

OPERATIONALISATION OF THE ASEAN SCP FRAMEWORK

Launch & Meeting



13 July 2023



9:00 - 11:00



InterContinental Hotel,
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The ASEAN SCP Framework

The ASEAN has maintained its pace in engaging with members and partners in embedding Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) into its regional agenda from the overarching ASEAN Community Vision 2025 to the more specific thematic roadmaps or country-based programmes on SCP and green public procurement. There is consensus on the need for sustainable practices in the natural, built, financial and digital environments. Concrete actions must be taken by the region to implement principles of SCP and circularity in all facets of society, economy and environment.

The ASEAN SCP Framework and Implementation Mechanism was endorsed in 2021 with these priorities in mind and following collaborations among ASEAN partners through the leadership of Indonesia as the lead country for ASEAN Cooperation on SCP, and in close consultation with the ASEAN Working Group on Environmental Education (AWGEE), working within the purview of the ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN).

The **ASEAN SCP Framework** recognises that the transition to sustainability needs to happen now, and this can be facilitated by increasing national and regional capabilities, highlighting responsibilities of all stakeholders and forging common areas of work among ASEAN Member States. The ASEAN SCP Framework will bring together existing partnerships and networks for greater collective impact in scaling up SCP in the region.

Through a regional dialogue and stakeholder engagement, four action lines represent the priority areas of the Framework:

1. **Measure and support progress in SDG12**
2. **Increase productivity and decrease losses in food systems**
3. **Establish good practices for green products, and guidelines for Green Public Procurement**
4. **Promote sustainable lifestyles in urban and rural settings.**

All these action lines have specific objectives in terms of public awareness to encourage stakeholder engagement and action, market mechanism to help create enabling systems towards sustainable practices, technology innovation and capacity building to support implementation down to the technical details, and policy component to facilitate the scale up of initiatives on a national and regional level.

By design, the ASEAN SCP Framework will allow close relationships and collaboration between existing ASEAN Bodies and Sectoral Action Plans to build synergies. It is the hope of the ASEAN SCP Framework to expand the progress in SCP implementation in the region with careful consideration of the various resources and regional action plans in place. Leadership needs to come from within the ASEAN Community.

The Launch and Meeting on the ASEAN SCP Framework

Cambodia as Chair and Malaysia as Host of the 15th AWGEE have approved the organisation of the Launch and Meeting on the ASEAN SCP Framework on 13th July 2023 (9:00-11:00) to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia as back-to-back event as proposed by Indonesia, as the lead country for ASEAN cooperation on SCP, in cooperation with the ASEAN Secretariat and supported by the EU SWITCH-Asia Programme.

The launch event and meeting on the ASEAN SCP Framework hopes to enhance the understanding of the ASEAN SCP Framework among ASEAN member states and its partner organisations and on how to engage in the operationalisation of the Framework based on the four action lines representing the priority areas of the Framework.

The results of the meeting to be submitted to the ASEAN Secretariat for circulation to the AWGEE will provide the agreed scope of action by key actors for the implementation of the ASEAN SCP Framework.

Objectives of the Meeting

1. To officially launch and introduce the SCP Framework adopted by ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME) in 2021;
2. Disseminate the SCP Framework and exchange views among AMS on its timeline and implementing mechanism;
3. Discuss next steps on scope of action for the implementation of the SCP Framework.

Outputs

1. A clear understanding of the outputs of the SCP Framework and its contribution to SDG 12 and SCP related SDGs;
2. An agreement on the scope of operationalising the SCP Framework for the first year of implementation

Proposed Participants

Participants will be the attendees of the 15th AWGEE and supporting partners.

Partnership contribution

The EU, through the SWITCH-Asia Programme, is committed to work and engage with ASEAN Member States on achieving common goals such as transitioning to a low carbon, resource efficient and circular economy, engaging the industrial sector, consumers, financial institutions, and national governments through the development of SCP policies and implementation.


In 2020, EU SWITCH-Asia in partnership with UNEP and with the Asia Pacific Roundtable for Sustainable Consumption and Production (APRSCP) provided support to Indonesia and the ASEAN Secretariat to develop the ASEAN SCP Framework. A scoping document "Mapping SCP in ASEAN Countries" and a series of consultations were conducted in drafting the Framework. As requested by Indonesia, the SWITCH-Asia Policy Support Component (PSC) will support the launch and meeting on the operationalisation of the ASEAN SCP Framework.

Tentative Agenda

Time		Presentations/Discussions	Speakers
9:00 – 9:15	15 mins	Opening Remarks	AWGEE Meeting Chairperson Cambodia H.E Michalis Rokas, Ambassador and Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Malaysia
9:15-9:20	5 mins	Introduction of the ASEAN SCP Framework (including background of the Project, timeline and proposed events)	Indonesia as lead country for ASEAN Cooperation to SCP
9:20-9:50	30 mins	Presentation on the ASEAN SCP Framework and scope of action on the implementation of the ASEAN SCP Framework	SWITCH-Asia PSC
9:50-10:00	10 mins	Q&A	Facilitated by Indonesia and SWITCH-Asia
10:00-10:20	20 mins	Exchange views on the Framework's timeline and implementing mechanism	Facilitated by Indonesia and SWITCH-Asia
10:20-10:55	35 mins	Comments and discussion on next steps on scope of action and partnership for the implementation of the SCP Framework*	Facilitated by Indonesia and SWITCH-Asia
10:55-11:00	5 mins	Concluding and closing remarks	Indonesia

Guiding Questions

1. Moving forward with accelerating the implementation of SCP, monitoring SDG12 targets allows stakeholders to measure their progress in implementation. In recent years, sustainability reporting has been increasing among top corporations.


 **Which entities, at the level of your country, are responsible for monitoring and reporting of SDG12? Which organisations are providing data for monitoring?**

2. The four priorities of the SCP Framework engage various stakeholders in a myriad of opportunities to realize SCP. Supporting green products and green public procurement supports the development of capacities to produce with less inputs and more value, whereas sustainable lifestyles empower consumers in making choices in line with sustainability goals. Sustainable food systems can vastly support the demands of ASEAN's vibrant population and have the potential to decrease the environmental impacts associated with farming.

 **Which initiatives can be prioritised for the start of operationalisation of the SCP Framework? Which priority areas of the SCP Framework are most relevant from the perspective of your country?**

3. SCP and Circular Economy are closely linked. The circular economy is a business (or economic) concept that seeks to separate economic growth from resource use and environmental deterioration. It is built on the ideas of reducing waste and pollution, extending the life of products and resources, and regenerating natural systems. The circular economy emphasizes the concept of a closed-loop system.

Sustainable consumption and production is emphasizing sustainable practices at every stage of product's and service's life-cycle, from resource extraction to end-of-life disposal. SCP promotes responsible consumption behaviors, increases resource efficiency, reduces environmental consequences, and ensures social and economic benefits. It aims to integrate production and consumption processes with long-term development objectives such as environmental conservation, social well-being, and economic growth. Eco-design, eco-labeling, energy efficiency, waste management, and responsible sourcing are all part of SCP.

 **With the ASEAN Economic Community also supporting sustainability through its Framework for a Circular Economy for the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), please suggest some ways in which cooperation between the ASEAN SCP Framework and the AEC's Framework for a Circular Economy can be materialized to broaden implementation and its impact?**

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