

Statement by Kenya on: Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns during the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM) for Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 19), March 3, 2011, New York

Thank you Mr. Chairman for giving me this opportunity. I also thank the distinguished panelists for the very useful expose on this very important thematic cluster on Sustainable Consumption and Production.

Kenya delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Argentina on behalf of the G-77 and China.

Mr. Chairman,

To realize sustainable development and eradication of poverty, Kenya believes that Member States should immediately implement what is doable in the short term as they explore ways of achieving long-term goals on SCP. In this regard, as part of the African 10-Year Framework Programme (10 YFP) on Sustainable Consumption and Production, Kenya is implementing SCP programs and projects that take strategic focus by linking SCP with the challenges of meeting basic needs in more sustainable manners. Our national and local activities are presently focused on forestry, energy, water and sanitation, habitat and sustainable urban development, and industrial development.

Mr. Chairman,

Kenya is approaching the above issues through three key fronts: Waste Minimization and Management where industries are being encouraged to promote business values in using technologies and innovations that minimize production of waste. Resource-use efficiency practices especially in the energy, infrastructure, housing and transport is being promoted and in this regard, the Government is ,in partnership with various strategic partners like UNEP and the Government of France, developing a national Green Economy program.

Kenya is also using regulatory tools to enforce Sustainable Consumption and production. For example, through the Environment Management and Coordination Act (1999) and other regulatory instruments such as the

Environment Impact Assessment Regulations and Waste Management regulations (2006). These regulations are significant in enabling adoption of consumption and production practices that promote environment sustainability.

The Government is also undertaking activities aimed at instilling appropriate consumption and production behaviors that support resource use efficiency. In line with this, we are pursuing sustainable environmental health through introduction of these concepts in schools through the Green schools program. In particular, the Green Schools program is concurrently promoting conservation of water catchment areas so that environmental resources like water, quality soils and biodiversity are used in a sustainable manner for the present and future generations.

Mr. Chairman,

In line with Africa's 10 YFP on SCP, Kenya is implementing a number of pilot projects such as the development of national and local SCP action plans; sustainable consumption and production of plastics, development of capacities for SCP in the Lake Victoria area; sustainable procurement and life-cycle assessment workshops; collection of best practices on SCP projects by development agencies; and a research study on leapfrogging possibilities for SCP in Africa.

In conclusion, to be able to realize significant achievement in the area of SCP, Kenya, like other developing countries require financial resources, technical assistance, capacity building and transfers of relevant technology. In this regard, Kenya supports and looks forward to an all-inclusive ambitious 10YFP based on the Rio principles, especially common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities with developed countries taking the lead and others benefiting from the process.

I thank you.