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# UNEP collaboration with SMEs and RECPNet

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## UNEP Mission

To provide leadership and encourage partnership in caring for the environment by inspiring, informing, and enabling nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations

‘Environment for Development’

## Drivers for sustainable business strategies

- Climate change
- Energy and fuel availability
- Material resource stocks
- Water supplies
- Population growth
- Food security
- Concentration in urban areas
- Deterioration of biodiversity and ecosystems
- Workers and communities' health
- Increased intensity of natural & technological disasters



DELIVERY  
STRATEGY

*“Enhancing the understanding of, the engagement in and the contribution of Responsible Industries and Value Chains to Environmental Sustainability”*

## We add value through...

### Convening Power

Bringing together stakeholders: public & private sectors, NGOs, UN agencies, donors, etc.

### Results-based Implementation and actions

Monitoring and evaluating initiatives, partnerships and actions and their contributions to sustainable development

### From Knowledge to Solutions

Training and access to the best available knowledge, innovation and solutions

- Provide tools and methodologies & build capacity
- Advice in the development of policies and strategies
- Facilitate exchange with peers
- Promote dialogue with private sector
- Help generate data to support policy implementation

## Governments



- Tailor tools and methodologies to SMEs specific needs
- Strengthen competitiveness and market access
- Provide technical assistance
- Reflect SMEs interests in policy making

## Businesses (SMEs)



- Identify impacts, risks and opportunities for environmental sustainability, and help prioritize interventions
- Measure, generate data
- Identify and help disseminate best practices
- Facilitate exchange of information and tools

## Businesses (large companies)



- Strengthen capacity in the use of tools and methodologies
- Promote exchange of experience
- Enable access to regional and international discussions
- Support advocacy of sustainability issues to constituencies

## Business intermediaries



- Enhance understanding of business impact
- Provide a platform for engagement with business and policy makers
- Strengthen quality of local environment

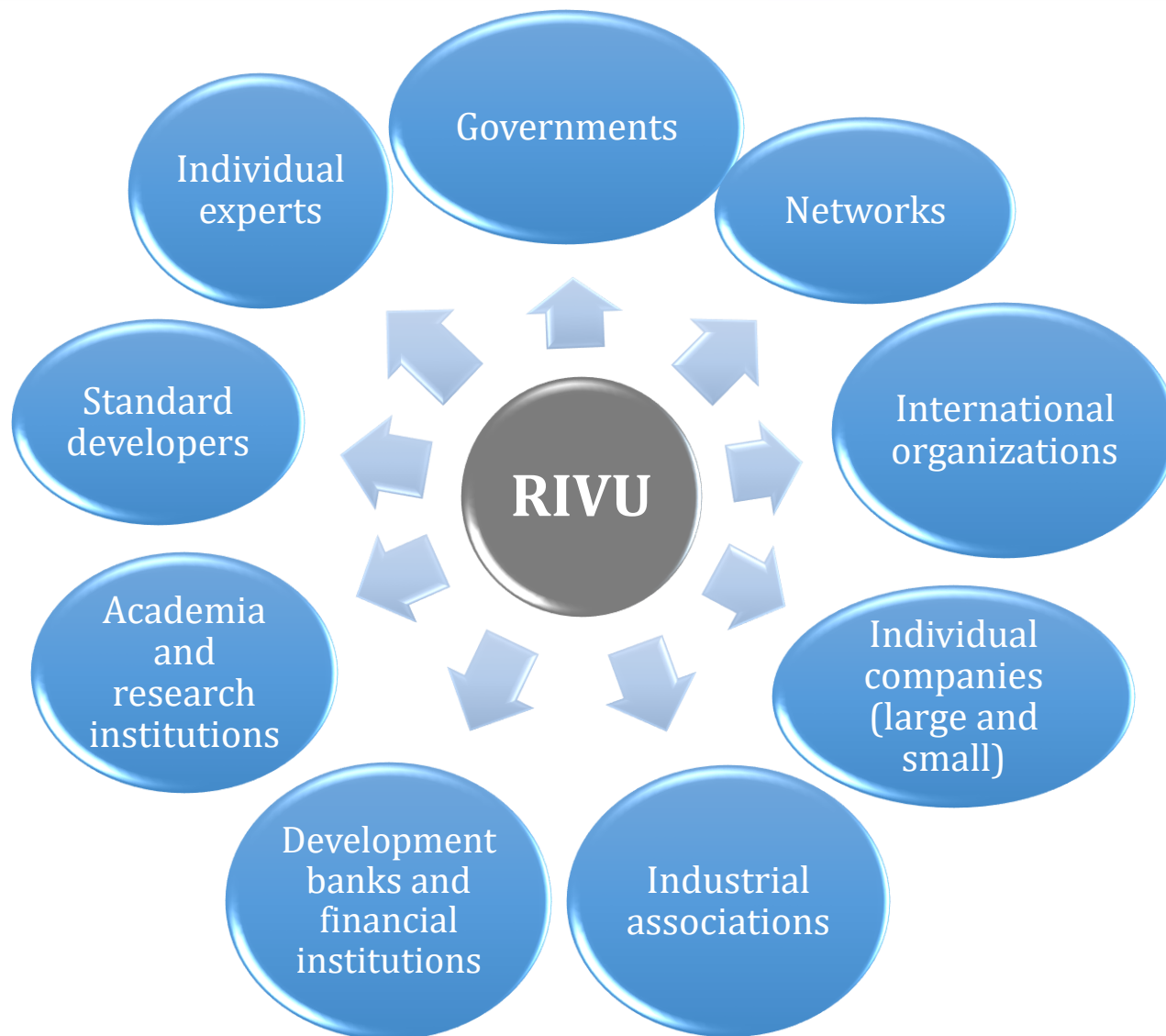
## Local communities



- Provide information to inform consumer's decision (domestic & international)
- Assure the scientific robustness of consumer information tools.
- Promote development of sustainability product/options

## Consumers









### RECPnet Regional Chapters

- Africa
- Arab Region
- Asia and the Pacific
- Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia
- Latin America and the Caribbean

71 members

- ▼ Regular
- Associate
- 📍 Observers

## Responsible industries create shared value and opportunities for inclusive growth

### Life cycle thinking

- Build on **life-cycle thinking** in identifying and prioritizing points of intervention

### Sustainability in strategy

- Intervene at a **business strategy** level to identify innovative solutions

### Value chain

- Move beyond the company's fence, and focus on the entire **value chain**

### Small and Medium Enterprises

- Target **SME** as a protagonist in the value chain

### Collaboration

- Foster **collaboration** among a variety of stakeholders (including with large companies and governments)





Life cycle thinking

“Science for business”

RECP and its network

Eco-innovation

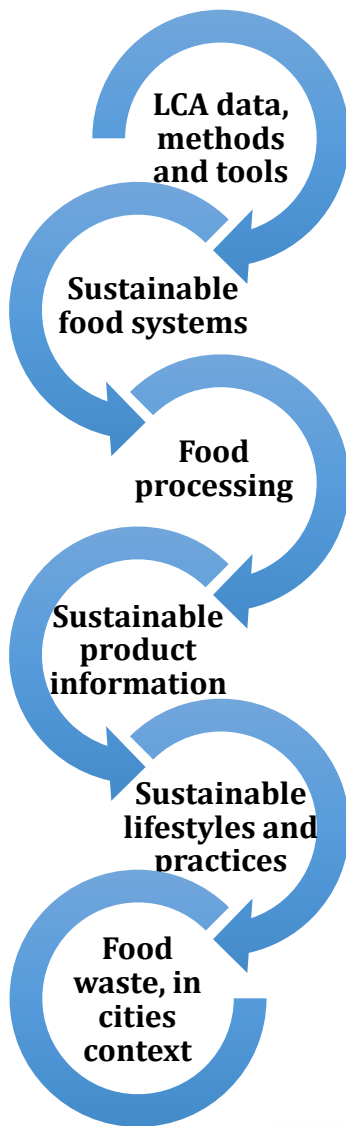
Sustainable tourism

Safer Production

Consumer information

Sustainability reporting

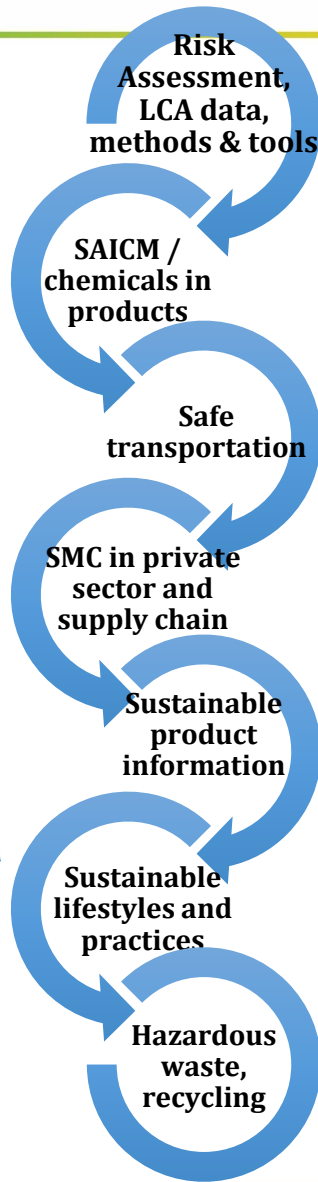
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**Objective:** Build local capacities for strategic business eco-innovation

Achieved by:	Geographical coverage
1. Developing a set of tools for implementing eco-innovation in business sector and mainstreaming eco-innovation in policies, including SCP policies	Global
2. Strengthening local capacity to provide eco-innovation services and participate more actively in shaping the policies conducive to eco-innovation	National (LAC, Africa and AP)

## Tools (9 tools)



## Beneficiaries



## Partners/Networks



# UNEP work on chemical risk reduction



## Sound management of chemicals

- Consumption of chemicals by all industries make chemicals production one of most globalized sectors
- Recognition that the sound management of chemicals is essential for sustainable development
- Sound management of chemicals addressed under the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)**:
  - SDG 3 - Good Health and Well-being
  - SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation
  - SDG 12 - Sustainable Consumption and Production
    - 12.4 on Sound management of chemicals

## The 2020 Goal

- The Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) is a policy framework to promote chemical safety
- SAICM's **"2020 goal" of sound management of chemicals**  
*"Achieve the sound management of chemicals throughout their lifecycle so that, by 2020, chemicals are produced and used in ways that minimize significant adverse impacts on human health and the environment"*
- Enhancing the responsibility of stakeholders: Promoting reinforcing commitment and multisectoral engagement

# UNEP Programmes on Safer Production and Industrial Risk Reduction

## Local Level

### Awareness and Preparedness for Emergencies at Local Level (APELL) Programme

- promotes multi-stakeholder preparedness to industrial accidents and disasters through community participation

## National Level

### Flexible Framework Initiative for Chemical Accident Prevention and Preparedness

- provides guidance for governments wishing to develop, review, strengthen or improve their chemical accident prevention and preparedness programmes

## Sectoral level / SMEs

### Responsible Production approach for Chemical Hazards Management

- guidance and tool for SMEs aimed at engaging all stakeholders along the supply-chain in improved safer production, risk communication and emergency preparedness practices

## Sectoral Level / SMEs

### Support Eco-innovation Technical component on Chemicals sector

- Eco-innovation guidance and tools to create conditions for service providers such as RECPnet members, to support SMEs to improve their sustainability performance through eco-innovation
- Applied to chemicals use and production



# Thank you

