

SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility Assignment in the Republic of Maldives

Stakeholder Consultation Workshop

5th August, 2021 (13:00 – 16:00 MVT) - Webex

Background

This workshop is initiated as part of SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility's assignment in support of the Government of the Republic of Maldives on the topic of plastics, particularly single-use plastics (SUP).

The [EU SWITCH-Asia Programme](#) provides a platform for partnerships and networks between Europe and Asia, supporting the implementation of national strategies and action plans on SCP practices. With the assistance of the European Commission, Asian countries are supported to transition towards low-carbon, resource-efficient and more circular economies that contribute to poverty reduction. This is done by technical assistance provided by the SCP Facility and the Regional Policy Advocacy Component at government-level, and through the Grants Programme in support of the regions' SCP-relevant entrepreneurs and SMEs.

The objective of the assignment is to develop sustainable waste management policies and tools for minimizing and preventing SUP and improving circularity of plastics in the tourism sector that are in line with SCP and circular economy policies in the Maldivian context and supporting the Maldives SUP phase-out plan through working with stakeholders and providing technical expertise. The assignment is implemented by two experts, Mr. Helmut Krist and Mr. Midhath Rasheed.

Purpose of the workshop

The workshop is designed to bring together stakeholders, share preliminary findings and good practices on SUP management and to gather the input from stakeholders on evaluating alternatives for effective management in the Maldives.

Specific objectives

- To present the objectives and activities of EU-SWITCH Asia SCP Facility assignment to stakeholders and receive feedback on its implementation;
- Strengthened linkages between stakeholders, private sector, NGOs etc.;
- Improved knowledge base and understanding on economic and policy instruments;
- Identify appropriate good practices and recommendations on SUP-handling.

Expected results:

- A shared understanding of the issue among stakeholders;
- Identify options and ways of collaboration;
- Definition of roles and prioritised options on how to improve the situation.

Time	Topic	Presenter
5´	Welcome remarks and participants' introductions	Assignment Team
5´	Words of Welcome	Ambassador H.E. Denis Chaibi, EU Delegation to Sri Lanka and Maldives
15´	Remarks from Government on SUP and presentation on Maldives Waste management initiatives, models and studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Background analysis on status quo of waste management b. Existing waste initiatives c. Identified effective measures for SUP minimization d. Recommendations for capacity building 	Mr. Ziyen Abdul Rahman, Deputy Minister at Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, and Technology
15´	Presentation of the assignment and preliminary status report results	Ms. Cosima Stahr, SWITCH-Asia SCP Facility Project Experts: Mr. Helmut Krist, Mr. Midhath Rasheed
10´	Introduction of the proposed 3 working groups, repartition of the audience into three working groups.	Assignment Team
60´	Working group 1: Constraints and opportunities for SUP in tourism sector Working group 2: Policy instruments Working group 3: Capacity development, need assessment and existing programmes	3 working group moderators
10´	Coffee break	
40´	Presentation of the working groups results (5 min for working group) and summary and discussion of results in form of a virtual panel discussion	Group presentation; virtual panel
10´	Next steps and closing remarks	Assignment Team