



COUNTRY PROFILE

MALAYSIA

Malaysia National Context for SCP and Connection to the Global Agenda

Malaysia previously participated in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Voluntary National Review (VNR) in 2017 while it has also aligned the SDGs with the Eleventh Malaysia Plan 2016 – 2020 and produced a National SDG Roadmap 2016 – 2020. With specific regard to SDG 12, while there are numerous policies and initiatives, the National SCP Blueprint is the corner of Malaysia's efforts on sustainable consumption and production. The SCP Blueprint was completed in 2016 with the support of the European Union over four years through the SWITCH-Asia National Policy Support Component. It covers ten pathways as set of strategies to communicate with the public through regulations,

economic signals, education and information. It importantly builds on existing efforts such as the Eleventh Malaysia Plan 2016-2020 as well as international mechanisms. Between 2010 and 2016, SWITCH-Asia also implemented five projects through the Grants Programme.

CHALLENGES

- While Malaysia has completed a National SCP Blueprint, technical capacity is needed to move forward with its implementation.
- There also remains a lack of clear-cut mandate, responsibilities and monitoring in the SCP implementation among Malaysian Government Ministries and agencies.
- Stakeholder engagement, especially from civil society, remains low with regard to SCP-related policy formulation.
- SMEs in Malaysia have limited access to finance, making it difficult to invest in clean technologies.
- As agriculture is the biggest land user behind forestry, unsustainable production methods have negative impacts on land and other resources, including land and soil degradation, pesticide pollution and loss of biodiversity.
- Buildings consume a large percentage of energy and account for a significant portion of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Malaysia due to a lack of implementation of certifications and guidance.

PRIORITIES

In addition to responding to the challenges, there are key sectors and activities that will promote overall effectiveness SCP efforts and the long-term success of the SDG implementation including:

- Greening supply chains in all sectors is needed to ensure enhanced environmental performance, minimize waste and achieve cost saving benefits.
- As the tourism industry provides an important source of income, employment and wealth to the country, there is a need to support sustainable tourism practices to protect its long-term environmental and economic sustainability.
- Green Public Procurement (GPP) is a priority in Malaysia for both the financial savings from improved efficiency as well as the environmental benefits.
- Standards and eco-labelling programmes are becoming more important as they provide reliable information on green products available in Malaysia and have potential to drive sustainable demand for the promotion of green technology.
- Sustainable lifestyles and behaviours are promoted by Malaysia as priorities because of their ability to contribute to resource efficiency, saving energy and water and in line with low carbon economy goals.

- Improving sustainable practices in the batik industry, especially with regard to manufacturing, is important as the industry continues to grow quickly and remains culturally central to Malaysia.
- Other priorities include: sustainable food production and consumption including food waste, waste management handling and disposal, alternative renewable energy and low carbon manufacturing strategies.

OPPORTUNITIES

- SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility should facilitate policy dialogues within and between the Malaysian Government SCP-related bodies as well as organisations from civil society, academia and the private sector.
- SWITCH-Asia can further support and strengthen Malaysia's active implementation of the SCP National Blueprint 2030 in achieving synergy with the 2030 Sustainable Agenda.
- Related projects and policies can be connected to currently existing, larger SCP initiatives, including in initiatives on sustainable lifestyle and education, ecotourism, SCP outreach, sustainable textiles and sustainable cities as well as to 10YFP and international programmes, to find synergy and multiply the impacts.
- Further build capacity of government, business, consumers and civil society on SCP, including integration of SCP concepts into the education system and building awareness on eco-labelling among consumers.
- Expand the use of media to promote SCP awareness among the public.
- Provide financial and technical assistance to SMEs to induce and enable eco-innovation towards resource efficiency.

GRANT PROJECTS IN MALAYSIA



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SUBUMA

Environmental declaration scheme for construction and building materials

Theme: Construction

 Malaysia



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BIOMASS SP

Elevating the Malaysian biomass SMEs value chain through sustainable production practices

Theme: Multi-industry

 Malaysia



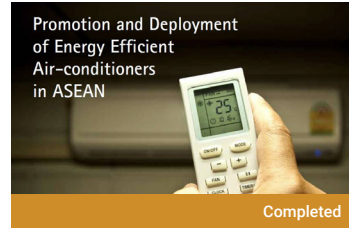
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CLEAN BATIK INITIATIVE

Integrating the behaviour of consumers, batik producers and local governments for a less polluting industry

Theme: Textiles and Leather

 Indonesia, Malaysia




Completed

ASEAN SHINE

Promotion and deployment of energy efficient air conditioners in ASEAN

Theme: Air-condition Industry

 Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam




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AEMAS

Establishment of the ASEAN Energy Management Scheme

Theme: Multi-industry

 Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam



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