

# Coming up @ UNEP Asia Pacific

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## **Sustainable Rice Platform Standard and Indicators Workshop, 16-17 February, Bangkok**

The Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP) will hold an International Standard and Indicators Technical Workshop in Bangkok 16-17 February 2015. The SRP was co-convened by UNEP and the International Rice Research Institute in 2011 as a global multi-stakeholder partnership with governments, the private sector, research institutes and non-profit organizations to address critical sustainability challenges in the rice sector and establish a science-based foundation for action. It developed the first modular Standard for Sustainable Rice Cultivation with a set of performance indicators. These innovative tools will be discussed during the meeting prior to releasing for field testing.

## **Working Group and Initiative Meeting on Climate and Clean Air Coalition, 22-27 February, Kathmandu**

Partners in the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (CCAC), a coalition of 100 partners, will meet in Kathmandu, Nepal on 22-27 February 2015 to work on a Five-Year Strategic Plan (2016-2020) to reduce short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs), allocate funding for initiatives to catalyze action on emissions from soot-free buses, agriculture, green freight, and discuss national action plans for SLCP assessment in Asia. SLCPs are substances that remain in the atmosphere for a relatively short time, from a few days to 15 years, but are powerful drivers of near-term atmospheric warming. Launched in 2012 by seven partners, CCAC is the only global forum dedicated to reducing SLCPs at the source.

## **Capacity Building on Sustainable Consumption and Production, 26-28 February, Colombo**

UNEP, together with the South-Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) is organizing a three-day event that includes a preparatory meeting for the South Asia Forum on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) and training on "Building the knowledge of National Focal Points on SCP" in Colombo, Sri Lanka. During the event, participants will learn how SCP policies can underscore South Asia's sustainable development and expand consumer and producer base, including through the establishment of an annual policy platform, knowledge sharing, and networks.

## **Joint Thematic Meeting of Southeast Asia Pacific and South Asia Networks of Ozone Officers, 10-13 March, Goyang**

Organized by UNEP OzonAction Compliance Assistance Programme with the Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Energy and the government of the Republic of Korea, this joint meeting will be held along with the "Ozone2Climate Technology Roadshow and Industry Roundtable" and the "Green Public Procurement Workshop to Promote Climate Friendly Alternatives" under the United States Environment Protection Agency grant partnership with UNEP. These meetings aim to build capacity and strengthen coordination with key decision makers on latest ozone and climate friendly alternatives to hydrochlorofluorocarbons and initiate the 2015 work plan of the HCFC Phase-out Management Plan.

