcelona Convention and MAP Programme of Work.
- 3 languages (English, French and Arabic (TBC)) / 50 pages / attractive design



## SCP fields of actions to be considered:

1. Integration of **RECP** in the production of goods and services;
2. Integration of **life cycle development** in products and services (**LCA, C&C**);
3. Innovation for the **creation of new business models and jobs** generating economic, environmental and social values;
4. Mainstreaming of **sustainable products/services in the market** (Sustainable Public Procurement, Eco-Labeling);
5. Introduction of **fiscal and economic instruments for SCP**;
6. **Citizens awareness and education** on the impact of our patterns of consumption and production in the environment to **switch to sustainable and healthier lifestyles**;
7. **Empowerment of civil society** as SCP driver through eco and social innovation.

# General outline

- ✓ Guidelines on how to mainstream SCP into the existing sectorial strategies/development policies,
- ✓ Specific SCP tools/instruments, adapted to the Mediterranean context, to be used to facilitate the implementation of the existing strategies,
- ✓ Case studies showing how MoE can facilitate inter-ministerial cooperation to implement SCP objectives (transversal role),
- ✓ Case studies showing the implementation of SCP tools from SWITCH-Med and SWITCH-Asia countries.



# Consultation process

- ✓ Mediterranean SCP Expert Group (MSEG)
  - ✓ SCP Branch UNEP/DTIE
  - ✓ SWITCH Asia team and countries
  - ✓ SWITCH-Med target countries (leading agency for the SCP National Action Plans and policy-makers)
  - ✓ MAP meetings:
    - ✓ MCSD meeting
    - ✓ CP/RAC FP Meeting
- Final version to be presented at SWITCH-Med SC and disseminated during the national SCP Roundtables

Thank you for your attention!



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