
FAQ

13th ASIA PACIFIC ROUNDTABLE ON SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION (APRSCP)

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What is the APRSCP?

The Asia Pacific Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (APRSCP) is a multi-stakeholder dialogue. It aims to enhance and strengthen regional cooperation in the development and implementation of sustainable consumption and production (SCP) strategies. It also aims to promote best practices, programmes, local initiatives, and lessons learned on SCP-related projects in Asia and the Pacific region. It is held every 18-24 months and hosted by different member countries. The 2017 APRSCP is the 13th roundtable.

Who is behind the APRSCP?

Members of the Asia Pacific Roundtable for Sustainable Consumption and Production. This is an Asia-focused international, non-governmental, non-profit, network institution that promotes SCP in the Asia-Pacific. It was established in 1997 and comprises governments, industry, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and academia in partnership with international organisations such as the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP).

What is SCP?

It is about taking a holistic approach and systemic change to the way we consume and produce services and products in order to achieve long-term sustainable development. According to the UN, SCP aims to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation and apply a lifecycle thinking approach, taking into account all phases of resource use in order to do more and better with less.

How does SCP fit into the global frameworks on sustainability?

SCP is one of the UN's 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. A 10-year framework of programmes works to accelerate the shift to SCP globally. Among others, input from the APRSCP went into the formulation of the framework. In addition, the APRSCP contributed to the Asia-Pacific roadmap for the implementation of the framework.

How does SCP fit into Malaysian sustainable development frameworks?

It features in the 11th Malaysia Plan in one of 6 strategic thrusts: 'Pursuing green growth for sustainability and resilience'. Specifically, the “sustainable consumption and production practices will increase the adoption of energy-efficient and low carbon buildings, transport, products, and services”.

What is the 13th APRSCP about?

Themed 'Enabling SCP Towards Achieving Green Growth', it has the following objectives:

- Increasing SCP implementation to escalate green growth in the Asia-Pacific region;
- Creating greater involvement of private sector participation for enhancing ownership of and championing SCP initiatives;
- Increasing private-public partnerships in SCP for multi-stakeholder cooperative efforts in green growth and achieving Sustainable Development Goals;
- Integrating SCP with Sustainable Development Goals in green growth strategies, programmes and action plans.

There are 2 plenary sessions and 9 roundtables as well as side events and technical visits (*refer to programme*).

Are there specific focus areas?

- Technology and Innovation – as enablers for green growth and sustainable business
- Green financing – enabling green financing and reducing risks for financial institutions as well as business and industry
- Low carbon communities – enabling sustainable lifestyle toward low carbon cities and sustainable consumption

Whom does this roundtable target?

Federal and local government agencies as well as businesses, academics and NGOs interested in green growth in Malaysia and the Asia-Pacific.

Who's behind it?

It is co-hosted by the Asia Pacific Roundtable for Sustainable Consumption and Production, and ENSEARCH (Environmental Management and Research Association of Malaysia) and endorsed and supported by the Melaka State Government, Malaysia. It is also supported by four Malaysian federal government ministries: Ministry of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water, and the Ministry of Tourism.

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Online Resources:

- APRSCP: <http://www.aprscp.net>
- ENSEARCH: <http://www.ensearch.org>
- SCP: <http://www.scpclearinghouse.org>
- 11th Malaysia Plan: <http://epu.gov.my/en/rmk/eleventh-malaysia-plan-2016-2020>
- Ministry of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government:
<http://www.kpkt.gov.my/>
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment: <http://www.nre.gov.my>
- Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water: <http://www.kettha.gov.my>
- Ministry of Tourism: <http://www.tourism.gov.my/>

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