

QUESTIONS FOR THE MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLES
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Below are the questions for the Ministerial roundtables that might be used as reference to guide discussions at the roundtables.

Ministerial Roundtable 1

Developing programmes and a framework to accelerate the shift towards SCP

1. What policy actions are needed both at the supply and demand sides to accelerate shift towards sustainable consumption and production patterns?
2. Why is it of utmost importance that all countries, whether rich or poor, developed or developing, should embrace the idea of 10 YFP on SCP.
3. What commitments are needed from different stakeholders to advance the implementation of 10 YFP on SCP?

Ministerial Roundtable 2

Enhancing access to sustainable and urban and rural transport

1. What policy measures can have greater impact in enhancing accessibility to transport to ensure economic growth and achievement of MDGs, while avoiding detrimental effect on environment?
2. How the challenges of urban mobility could be addressed within the context of integrated urban planning?
3. What new technologies can make transport systems more sustainable? What will take to transfer these technologies to developing countries?

Ministerial Roundtable 3

Moving towards zero waste and sound management of chemicals

1. What policy measures need to be adopted in order to better manage waste streams, and to streamline sound waste management into development policies at all levels?
2. What sort of enabling environment is needed to implement policies leading to production of zero waste?
3. What needs to be done to improve assessment and management over the lifecycle of chemical substances?

Ministerial Roundtable 4
Creating an enabling environment for sustainable mining

1. How sustainable mining could contribute to sustainable development?
2. There is a need to create linkages between mining and other economic sectors in a socially and environmentally responsible manner. What policies could ensure creating such linkages?
3. Promoting participation of all stakeholders in mining, including women and indigenous peoples is very important in mining. How can this participation be secured and further improved?