South-South Cooperation Conference on Sustainable Consumption and Production

Date: 6 - 7 April 2017 | Location: Brasilia, Brazil

AGENDA – Working Groups

DAY 2 – 7 APRIL 2017

14:00-16:00 Parallel working groups
South-South Cooperation and development opportunities in high impact sectors

Group 2: Sustainable Buildings and Construction- Contributing to Resource Efficient Cities

This session will introduce some of the best practices and projects on South-South Cooperation related to resource efficient cities and sustainable buildings and construction that are promoting to decouple economic growth from resource use and its environmental impacts, finding a balance between social, environmental and economic goals. Participants will learn from countries, practitioners and development agencies about opportunities, benefits and challenges in the implementation of South-South Cooperation projects, how to build the enabling conditions for it and identify concrete areas and opportunities of cooperation.

The expected outcomes are key messages, project ideas and recommendations to advance Sustainable Cities and Sustainable Buildings and Construction through South-South Cooperation.

Moderator: Mr. Pekka Huovila, Coordinator for Finland as Lead of the 10YFP Sustainable Buildings and Construction Programme

14:00 – 14:10 Moderator’s introduction: Presenting the 10YFP Sustainable Buildings and Construction Programme in a South-South Cooperation perspective, Mr. Pekka Huovila, Coordinator for Finland as Lead of the 10YFP Sustainable Buildings and Construction Programme

14:10 – 14:20 Contributing to sustainable and resource efficient cities: a prerequisite for sustainable development, Curt Garrigan, UN Environment, co-lead of the 10YFP Sustainable Buildings and Construction Programme

14:20 – 14:30 Promoting Sustainable Buildings and Construction in Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa through South-South Cooperation, Ms. Maria Florencia Walger, Ministerio de Produccion, Secrearia de Industria, Argentina

14:30 – 15:45 Interactive discussion
Kick-off presentations: Presentation of 10YFP Sustainable Buildings and Construction Trust Fund Projects
The presentations of SBC projects in South America and Africa will illustrate the opportunities for mainstreaming SCP policies and tools at local and national level, including through work with multiple municipalities and in the development of urban housing.

1) "Mainstreaming Sustainable Construction Policies in Colombia’s Aburrá Valley”, Ms. Diana Fernanda Castro Henao, the Área Metropolitana del Valle de Aburrá in Colombia (5 minutes)

2) "Development of Sustainable Housing Design Tool “SHERPA” in Burkina Faso, Kenya and Nepal, Mr Sayouba Tiemtore, NGO’s YAAM Solidarité (5 minutes)

Guiding questions

1) Opportunities and priorities for sustainable buildings to advance Sustainable Cities in both regions
   a. How can municipalities and regions be engaged to recognize and promote sustainable buildings as a key component of resource efficient cities?
   b. How can local solutions and traditional/vernacular buildings be further promoted and shared? Can solutions also be mainstreamed in informal building sector?

2) Addressing common challenges through South-South and triangular cooperation
   a. What are the tools and resources that are needed to further mainstream sustainable buildings, including at the local level? How can South-South cooperation facilitate sharing of such resources?
   b. What are the capacity building needs that cities in the South have in order to develop effective sustainable building policies and adopt best practices?

3) Scaling up successful initiatives and best practices

4) How to communicate SCP benefits for sustainable development, poverty eradication and climate change mitigation or adaptation to cooperation agencies?

5) Mobilizing resources to support knowledge sharing and technology transfer

6) Explore how the shift to SCP can contribute to the international agendas (SDGs, Climate Change, Biodiversity, Urban agenda)

15:50 - 16:00  Wrap up and summary of recommendations