

## **Global Network for Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECPnet) Latin America and Caribbean Regional Chapter Meeting**

**17-18 May 2016 – San Jose, Costa Rica**

### **Summary of Discussions**

#### **Opening**

The Regional Chapter Meeting of RECPnet's Latin America and Caribbean Regional Chapter was opened by the Regional Executive, and RECPnet Executive Committee President, with words of welcome to representatives of all Chapter members, as well as guest participants, in attendance. These were followed by introductory remarks from UNIDO and UNEP.

#### **Work Plan 2016: Progress and Next Steps**

##### ***Presentation of Work Plan 2016***

The RECPnet Work Plan 2016, developed by the Executive Committee with support from the Patron Agencies and Secretariat, was presented to the Chapter Members. The Work Plan marked a first step in the operationalization of the *Operational Strategy for RECPnet 2015-2020*, adopted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> RECPnet Members' Assembly in late 2015.

##### ***Discussion of Work Plan***

A discussion centering on the concrete Work Plan items of relevance to Chapter members was held. The rationale behind relevant items was explained, as well as the expectations of members in helping fulfill particular Work Plan objectives.

#### **RECPnet's Knowledge Management System (KMS)**

The RECPnet Secretariat, represented by UNIDO, next presented the Knowledge Management System (KMS) being instituted for RECPnet. Various facets of the KMS were explained, with an emphasis being placed on presenting the utility of the KMS' many features to the work and promotion of members, as well as highlighting the current usage statistics which have been rising since concerted efforts on the part of the Secretariat began to implement a network-wide knowledge management strategy.

Via a discussion with members, this segment also served to provide Chapter members with detailed instructions on the use of key functions.

#### **RECP Projects Executed for UNIDO in the LAC Region**

The next segment of the Regional Chapter Meeting aimed to provide participants with an overview of sample RECP projects that are underway in the LAC region. The presentation focused on UNIDO's activities in the region, with a focus on explaining to members the possibilities for cooperation and funding underlying the RECP activities of UNIDO and UNEP in the region.

### Thematic Working Groups

The topic of Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) was addressed next. Following standard practice across all Regional Chapters of RECPnet, this segment sought to kick off work in the various Thematic Working Groups that had been created to address specific topics of interest to members. These topics had been identified prior to the Regional Chapter meeting by means of a member survey. For the LAC Regional Chapter, the following Thematic Working Groups were established:

#### Chemicals Management

- 1) Centro Nacional de la Producción más Limpia y Tecnologías Ambientales, Colombia
- 2) Centro Ecuatoriano de Eficiencia de Recursos y Producción más Limpia (CEER)
- 3) Fundación Centro Nacional de Producción más Limpia, El Salvador
- 4) Centro Mexicano para la Producción más Limpia
- 5) Centro de Ecoeficiencia y Responsabilidad Social (CER), Peru

#### Waste Management

- 1) Centro Nacional de Tecnologías Limpas SENAI, Brazil
- 2) Fundacion Centro de Gestion Tecnologica e Informatica Industrial – CEGESTI, Costa Rica
- 3) Centro de Ecoeficiencia (CECOEF) – Asociación Paraguaya para la Calidad

#### Water Management

- 1) National Cleaner Production Network Cuba
- 2) National Network for Cleaner Production and Efficient and Sustainable Use of Resources, Dominican Republic
- 3) Fundación Centro Guatemalteco de Producción más Limpia
- 4) Asociacion Centro Nacional de Producción Más Limpia de Honduras

#### Energy Management

- 1) Centro Tecnológico para la Sustentabilidad, Universidad Tecnológica Nacional, Argentina
- 2) Centro de Promoción de Tecnologías Sostenibles, Bolivia
- 3) Bajio Cleaner Production Centre, Mexico
- 4) Centro de Producción Más Limpia, Nicaragua

### Sharing Successful SME Business Cases

The following segment offered members the chance to present to the Regional Chapter examples of concrete projects they have undertaken, showcasing the business angle of RECP interventions in the LAC region. Each presentation was followed by five minutes of questions and answers with the participants.

The following presentations were delivered:

- *Compras Públicas como dinamizador del consumo y la producción sostenible: el caso de Costa Rica*  
Fundacion Centro de Gestion Tecnologica e Informatica Industrial – CEGESTI, Costa Rica
- *Huella Hídrica en empresas, casos Colombianos*  
Centro Nacional de la Producción más Limpia y Tecnologías Ambientales, Colombia
- *Impulsando la competitividad en Guanajuato a través de acciones sustentables*  
Bajio Cleaner Production Centre, Mexico
- *Experiencia Empresa Florex*  
Asociación Centro Nacional de Producción más Limpia CNP+L Costa Rica
- *Eco – Parques*  
Centro Tecnológico para la Sustentabilidad, Universidad Tecnológica Nacional, Argentina

- *Reducción de residuos de polietileno mediante la modificación de dimensiones de embalaje del producto. Empresa YPSA. Colchones*  
Centro de Ecoeficiencia (CECOEF) – Asociación Paraguaya para la Calidad
- *Experiencia en Honduras P+L y PYMEs*  
Asociacion Centro Nacional de Producción Más Limpia de Honduras
- *Caracterización de la demanda de energía eléctrica, por tipo de uso*  
Centro de Promoción de Tecnologías Sostenibles, Bolivia
- *Experiencia en Honduras P+L y PYMEs*  
Asociacion Centro Nacional de Producción Más Limpia de Honduras

### **Closing Session**

The meeting was closed with words from the Patron Agencies UNIDO and UNEP, thanking members for their participation and outlining milestones on the road ahead for medium and long term, and for the LAC region in particular. The Regional Executive and RECPnet Executive Committee President officially closed the Regional Chapter meeting with words of thanks and optimism for the continued successful implementation of RECP throughout the LAC region.

## Annex 1 - List of Participants

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