

## Global Network for Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECPnet) Africa Regional Chapter Meeting

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### Summary of Discussions

#### Opening of Meeting

The Regional Executive welcomed the Chapter's members, as well as the guest participants who had been invited to join the meeting. The Patron Agencies of RECPnet – UNIDO and UNEP – then delivered introductory statements, putting the meeting into the general context of RECP-related work in the African region which has been gaining in traction over the last years.

#### Overview of Ongoing Activities and Initiatives

The meeting began with an overview of key RECP initiatives and results from the AFR Regional Chapter in the last months. Particular attention was given to replicable initiatives, which could form the basis for a scaling up of RECP activity in the AFR region.

The following presentations were delivered by Chapter members:

- *Unlocking Industrial Competitiveness of Zimbabwe*  
Zimbabwe NCPC
- *Ongoing and New RECP Experiences in Ghana*  
Ghana NCPC
- *Promotion of RECP in the Lake Victoria Basin: The Tanzania Experience*  
CPC Tanzania
- *Developing Sector-Specific RECP Best Practice Guidelines – Valves Sector*  
NCPC South Africa
- *Low-Carbon Production in the Food Sector*  
Bureau de Mise à Niveau des Entreprises du Sénégal
- *RECP within the East Africa Community Region: Focus on Lake Victoria*  
Kenya NCPC

Each presentation provided a wealth of data and information illustrating the concrete benefits of RECP implementation in different regions of Africa, involving a wide range of stakeholders. It was agreed to upload the data presented in the RECPnet Knowledge Management System (KMS) and to promote exemplary case studies through the RECPnet website and social media channels.

## **RECPnet Website, Social Media and Knowledge Management System (KMS)**

### ***Current Status of the RECPnet Knowledge and Outreach Tools***

The Global KMS Coordinator (UNIDO) delivered a presentation on the current status of the RECPnet Knowledge Management System (KMS) which had been subject to a number of improvements over the past months. As a result, general usage statistics for the KMS had gone up, including the amount of documents and other information sources available to network members through the system.

The presentation additionally addressed the different outreach tools employed by RECPnet, including the official website and its social media accounts. Chapter Members were encouraged to engage with these channels on social media and to approach the Secretariat with interesting promotional material which they would like to have disseminated through the network's outreach channels.

### ***Effectively Using and Contributing to the KMS***

The KMS Regional Coordinator for the Africa Regional Chapter next presented examples of documentation for which the KMS could be utilized to maximum effect. Emphasis was placed on the collaborative aspects of the KMS and on the different features by which members could use to achieve the broader knowledge-sharing and dissemination objectives of RECPnet.

### **RECPnet in the 2030 Agenda**

A presentation by UNEP focused on the emerging opportunities for the AFR Regional Chapter offered by the newly-adopted 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The different constituent components of the 2030 Agenda were described, as well as how these map onto the core competencies of RECPnet members. The particular niche emphasized for RECPnet, was that the network could act as a link between the 2030 Agenda and the businesses around the world that will be instrumental in helping implement it.

## **Statutory Matters**

### ***Renewal of RECPnet Membership***

UNIDO, acting as the Secretariat of RECPnet, next presented the current status of membership in RECPnet, focusing on the picture in the Africa Regional Chapter. Expiring memberships were pointed out, along with the steps by which to renew them, in order to ensure the maintenance of a standard level of quality amongst RECPnet members as a whole. Questions were taken by individual members on their particular membership status and cases where membership needed to be renewed.

### ***Membership Fees***

The picture regarding membership fee payment was also presented by the RECPnet Secretariat. At present, around 50 percent of membership fees had been collected from members, with the status being much the same for the Africa Regional Chapter. Regular Members were reminded of their obligation to pay membership, and of the special provision adopted for African-region LDCs at the 3<sup>rd</sup> RECPnet Members' Assembly in late 2015.

## RECPnet Strategy 2015-2020 and Work Plan 2016

### *Overview of RECPnet Strategy 2015-2020*

The Regional Executive for the Africa Regional Chapter next walked the Chapter's members through the *Operational Strategy for RECPnet 2015-2020*, which had been developed in a participative process by the members of the network, and was adopted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Members' Assembly.

### *Introduction of RECPnet Work Plan 2016*

In the following segment, the AFR Regional Executive outlined the RECPnet Work Plan 2016, which was derived from the operational strategy as a short-term framework of action for the Patron Agencies, Secretariat and Members. The particular action points for AFR Regional Chapter Members were highlighted, with an emphasis on the respective roles and responsibilities of all actors.

### **Thematic Working Groups**

The concept of the Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) in RECPnet was presented next by UNIDO. The notion behind the TWGs is to engage members on a regional basis around topics of interest in order to produce concrete knowledge products or project proposals. A sample work flow for the operation of a TWG was presented, along with guidance to members as to how to best organize and initiate their work in order to effectively reach a pre-defined objective.

In the AFR Regional Chapter, the following TWGs were determined to start with:

- Eco-innovation
- Waste management
- Low-carbon industrial development

### **Way Forward**

#### *Sustainability of RECPnet Post-2015*

The final segment of the meeting addressed the sustainability of RECPnet after the initial funding commitment from donors is set to expire. This point was of particular importance to the AFR Regional Chapter given a widening performance gap between Chapter Members, as well as the perceived need for additional capacity building amongst many AFR centres. The building of synergies between the RECPnet Africa Regional Chapter and the African Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ARSCP) was seen as critical to ensure future sustainability going forward.

#### *Next Steps*

In terms of scaling and promoting RECP on the continent, emphasis was placed on the pursuit of sub-regional projects and approaches, piloted for instance by a group of Chapter Members in the East Africa region. Additionally, Chapter members were encouraged to send the RECPnet Secretariat examples of their work and success stories, for wider dissemination to a global audience showing the activity and relevance of the network to industrial development in Africa.



### **Close of Meeting**

The meeting concluded with words from UNIDO and UNEP, thanking members and guest for their attendance. The Regional Executive officially closed the Regional Chapter meeting with words of thanks to the Chapter members and encouraging more activity in the network.

## Annex 1 - List of Participants

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