INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION IN AFRICA

An e-learning course for Policymakers and Practitioners

FROM LEARNING TO IMPACT
About the course

The e-learning course “Introduction to SCP in Africa” is geared towards policymakers in Africa who want to advance sustainable consumption and production in their countries.

The course is delivered in English and French language. During its edition 108 key stakeholders from 33 African countries were trained, including all partner countries of the SWITCH Africa Green project. Evidence of impact from the course include:

- In Mauritius, an action plan to promote eco-friendly bags is currently being implemented
- In DRC, a National Sustainable Public Procurement Plan is under discussion between the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Finance.

To develop and deliver the course, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) collaborated with the UN Environment Regional office of Africa within the framework of the EU-funded SWITCH Africa Green project, as well as the Secretariat of the 10-Years Framework of Programmes (10YFP).
Development of course materials: March - Sept 2016
Translation of training materials in French: August - Sept 2016
Start of parallel pilot editions in English and French language: 05 September 2016
Assessing the impact from the course: May 2017
Course feedback and evaluation: Nov 2016
End of pilot editions: 28 October 2016
End of the Course Evaluation

Examples of Action Plans Developed and Peer-Reviewed Through the Course
- Biogas to Energy for Rural Ghana
- Promoting Ecotourism in Kenya
- Greening Road Transportation in Burkina Faso
- Waste Water Management in Bamako, Mali
- Sustainable Public Procurement in DRC

Results and Impact From the SCP Courses*
- 96% of respondents evaluated the course as very or mostly useful after 6 months
- 91% often or very often use the knowledge acquired (e.g. in their profession)
- The course has triggered diverse actions and impacts in the region

*60% of all course alumni took the online survey

Course usefulness
Expectations met
Recommend to a colleague
The content of the course was useful
The course met my expectations
I would recommend the course to a colleague
100%
98%
99%
SCP Projects under Implementation

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Key Course Features

- **32 HOUR** hand-on interactive course in 8 weeks
- **CUSTOMIZED FEEDBACK**
- **WIDE RANGE OF LEARNING METHODS**
- **83** practical SCP projects developed

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Learning Objectives

- Define the concept of SCP in the context of Agenda 2030
- Distinguish elements of effective policy planning for SCP
- Identify enabling conditions for SCP policies
- Discuss principal challenges and opportunities for advancing SCP
- Summarize the range of global and regional SCP initiatives
- Apply SCP to a real-life policy-making context.

Through the knowledge acquired in the course, I am currently spearheading a project that seeks to generate carbon credits over a long-term period based on biomass reduction.

K. Adjekum, Association of Ghana Industries, Ghana

Previously, I had knowledge on sustainability from a supply side. After I took the SCP course my understanding of sustainability is broaden to the demand side factors too.

Wubishet Kassa Bahiru, National Planning Commission of Ethiopia

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