



Nairobi Declaration of the Global Network for Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production in developing and transition countries (*RECP net*)

Nairobi, 19th October 2011

We representatives of 32 Members of the Global Network for Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (*RECP net*) and 10 other providers of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) services, having met on the 19th October 2011, at the occasion of the First Members' Assembly of *RECP net*, in the city of Nairobi in Kenya, have:

Considered and reaffirmed:

1. The critical importance of manufacturing and related productive and service sectors in generating incomes and employment in developing and transition countries as a lasting solution to alleviate poverty, address (emerging) water and other natural resource scarcities and improve quality of life;
2. The need to improve resource productivity and environmental performance of businesses and other organizations to achieve low carbon, resource efficient and green industrialization in developing and transition countries;
3. The potential for the application of preventive environmental strategies to processes, products and services, further referred to as Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) to advance the three sustainability dimensions of:
 - a. *Production Efficiency and Competitiveness*: through optimisation of the productive use of natural resources (materials, water and energy);
 - b. *Environmental Management*: through the minimization of impacts on environment and nature; and
 - c. *Safe and Responsible Production*: through the minimization of risks to people and communities, and enhancing social responsibility.
4. The leadership and achievements of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in promoting the adaptation and adoption of RECP concepts, methods, policies and techniques in over 50 developing and transition countries, including through their support for the creation of *RECP net*.

Declared:

That we are determined to mainstream and scale-up the application of RECP concepts, methods, policies and techniques in our respective countries and globally in developing and transition countries based on our national and regional socio-economic, environmental and industrial circumstances and priorities. To that end we have resolved to:

1. Intensify national, regional and global cooperation and the sharing of knowledge, including best practices and techniques, in particular among us members to improve our delivery of such RECP services as information dissemination, professional and ongoing education, technical assistance and policy advice;



2. Engage ourselves at the highest levels with our government, business and community leaders to foster the achievement of international consensus and commitment towards RECP as core building block for a green economy and green industry for achieving green growth, including in particular to contribute to the preparatory process for Rio+20 and the climate technology mechanism under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, and consider their outcomes for implementation;
3. Commit ourselves to support the wide-spread adaptation and adoption of RECP concepts, methods, policies and techniques in particular among small and medium-sized enterprises and other organizations in our respective countries;
4. Request the joint UNIDO-UNEP RECP Programme to continue and where possible expand its support to RECP net, including through the provision of executive secretariat, creation of a knowledge management system, support for professional and institutional capacity building and advocacy for RECP net; and
5. Consolidate and expand our network into a worldwide catalyst for RECP.

This declaration was drafted and endorsed on the nineteenth day of October 2011 in the city of Nairobi, Kenya, by representatives of the following organizations:

Members of *RECP Net*

1. Brazil National Cleaner Production Centre (Brazil)
2. Social and Environmental Responsibility Centre (Bulgaria)
3. National Cleaner Production Office (Cambodia)
4. China National Cleaner Production Centre (PR of China)
5. Centro Nacional de Producción más Limpia y Tecnologías Ambientales (Colombia)
6. (Asociación) Centro Nacional para la Producción más Limpia (Costa Rica)
7. Croatian Cleaner Production Centre (Croatia)
8. Czech Cleaner Production Centre (EMPRESS) (Czech Republic)
9. Egypt National Cleaner Production Centre (Egypt)
10. (Fundación) Centro Nacional de Producción más Limpia (El Salvador)
11. (Fundación) Centro Guatemalteco de Producción más Limpia (Guatemala)
12. Centro Nacional de Producción más Limpia (Honduras)
13. Gujarat Cleaner Production Centre (India)
14. Indonesian Cleaner Production Centre (Indonesia)
15. Cleaner Production Centre Lao (Lao PDR)
16. Centre for Sustainable Industrial Development (Lithuania)
17. Macedonian National Cleaner Production Centre (Macedonia)
18. Moroccan Cleaner Production Centre (Morocco)
19. Centro de Producción más Limpia del Bajío (México)
20. Centro de Producción más Limpia de Nicaragua (Nicaragua)
21. Asia Pacific Roundtable for Sustainable Consumption and Production (Philippines)
22. North West International Cleaner Production Centre (Russia)
23. Cleaner Production Centre of Serbia (Serbia)
24. National Cleaner Production Centre (South Africa)
25. Sri Lanka National Cleaner Production Centre (Sri Lanka)

26. African Roundtable for Sustainable Consumption and Production (Tanzania)
27. Cleaner Production Centre Tanzania (Tanzania)
28. Tunisian Cleaner Production Centre (CITET) (Tunisia)
29. Uganda Cleaner Production Centre (Uganda)
30. National Cleaner Production Centre (Ukraine)
31. Uzbek Cleaner Production Centre (Uzbekistan)
32. Vietnam Cleaner Production Centre (Vietnam)

Other providers of RECP Services in developing and transition countries

1. National Cleaner Production Programme – Albania (Albania)
2. BiPro Beratung (Germany)
3. Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Agriculture and Services (Cap Verde)
4. Ethiopian Standard Agency (Ethiopia)
5. Environmental Protection Agency (Ghana)
6. Mozambique National Cleaner Production Centre (Mozambique)
7. Asia Society for Social Improvement and Sustainable Transformation (Philippines)
8. National Cleaner Production Programme Moldova (Republic of Moldova)
9. National Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production (Romania)
10. Rwandan Resource Efficiency Centre (Rwanda)

in the presence of the Patron Organizations of the *RECP net*, respectively the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).



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About *RECP net*

RECP net brings together 41 initiatives based in developing and transition countries that have as their core activity the promotion and implementation of RECP concepts, methods, policies and techniques in manufacturing and related economic sectors. It was established in 2010 with the support of the joint programme of UNIDO and UNEP on RECP in developing and transition countries. UNIDO and UNEP collaborate since 1994 in the promotion of cleaner production and resource efficiency, in particular through support for the establishment of National Cleaner Production Centres and Programmes.