



Introduction to Sustainable Consumption and Production in Asia

E-Learning Course

01 September – 24 October

Application and Registration Deadline: 25 July

Background

The ability of national actors in the Asia region to incorporate sustainable consumption and production (SCP) into national policymaking and governance is key for sustainable development. With the goal of scaling up learning on SCP in the region, UNEP and UNITAR are partnering, under the SWITCH-Asia Programme, to launch this first SCP e-learning course.

Target Groups

The course is geared towards high- to mid-level civil servants in the Asia-Pacific region, directly involved in the process of developing, implementing and evaluating policies supporting the transition towards SCP. The target group includes:

- Civil servants in national ministries, provincial departments and local authorities
- Environmental managers in private sector
- Representatives from civil society organizations
- Academia representatives and researchers
- Other individuals engaged in policy processes

Methodology

The course pedagogy is adapted to professionals in full-time work. Participants are provided with the opportunity to learn through various experiences: absorb (read); do (activity); interact (socialize); and reflect (relate to one's own reality).

Total number of learning hours: 32 over 8 week period (**4 hours per week**), including study time (2 hours/week) and participation in online course activities (about 2 hours/week).

During weeks 1-5 the study of an e-book is complemented by a range of learning activities and experiences that include interactive exercises, discussion forums, and an applied case study. Weeks 6-8 are reserved for wrap-up and completing course assignments.

Learning Objectives

Participants will learn about different concepts and facets of the SCP, as well as regional, national and sector-specific challenges and opportunities to implement policies for SCP. Additionally, participants will begin to develop basic skills for applying the SCP concept in a real world economic, policy and professional context. After completing the course, participants will be able to:

1. Define the concept of SCP and explain its value for sustainable development;
2. Distinguish key elements of effective policy planning in support of SCP;
3. Identify enabling conditions for mainstreaming and implementing SCP policies in national governance;
4. Discuss principal challenges and opportunities for advancing SCP in national contexts;
5. Summarize the range of global and regional initiatives to support the mainstreaming of SCP in national governance;
6. Apply SCP to a real-life policy-making context

Fellowships and Registration

With support from the UNEP SWITCH Asia Project, 40 fellowships are available for participants from the Asia and Pacific region working in the public sector, academia or NGOs.

UNITAR, working in close collaboration with UNEP, will identify and select the participants to be awarded with a fellowship.

For non-eligible participants the course participation fee is 600 USD.

Register at:

<https://www.unitar.org/event>

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