

## **Davos Declaration on Promotion of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) in Developing and Transition Countries**

We, the members of the Global Network for Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECPnet) and representatives of patron agencies, donor governments and associated experts, have gathered from 12-16 October 2015, in Davos, Switzerland, to celebrate 20 years of cooperation and achievements towards establishing a network of service providers to advance cleaner production and resource efficiency on a global level. This endeavor is significant and represents a main contribution to advancing sustainable development, in particular in developing and transition countries, by means of inclusive and sustainable industrial development and sustainable consumption and production:

- *Note with pride* the progress made over the last two decades in the establishment of RECP service providers in 58 developing and transition countries, particularly National Cleaner Production Centres (NCPCs) and National Cleaner Production Networks (NCPNs), through the joint efforts of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), working in partnership with RECPnet, whose 71 members currently represent 56 developing and transition countries.
- *Express appreciation* to the donor community that has enabled, through their joint and sustained financial support, the establishment of NCPCs and NCPNs, the RECP Programme and related initiatives. The Government of Switzerland is specifically acknowledged for its support to the establishment of several NCPCs, NCPNs and RECPnet. Other donors have supported activities on a national, regional and/or thematic basis, particularly the Governments of Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden, the United States of America, as well as the European Commission, Global Environment Facility, MDG Achievement Fund, One UN Fund and the United Nations Development Programme;
- *Emphasize our deep concern* at the alarming trends in resource extraction and consumption and waste generation, exceeding planetary boundaries and resulting in environmental degradation, climate change, biodiversity loss, and threats to human health
- *Call for urgent and coordinated action* by governments, the private sector and civil society to decouple economic development from increased use of natural resources and further environmental degradation;
- *Draw encouragement*, from a number of positive signs of change at various levels, and in particular we welcome commitments included in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), related to the promotion of sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all (SDG 8), building of resilient infrastructure, promotion of inclusive and sustainable industrialization and fostering of innovation (SDG 9), and ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns (SDG 12). We also welcome the commitments reflected in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the role entrusted to the NCPCs and NCPNs in its article 122;
- *Highlight the advances in knowledge and technology* over the last 20 years that have made possible major advances in resource and energy efficiency and elimination of wastes and underline the economic, social and environmental opportunities in all forms of innovation for sustainability – social, institutional, financial and technological – and in all sectors; and
- *Reaffirm the specific needs of small- and medium-sized enterprises*, particularly in developing and transition countries, to ensure access to appropriate and affordable knowledge, cleaner and environmentally sound technologies, and financial services, and to increase their integration in global value chains and markets;

Against this background, we:

1. *Resolve to renew and redouble our efforts* to promote, mainstream and scale-up resource efficiency and cleaner production at all levels as a contribution towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and through further engagement with global initiatives such as the 10 Year Framework of Programmes for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP), Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) and related multilateral environmental agreements, donors and international organizations.
2. *Determine to deliver individually and collectively services of the highest quality* that are appropriate and effective for governments to create and implement RECP-conducive policies and strategies; for enterprises to implement RECP most beneficially in their operations, products and strategies; and for civil society to act as advocate and change agent for RECP,
3. *Commit to collaborate* to further strengthen RECPnet, in line with recommendations emanating from the Executive Committee acting on behalf of the Members' Assembly, as well as from UNIDO and UNEP-initiated independent evaluation processes, and operate it as a member-based and member-driven initiative that supports the nationally-owned and nationally-directed RECP service provision and knowledge-sharing in member countries;
4. *Call on government, business, financial institutions, academia and civil society* that share our concerns and commitments to join with RECPnet in its efforts to advance sustainable development through a rapid and universal uptake of resource efficiency and cleaner production policies, methods, technologies and practices in industries all over the world; and
5. *Request the joint UNIDO-UNEP RECP Programme* to continue acting as RECPnet Secretariat and where possible to expand its support to RECPnet, according to the needs of the members and regions, by enabling and enhancing our capacity to contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.