

The UN Advisory Committee to the Marrakech Process on Sustainable Consumption and Production

Introduction and background

At the 3rd International Expert meeting, which took place in Stockholm in Sweden in June 2007, it was decided to set up an Advisory Committee to the Marrakech process¹. On the 14th of April 2008 Consumers International was appointed to represent the NGO major group in the Advisory committee. I am taking this opportunity to provide a short outline of the responsibilities of the committee, some background to Consumers International and how we plan to ensure a proper consultation in connection with the work of the Advisory Committee with the NGO major group as well as the global NGO community.

The Advisory Committee is tasked with the following responsibilities:

- To assist in the development of the 10YFP, giving guidance to UNEP and UNDESA in this regard and providing feedback and inputs on draft proposals of the 10 YFP,
- Provide expert advice to UNEP and UN DESA on other activities under the Marrakech Process,
- Support the dissemination and communication strategy of the Marrakech Process being developed by UNEP and UNDESA, by:
- Assist the Secretariat in efforts to mobilize financial resources and develop international partnerships for the various activities being organized under the Marrakech Process, including future international expert meetings, the work of the Marrakech Task Forces, and meetings of the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee has the following composition:

Co-chair: A representative from a developed country government

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Secretariat: UNEP and UN DESA

Members:

- 1 member (a government official) from each of the following regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, LAC, North America and West Asia (total 6 members)
- 2 members representing the Task Forces
- 1 member representing the Development Cooperation Dialogue
- 1 member representing the Business and Industry major group sector
- 1 member representing the NGO major group sector
- 1 member from the host country for the previous International Expert Meeting
- 1 member from the forthcoming International Expert Meeting on SCP, once preparations for that meeting begin

Total membership 15 members in addition to the Secretariat.

¹ The Marrakech Process is a global effort to promote progress on the implementation of SCP and the elaboration of a 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP). The process responds to the call of the WSSD Johannesburg Plan of Implementation to develop a 10YFP to support regional and national initiatives to promote the shift towards sustainable consumption and production (SCP) patterns...

